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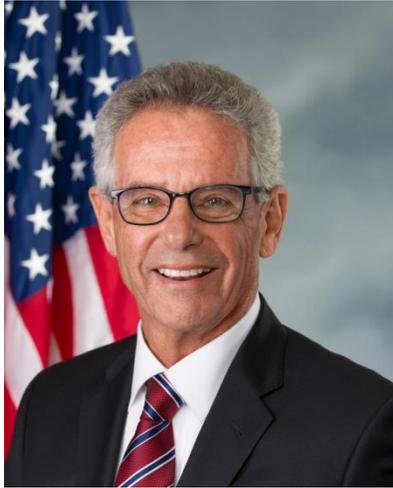
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During his two-decade tenure as a city council member and California legislator, Congressman Alan Lowenthal's dedication to common-sense bipartisan solutions earned him a reputation among his colleagues and constituents as one of the most respected and effective legislators in both Long Beach and Sacramento.

Born March 8, 1941, Congressman Alan Lowenthal was raised in the Queens Borough of New York City. After earning his Bachelor's Degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University, he moved to Long Beach, California in 1969 where he taught Community Psychology at California State University, Long Beach until 1998.

Congressman Lowenthal successfully ran for Long Beach City Council in 1992, where he served for six years. He then continued his leadership in Sacramento, first serving three terms as a State Assembly member, then two terms as a State Senator.

As a city council member, and then as a state legislator, the Congressman fought against the then-commonplace private and public sector belief that environmental protections and economic success at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles were mutually exclusive. His landmark environmental legislative efforts helped lead the two adjacent ports becoming the cleanest and greenest ports in the world, while remaining the busiest and most successful container ports in the Western Hemisphere. The green business model advocated by the Congressman instituted by the two ports has become a role model for ports throughout the world.

While a State Assembly member, and as a founding member of the Assembly's Bipartisan Caucus, he paved the way for creation of California's first ever independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, which took the power of redistricting out of the hands of politicians and gave it back to the people



In addition, the Congressman led legislative efforts to revamp the state's K-12 and higher education systems. He championed the College Promise Partnership Act to help K-12 students better transition to college. The passage of his Student Success Act also helped higher education students by introducing significant reforms to the state community college system that focused on increasing graduation and transfer rates.

Congressman Lowenthal is currently the U.S. House Representative of California's newly-created 47th Congressional District, which includes portions of Long Beach, Signal Hill, Lakewood, Cypress, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Garden Grove, Westminster, Stanton, and Buena Park.

CITIES IN THE 47th DISTRICT

California's new 47th Congressional district was created following the 2010 U.S. Census. It was formed from areas that previously comprised three separate Congressional districts. About 60 percent of the 47th District sits within Los Angeles County and about 40 percent is in Orange County. The total population of the 47th District is just under 703,000.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

Long Beach

The beach-front city of Long Beach is the largest and most populous city in the 47th District, boasting a population of over 460,000 people—the 7th largest in California and the 36th largest in the nation. The city is home to California State University, Long Beach, one of the nation's top public universities; the Port of Long Beach, one of the busiest and cleanest ports in the Western Hemisphere; and, the Long Beach Airport, one of the busiest regional and general aviation airports in the nation. Known as “The International City,” Long Beach is internationally recognized for its dominant role as a U.S. maritime gateway, and the city also boasts major manufacturing and high-tech industries. The city is also renowned as one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the nation, including one of the largest Cambodian communities outside of Cambodia. Long Beach is a major Southern California tourist destination and a regular shooting location for films and television, often serving as the double for oceanfront cities such as Miami.

Lakewood

The city of Lakewood is bordered by Long Beach on the west and south, and Cypress on the east. With a population of approximately 80,000, Lakewood is considered one of the original models of the modern suburb in post-World War II Southern California. Its motto is “Tomorrow's City Today.”

Signal Hill

Located directly in the heart of, and surrounded completely by Long Beach, Signal Hill is a small town with a population of roughly 12,000 people. The city is well-known for its spectacular views of Cal State Long Beach, Downtown Long Beach, and the Pacific Ocean, as well as its rich history in oil exploration.

Avalon

Avalon, the only incorporated city on Santa Catalina Island, and the southernmost city in Los Angeles County, has a population of just under 3,800. Located just over 20 miles off the coast of Long Beach, Catalina Island was developed into a tourist destination by chewing gum magnate William Wrigley, Jr., who purchased the island in 1919. Many structures built by Wrigley, such as the Sugarloaf Casino ballroom, remain tourist destinations today.

ORANGE COUNTY:

Buena Park

A portion of Buena Park is located in the northeast of the 47th district. With a total population of more than 80,000, this post-WWII Orange County suburb is the well-known home to numerous Southern California tourist destinations, most notably Knott's Berry Farm. The city motto labels the city as "*Center of the Southland.*"

Cypress

Originally a major U.S. dairy community, following WWII this Orange County city rapidly became a popular suburban destination, changing its name from Dairy City to Cypress in 1957. Between 1955 and 1970, as the dairy farms left and housing developed, the city population grew twenty-fold. Today home to nearly 48,000 residents, Cypress is known for its well-balanced blend of industry, business and residential communities.

Garden Grove

The second largest city in the 47th district, the Orange County city of Garden Grove was incorporated in 1956 and today is home to more than 170,000 residents. Renowned for its ethnic diversity, the city is home to significant Asian communities within its borders, including a major Vietnamese and Korean population. It is also known nationally for its annual Strawberry Festival, one of the largest community festivals in the western United States--attracting more than 250,000 visitors each year.

Los Alamitos

A former farming community, the Orange County city became a suburban residential community for personnel working or stationed at the city's military air base following WWII, the Korean and Vietnam wars. The base remains today as the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base, comprising nearly 50 percent of the city's 4.3 square miles. Incorporated in 1960, and today boasting a population of nearly 12,000, Los Alamitos relishes its small-town atmosphere.

Midway City

While only covering about 1.3 square miles, Midway City boasts nearly 9,000. Cut into several large and barely contiguous tracts along the southern edge of Westminster, the city is one of the oldest in Orange County. Known for its large residential property lots, it features a unique city government where the chamber of commerce and homeowners association serve in the same manner as a city council.

Rossmoor

Often mistakenly thought to be a part of neighboring Los Alamitos, the unincorporated Orange County community of Rossmoor boasts a similar population--just over 10,000. A planned post-war residential community of more than 3,400 homes developed between 1955 and 1961, the entire 1.5 square mile Rossmoor community is surrounded by a signature red brick wall.

Stanton

Sitting just east of Cypress, the Orange County suburban city of Stanton covers roughly 3.5 square miles, but boasts a population of just over 38,000 residents. First incorporated in 1911, the city disincorporated in 1924. Following a post-WWII housing boom, the city incorporated again in 1956. Despite its small size, the city boasts nearly a dozen parks and recreation facilities for its residents, as well as being home to Orange County's third amusement park, Adventure City.

Westminster

The second most populous city in the Orange County portion of the 47th District, the city of Westminster was incorporated in 1956 and boasts a population of more than 92,000. Long a location of farms and agriculture, the residential areas of the city boomed after WWII, with the population quadrupling in the 1960s. An award-winning "All-American City," the city is well known for its cultural diversity, such as its world-famous "Little Saigon" community. Westminster has the highest concentration of Vietnamese-American residents of any city in the U.S.