



# Congressman Dana Rohrabacher California's 46th District Bulletin

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## Congressman Rohrabacher's District Offices

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*Office Hours:*  
Second & fourth Wednesday  
10am to 5pm  
And by appointment

*\*Satellite office space courtesy of Hon. Michelle Steel, SBOE and Hon. Gary DeLong.*

## DOES THE IRS OWE YOU MONEY?

*If you have not filed a prior year tax return and are due a refund, you should consider filing the return to claim that refund. If you are missing a refund for a previously filed tax return, you should contact the IRS to check the status of your refund and confirm your current address.*

### Unclaimed Refunds

*Some of you may have had taxes withheld from your wages but were not required to file a tax return because your income was too low. Others of you may not have had any tax withheld but may be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit.*

- To claim this money, you must file a return with the IRS no later than three years from the due date of the return.
- If you do not file to claim the refund within three years, the money becomes the property of the U.S. Treasury.
- There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return that qualifies for a refund.
- Current and prior year tax forms and instructions are available on the Forms and Publications web page of [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or by calling 1-800-829-3676.

Information about the Earned Income Tax Credit and how to claim it is also available on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

### Undeliverable Refunds

*Were you expecting a refund check but didn't get it?*

- Refund checks are mailed to your last known address. Checks are returned to the IRS if you move without notifying the IRS or the U.S. Postal Service.
- You may be able to update your address with the IRS on the "Where's My Refund?" feature available on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov). You will be prompted to provide an updated address if there is an undeliverable check outstanding within the last 12 months.
- You may also ensure the IRS has your correct address by filing Form 8822, "Change of Address," which is available on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or can be ordered by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

### How I may help you?

If you are experiencing difficulty with the IRS or any federal government agency, please contact my office at 714-960-6483 or 310-377-9493.

### WANT TO READ THE BILLS?

At the beginning of the 104th Congress, Congressional Leaders directed the Library of Congress to make federal legislative information freely available to the public. If you would like to read current or pending legislation, please visit the Library of Congress online at: <http://thomas.loc.gov>. Use the bill number or keywords option to find the bill. If you need further assistance, call my office at 714-960-6483.

## **IRS Reminds Taxpayers to Take Advantage of Recovery Act Benefits**

### **First Time Homebuyer Credit:**

The Recovery Act [extended and expanded the first-time homebuyer tax credit](#) for 2009. Taxpayers who didn't own a principal residence during the past three years and purchase a home this year before Dec. 1, may receive a credit of up to \$8,000. The credit is claimed by filling out **Form- 5405** at [IRS.gov](#).

### **Energy-Efficient Home Improvements:**

The Recovery Act increases the rate to 30 percent of the cost of all qualifying improvements and raises the maximum credit limit to a total of \$1,500 for improvements placed in service in 2009 and 2010. Qualifying improvements include the addition of insulation, energy-efficient exterior windows and energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems. See [EnergyStar.gov](#) for a complete summary of energy efficiency tax credits available to consumers.

### **New Vehicle Purchase Incentive:**

The Recovery Act provides a [tax break to taxpayers who make qualified new vehicle purchases](#) after Feb. 16, 2009, and before Jan. 1, 2010. Qualifying taxpayers can deduct the state and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light trucks, motor homes and motorcycles. There is no limit on the number of vehicles that may be purchased, and you may claim the deduction for taxes paid on multiple purchases. The deduction per vehicle is limited to the tax on up to \$49,500 of the purchase price of each qualifying vehicle and phases out for taxpayers at higher income levels. You will claim this deduction when filing your 2009 federal income tax return in 2010.

### **Tax Credit for First Four Years of College:**

The American opportunity credit is designed to help parents and students pay part of the cost of the first four years of college. The new credit modifies the existing Hope credit for tax years 2009 and 2010, making it available to a broader range of taxpayers, including many with higher incomes and those who owe no tax. For more information, see [Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education](#) at [IRS.gov](#).

## **Military Veterans**

### **Post—9/11 Bill benefits information is now available:**

To request a summary of benefits, please contact my district office, 714-960-6483 or 310-377-9493. You may email your request to [Mike.Gureckas@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mike.Gureckas@mail.house.gov)

### **Looking for a job?**

#### **The U.S. Census is recruiting for fall 2009**

Vacancies are available in management, supervisory positions and non-supervisory positions

Minimum qualifications:

- \*Must be a U.S. Citizen
- \*Applicants must be 18yrs of age or older
- \*Pass a background/fingerprint check
- \*Pass Census Bureau written exam
- \*Separate application / resume required for each position desired

For additional information please call **866-861-2010** or visit [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov). 27 local census offices will be opening in October 2009. If you have previously tested August 2008 thru March 2009, you do not have to re-test for these positions.

#### **The IRS is hiring**

**IRS Revenue Officer Job Description:**  
[http://www.jobs.irs.gov/car\\_acc\\_iro.html](http://www.jobs.irs.gov/car_acc_iro.html)

**Job Announcement Number:**  
**09OG3-SBX0034-1169-07-DZ**

You may apply for this position by visiting [USAjobs.gov](http://USAjobs.gov).

#### **San Diego Freeway (I-405) Improvement Project**

The Orange County Transportation Authority invites your participation in the following public scoping meetings:

##### **Fountain Valley/Costa Mesa (September 22)**

Fountain Valley Senior and Community Center

##### **Huntington Beach (September 23)**

Huntington Beach Public Library

##### **Westminster / Garden Grove (September 30)**

Westminster Community Services Facility

##### **Rossmoor / Los Alamitos / Seal Beach (October 1)**

Rush Park Auditorium

For more information please contact Christina Byrne, OCTA *Community Relations Officer*, (714) 560-5717 / [cbyrne@octa.net](mailto:cbyrne@octa.net)