



Congressman Dana Rohrabacher California's 46th District Bulletin

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Congressman Rohrabacher's District Offices

District Office

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Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm

Satellite District Offices:*

Conservation Corps Bldg.

340 Nieto Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90814
Office Hours
First, third & fifth Tuesday
10am to 5:30pm
And by appointment

Palos Verdes

550 Deep Valley Drive, #355
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274
Office Hours:
Second & fourth Wednesday
10am to 5pm
And by appointment

Foreclosure And Economic Stimulus Scams - BE AWARE!

ECONOMIC STIMULUS SCAMS – Via the Web and personal e-mail, scammers are telling consumers they can help them qualify for a payment from the economic stimulus package. An email, online ad, or website says you're eligible to get an economic stimulus payment. All you have to do is provide a little information or a small payment and send back a form or submit one online. The message may appear to come from a rebate company or look like it's straight from the IRS. But the promise of stimulus money in return for a fee or financial information is always a scam.

To learn more, here's a link to the Federal Trade Commission alert <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt125.pdf>

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS – Scammers definitely follow current headlines. They know that the possibility of losing your home to foreclosure can be terrifying. The reality that scam artists are preying on the vulnerability of desperate homeowners is equally frightening. Many so-called foreclosure rescue companies or foreclosure assistance firms claim they can help you save your home. Some are brazen enough to offer a money-back guarantee. Unfortunately, once most of these foreclosure fraudsters take your money, they leave you much the worse for wear. Here's a link to the Federal Trade Commission <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre42.pdf>. Call my district office, 714-960-6483, if you wish to receive an FTC publication that provides some options to help people save their homes, and how to recognize and avoid foreclosure scams.

ANNUAL CREDIT REPORTS – Despite the musical claims of some TV commercials, the only authorized source to get your free annual credit report under federal law is www.AnnualCreditReport.com. To reinforce this message, the Federal Trade Commission is featuring two new videos that highlight the differences between AnnualCreditReport.com and those other sites that claim to provide "free" credit reports. Other sites require users to pay hidden fees or agree to additional services. For example, some sites provide a free credit report if you enroll in a new service. If you don't cancel the service during a short trial period, you're likely to see membership fees on your credit card statement. Links to both videos are available at www.ftc.gov/freereports and www.YouTube.com/FTCVideos.

Economic Recovery Payment — \$250 to Seniors, Retirees, Disabled Veterans, and SSI Recipients

The Social Security Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Railroad Retirement Board are distributing a one-time \$250 economic recovery payment. This subsidy is part of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to seniors, retirees, and disabled veterans. Individuals who qualify should contact their respective agencies to obtain payments. For more information visit <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204468,00.html> or contact my district office at 714-960-6483/ 310-377-9493.

Internal Revenue Service—Employment Opportunities

The Internal Revenue Service is currently hiring various positions in Southern California. Please visit the federal governments official job website at: http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/agency_search.asp

Current positions offered by the IRS include:

- Tax compliance Officer
- Revenue Officer
- Revenue Officer (Bilingual)
- Internal Revenue Agent

These positions are located in Laguna Niguel, Long Beach, El Monte, El Segundo or Los Angeles.

**Satellite office space courtesy of Hon. Michelle Steel, SBOE and Hon. Gary DeLong, LB City Council*

For Our Veterans

Local Veteran Service Center partners with non-profits to offer veterans complete care

In partnership with eighteen non-profit agencies, the Veterans Service Center announced a series of comprehensive resources for veterans and their families that include:

- Physical wellness and mental health
- Finances and housing
- Education and employment
- Child care
- Transportation
- Military, federal, state, and community entities benefits counseling

The Veteran Service Center is located at the Joint Forces Training Base, 11200 Lexington Drive, Building 244, Los Alamitos, CA, 90720. For more information please contact Heather J. Hagan at 562-936-1796 or my district office at 714-960-6483 or 310-377-9493.

Veteran National Resource Directory

www.nationalresourcedirectory.org/ This website was created by the Department of Defense to provide veterans and their families with resources for recovery, rehabilitation, community reintegration and, medical, employment, academic, faith-based, and philanthropic services. For more information please contact John E. Davies at 1-800-336-4570. You may also contact my district office at 714-960-6483 or 310-377-9493.

JOB SEEKERS – The Census Bureau wants to hire you!

The United States Census Bureau is seeking employees for the following positions:

- *Recruiting Assistant (RA)* \$16.50-\$18.50/hr
- *Office Clerk* \$11.25-\$12.75/hr
- *Crew Leader (CL)* \$16.50-\$18.50/hr
- *Crew Leader Assistant (CLA)* \$15.00-\$17.00/hr
- *Enumerator/Listener* \$15.00-\$17.00/hr

To apply, you must take an employment exam. Testing sites are located in Costa Mesa, Cypress, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Westminster, Seal Beach, Long Beach, and San Pedro. To apply and schedule your exam please call **866-861-2010**. For additional information you may contact my district office at 714-960-6483 or 310-377-9493.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Teen Service Award

If you are a student who lives on the Peninsula in the 90274/90275 zip codes and you're in the 7th to 11th grade, you are eligible to receive the Palos Verdes Peninsula Teen Service Award. Students considered for The Teen Service Award have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service to their community. The deadline for nominations and applications is Friday April 3, 2009. Please contact my district office at 714-960-6483 or 310-377-9493, to obtain a nomination form.

Learn The English Language Free!

The United States English Foundation provides free access to an online English language learning program called Mingoville. Mingoville provides interactive lessons, games, and online activities to help users of all ages gain knowledge of the English language. To sign up for a free account visit www.usefoundation.org or contact the U.S. English Foundation at 202-833-0100.

United States Service Academies—Congressional Nomination

If you are a student who lives in the 46th Congressional District and seeking nomination to a United States Service Academy you should contact my Nominations Director, Tony Capitelli at 714-960-6483 or 310-377-9493. The United States Service Academies - Air Force, Naval, West Point, Merchant Marine, and Coast Guard - accept students through a congressional nomination process. To be eligible for my nomination, applicants must be an unmarried, United States citizen, between the ages of 17-23, with a high school education or equivalent, demonstrate high academic achievement, earn competitive scores on the SAT, and a participant in extracurricular and/or community endeavors highlighting leadership qualities.

Congressional District Internship

Interested in serving as a congressional district office intern? If you are interested in participating in my congressional district internship program please contact Dana Michelle Randazzo at 714-960-6483. Internships are open to college students and are unpaid. College credit may be earned and must be arranged between the district office and an academic advisor. Interns typically serve during the spring, summer and fall terms.

From Congressman Rohrabacher:

One of the most important things I do as your Representative in the House is assist people with federal agency problems. Although I cannot override the decisions made by federal agencies, I can intervene on a constituent's behalf to answer questions, find solutions, or just cut through the red tape.

- Senior Citizens with Social Security, Medicare, disability & Supplemental Security Income benefit problems;
- Taxpayers with IRS tax issues;
- Veterans with VA claims and military service difficulties;
- Immigration/Visa questions

Please Note: I am required by the Privacy Act to obtain prior written authorization to inquire on your behalf. Please visit my website and download and then complete the privacy authorization form or just write a detailed letter and fax it to my office at (714)960-7806.