LOS ANGELES—Today, Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, hosted a senior citizen town hall to provide seniors with information on programs designed to assist them in day-to-day life. Agency representatives and local officials took questions and offered financial tips and information on city, state, and federal programs for seniors. Following the town hall, Rep. Becerra released the following statement:

"Our nation made a promise to its seniors: after a lifetime of hard work, you deserve to retire with dignity and without fear of poverty. Even though we face tough economic times today we must stand firm behind that promise. That sacred bond between generations makes our nation strong."

Rep. Becerra speaks with a constituent at the Highland Park Adult Senior Citizen Center.
More photos from the town hall >>

Representatives from the following local organizations participated in the town hall:
• American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
• Arroyo Vista Family Health Center
• Center for Health Care Rights
• City of Los Angeles Department of Aging
• City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
• Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs
• Los Angeles County Department of Public School Services
• Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
• Federal Trade Commission
• Internal Revenue Service
• Lifeline
• Social Security Administration
• Southern California Gas Company

Social Security and Medicare has been a promise to all Americans that they would have a chance to retire with dignity after a lifetime of work. Nonetheless, the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives passed a plan that would end Medicare as we know it and cut benefits our seniors have earned throughout their lifetime. Congress should not balance the budget on the backs of our nation's seniors.