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## COFFEE WITH YOUR CONGRESSMAN

**Thursday, August 7, 2014**  
**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Center for the Arts Eagle Rock**  
2225 Colorado Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90041

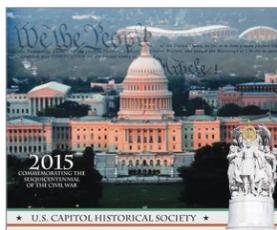
(Parking available on the street and at the Bank of America parking lot located one block west of the Center)  
Doors open 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

## HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

*My staff and I are ready to help you cut through the "red tape" and secure the services and benefits paid for by our taxes. Please keep us in mind for help with:*

- Social Security
- Medicare
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- Veterans Affairs
- Passports
- Immigration and Naturalization
- Military Academy Nominations
- Obtaining an American flag

## WOULD YOU LIKE A 2015 "WE, THE PEOPLE" CALENDAR?



The "We, the People" Capitol Historical Society calendar features photographs of the U.S. Capitol and other major Washington, DC landmarks. Next year's calendar will be the last edition to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War.

If you would like to request a 2015 calendar, simply call my office at 213-481-1425 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. and let my staff know that you would like a calendar.



## GETTING BACK TO PRIORITIES

Dear Friends,

Fifty years ago, President Lyndon Johnson worked with one of the most productive Congresses in American history to build a Great Society. Together, they enacted nearly 200 laws that profoundly changed Americans' lives: the Civil Rights Act, Voting Rights Act, Medicare, protections for the air we breathe and the water we drink and measures to ensure that our veterans had the care they deserve.

How things have changed. Today, too many in Congress are more interested in shutting down government, shutting down the Affordable Care Act, shutting down investments that would grow our economy, create jobs and strengthen the middle class. Their priorities aren't the priorities of the American people.

Despite this "shut-down, do-nothing" mentality, America still created 9.7 million jobs in the past 52 months (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, July 2014). We can put even

more Americans back to work by passing a long-term plan to build or repair our roads, rail, transit and bridges. We can build an economy that works for all Americans by raising the minimum wage, renewing emergency long-term unemployment insurance and guaranteeing equal pay for equal work. And we can ensure our security and economic prosperity by finally fixing our broken immigration system.

Getting back to those basics gets America back to its priorities. We can get rid of the "shut-down, do-nothing" politics and prove that America's best days are still ahead.

Sincerely,

XAVIER BECERRA  
Member of Congress

Si desea esta información en español, por favor llame al (213) 481-1425.

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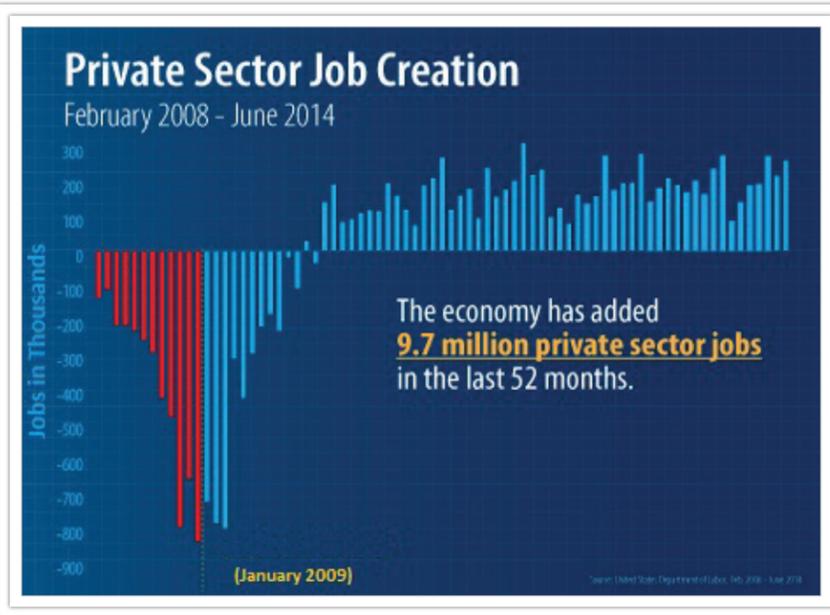
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## AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR ALL AMERICANS



Five years after the devastation of the Great Recession, our economic recovery continues moving forward. American businesses have produced 52 consecutive months of job growth resulting in 9.7 million private sector jobs with the unemployment rate dropping in June to 6.1% - its lowest level in five years. But our work is not done. Americans deserve stable, good-paying jobs. Raising the minimum wage, guaranteeing equal pay for equal work, and fixing our broken immigration system are all commonsense solutions that would go a long way toward strengthening America's middle class and aspiring families. It's time to build an economy that works for all Americans, not just the wealthiest few.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## FIGHTING SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD

Social Security is a tempting target for those willing to break the law. In February, as Ranking Member of the Social Security Subcommittee, I introduced the Social Security Fraud and Error Prevention Act of 2014 (H.R. 4090). This bill would give Social Security new tools to go after fraud and errors, recoup money paid out but not earned, and throw the book at people who steal from Social Security. Visit [Becerra.house.gov](http://Becerra.house.gov) to learn more about my efforts to ensure that every American receives on time and in full the benefits he or she earned.

Rep. Becerra visits a local Social Security fraud-busting team (Cooperative Disability Unit, or CDI) in Los Angeles. H.R. 4090 would ensure that every state has a CDI unit. May 14, 2014.



## THE ACA WORKS

Just as President Johnson had to fight to pass and protect Medicare fifty years ago, today we do the same for our new health security law, the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Thanks to the ACA, over 10 million more Americans, including over 3 million Californians, now have health security and peace of mind (Source: HHS/Harvard and Covered California). The percentage of Americans without quality, affordable health insurance is at 13.4%, its lowest level since 2008 (Source: Gallup, July 2014). Now, with the Supreme Court's partisan ruling in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, which put the interests of corporations ahead of the rights of women, some corporations can deny a female employee critical healthcare coverage that allows her to exercise her reproductive rights. We must fight to restore the full rights of women so that decisions about a woman's healthcare are made by her with her doctor, not by her employer. That's why I am an original cosponsor of the Protect Women's Health from Corporate Interference Act of 2014 (H.R. 5051). Stay tuned . . .

## INVESTING IN OUR STREETS



Investing in local road and transit construction projects puts Angelenos to work building our city, strengthens middle class families, and spurs economic growth. In April, I was joined by Councilman Mitch O'Farrell and city officials (pictured left) to break ground on various street improvements to increase safety, accessibility, and walkability along Sunset Boulevard in Echo Park. With \$600,000 in federal transportation funds I helped secure for this project and an additional \$253,000 from the City of Los Angeles, the project will: repair sidewalks, increase access for disabled Angelenos, add new trees, and install benches, bike racks and solar trash compactor cans. In February of this year, I teamed with Councilman O'Farrell this time in Historic Filipinotown to unveil similar street improvements along Temple Boulevard made possible by \$400,000 in federal funds secured by my office.

## OUR DISTRICT'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST

Every year I have the honor of nominating top students in my district to attend our country's prestigious military service academies. Keely Chan (left) and Mina Kim (center) will be attending the United States Naval Academy and Janice Choi (right) will be attending the United States Air Force Academy. The sky is the limit for these extraordinary young American leaders. Congratulations!



## RIBET ACADEMY SENIOR WINS STUDENT ART COMPETITION



Benjamin Hunter, a graduating senior from Ribet Academy took home the top prize at this year's Congressional Student Art Competition for our congressional district. At a ceremony in May, he accepted the award for his piece entitled "Man on the Street/Home." Benjamin received a trip to Washington, D.C. to see his work on display in the halls of the United States Capitol where it will hang for one year. Congratulations Benjamin!

To learn more about how to enter the annual student art competition, please visit the "Students" section on my website,

[Becerra.house.gov](http://Becerra.house.gov)

Rep. Becerra and 2014 Student Art Competition Winner Benjamin Hunter. May 14, 2014.