

Green Card Soldiers Bill Signed Into Law

On November 24, 2003, Congresswoman Solis' proposal to facilitate citizenship and family protections to immigrant soldiers and reservists (The naturalization and Family Protection for Military Members Act of 2003 (H.R. 1814)) was signed into law as a part of larger defense bill. This bill honors the sacrifice of thousands of courageous legal immigrants who have defended our country throughout our history. Under the new law, immigrants who serve our country honorably earn the opportunity to apply for citizenship without unnecessary delays for them and their families.



Solis speaks to Sara Guadiana who holds a photograph of her nephews Alejandro and Omar Loera, U.S. Marines, who will benefit from Solis' immigration bill for soldiers.

San Gabriel River Update

In July 2003, Solis' San Gabriel River Watershed Study Act was signed into law. The study will identify new parks, trails and places for our families to enjoy nature along the San Gabriel river and Angeles National Forest. The U.S. Department of Interior is starting the study this summer; it will take three years to complete.



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Fighting for Our **Priorities**

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Duarte Post Office Named after Local Hero

On November 12, 2003, Congresswoman Solis' bill to name a post office in Duarte, California, after fallen Marine Lance Corporal Francisco A. Martinez Flores, a resident of Duarte, was signed into law. Flores died while serving in military in Iraq; he was only two weeks away from gaining his United States citizenship. The newly named post office is a tribute to all soldiers currently serving our country, those who have died protecting it and all the families who have lost a loved one.



Solis presents a \$75,000 in federal funds check to the city of Covina for San Gabriel Valley homeless.

Working to Reduce Homelessness

Working with the city of Covina, Solis secured \$75,000 in federal funds for transitional housing for the homeless. The funds will help stem the homeless problem throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles County.

Improving Commuter Safety

To provide safe crossing for commuters, Solis secured \$500,000 in federal funds to construct a connecting pedestrian bridge between the Covina Metrolink station and the Transit Center parking garage. The bridge will permit unobstructed, safe access from a parking garage to the Covina rail station.



Addressing our Transportation Needs

Working to improve our transportation services, Solis secured \$250,000 in federal funds for the City of Baldwin

Park to make lighting, landscape and signage improvements to the Metrolink parking facility. The improvements will help manage traffic congestion and enhance safety through improved visibility at the station at night, better pedestrian walkways and grade crossings and better signs in the station.

Reducing Traffic Congestion

Solis joined her California colleagues in securing \$2 million in federal funds for the Alameda Corridor-East Gateway to America Project, \$4 million for the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line Light Rail Project, and \$2.5 million for Foothill Transit buses.

How Congresswoman SOLIS Can Help



Alfred Grumet, a West Covina resident needed help obtaining the military medals he earned during his service in the United States Army during World War II. Mr. Grumet was a Prisoner of War during the Battle of the Bulge. Congresswoman Solis cut through red tape and within two months, Mr. Grumet was awarded his medals, including a Purple Heart and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign with two Bronze Service Stars.

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Taking care of Our Seniors

Thinking of our senior needs, Solis obtained \$55,000 in federal funds for the City of Irwindale's Senior Transportation Program.

This program provides seniors with transportation services for doctors appointments, marketing and picking up prescription medications.

Improving the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center

Solis secured \$75,000 in federal funds to renovate the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. The hall will be used for teaching Japanese language classes, Classical Dancing, Taiko (drums), Kendo (fencing), and for senior citizen and cultural activities. The Center has been serving the East San Gabriel Valley community for over 50 years, and is host to over 1,400 member families and 22 organizations.

Securing Funds for a Regional Community Center

Solis secured \$75,000 in federal funding for the city of West Covina to build its first regional community center and gymnasium. The facility will help the city provide services to its growing population.



Strengthening Homeland Security

In light of new threats to our homeland security and increased terrorism alert levels, Solis secured \$200,000 in federal funds for the West Covina Police Department to purchase new equipment and strengthen our first responders' ability to respond to major emergencies. Solis believes that our community's security and the well-being of our families should always come first.



Representative Solis congratulates Ms. Yu Ying Ying on becoming a U.S. citizen during Solis' Annual Citizenship Fair.

Yu Ying Ying, a Monterey Park resident originally from Shanghai, China, requested help with her citizenship application, which had been pending for two years. Thanks to Solis' assistance, within four months, Ms. Ying Ying became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

Margarita Cruz, a resident of Covina requested assistance in obtaining her Social Security Disability check, which had been improperly denied by Social Security Administration (SSA). Cruz is disabled and unemployed due to her disability. Her daughter is a student, who is the sole wage earner in the family. Congresswoman Solis intervened and the SSA paid Ms. Cruz the \$4,500 she was owed.