



GREEN COLLAR JOB TRAINING

The Green Collar Jobs Act, introduced by Congresswoman Solis, was signed into law in December 2007. This measure authorizes \$125 million to train workers for jobs in renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors, such as solar power. Through workforce training, we can jumpstart our sluggish economy, put Los Angeles on a path toward energy independence and provide economic security for workers.

(Left) Congresswoman Solis speaks about the Green Jobs Act during a visit to the East Los Angeles Skills Center where students are trained for jobs installing solar panels.

FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE

Congress is taking steps to address the foreclosure crisis which is hitting our area particularly hard. Congresswoman Solis has voted for legislation to provide more affordable mortgage loans for first-time homebuyers, to curb predatory lending, and to increase financial literacy through expert loan counseling.

Congresswoman Solis meets with constituents at a foreclosure assistance workshop she hosted in West Covina.



ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

Congress passed, and the White House signed, bipartisan economic stimulus legislation (H.R. 5140) to jumpstart our slowing economy. The economic stimulus package puts hundreds of dollars into the hands of more than 130 million working families, offers a one-time rebate of \$300 per child, and expands financing opportunities for those in danger of losing their homes because of the mortgage crisis.

Congress will take additional action to help American workers and help our economy recover and grow. Congresswoman Solis supports investing in the renewable energy sectors, such as solar power, to help create millions of new jobs here at home.

CONGRESSWOMAN HILDA L. SOLIS



ON THE JOB, GETTING RESULTS FOR THE 32ND DISTRICT



Dear Friend:

I am working in Congress to bring home more of your hard-earned tax dollars for important projects in East Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley.

This newsletter provides information about federal funding I've secured for our community, such as technology upgrades for the Valle Lindo School District and improvements to West Covina's public safety radio system. I hope this information is helpful to you.

I am honored to serve you in our nation's capital. Please do not hesitate to contact my El Monte (626-448-1271) or East Los Angeles (323-307-9904) offices if I may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Hilda L. Solis

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ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS CHECK?

Congress recently passed, and the White House signed, bipartisan economic stimulus legislation (H.R. 5140) to help working families who are struggling with the high costs of gas, health care and groceries, and to jumpstart our slowing economy. The measure provides eligible working families, and certain seniors and disabled veterans, with a stimulus check intended to stimulate the economy.

Americans who earned at least \$3,000 in 2007 will get at least \$300 per individual tax filer and \$600 per couple, plus a child tax credit of \$300 per child. The credit phases out for those taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 (\$150,000 for a joint return) or more.

To receive an economic stimulus check, most taxpayers simply need to file a 2007 income tax return. The Treasury Department will determine the amount of the check based on your return and will automatically send the check to you. Visit the IRS website (www.irs.gov) or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for more information.



Congresswoman Solis secured \$73,000 to upgrade computer technology in the Valle Lindo School District. Here, she visits Dean L. Shively Middle School in South El Monte to discuss the upgrades.

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MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

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REGIONAL PROJECTS

- ✓ **\$3 million** for the **San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund** to assist in the cleanup of water contamination in the San Gabriel Valley.
- ✓ **\$235,000** for the **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** Volunteer Program, which provides support services for special needs children in the court system and in foster care.
- ✓ **\$282,000** for the **Tune Up Tune In Program**, a partnership with Rio Hondo College, East Los Angeles College and community organizations to provide free roadside exhaust emission tests and support local small businesses.
- ✓ Strong supporter of federal assistance for Foothill Transit, the Alameda Corridor-East and extension of Metro Gold Line through Azusa, Irwindale and Duarte.



Congresswoman Solis discusses Congress' recent passage of the largest increase in funding for veterans health care in history with members of the U.S. Army Reserve's 137th Quartermaster Company in South El Monte.

Secured **\$225,600** for Irwindale to purchase updated communications equipment for first responders. Secured **\$28,200** for the city to expand after school activities and weekend programs for youth.

Secured **\$98,700** for Rosemead to respond to graffiti and vandalism.

Secured **\$47,000** to support **Barrio Action Youth and Family Center's** after school tutorial programs and services to at-risk youth. Secured **\$73,000** for **Alma Family Services** to improve access to linguistically and culturally competent health services.

Secured **\$47,000** to teach at-risk youth computer and other skills through **Project Amiga's** Transitional Life Skills for At-Risk Youth project. Secured **\$73,000** to upgrade computer technology in the **Valle Lindo School District** in South El Monte.

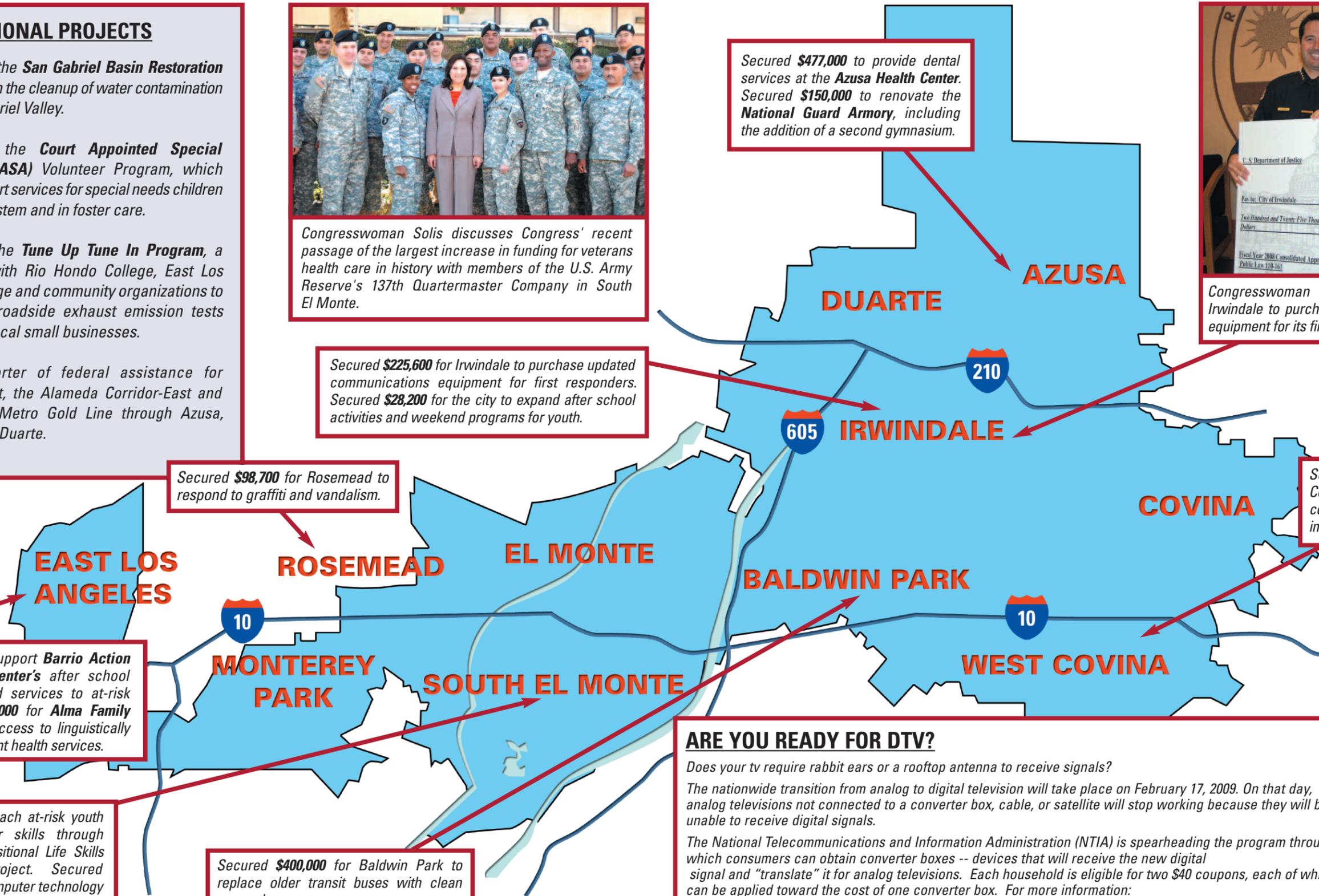
Secured **\$400,000** for Baldwin Park to replace older transit buses with clean energy buses.

Secured **\$477,000** to provide dental services at the **Azusa Health Center**. Secured **\$150,000** to renovate the **National Guard Armory**, including the addition of a second gymnasium.



Congresswoman Solis secured **\$225,600** for Irwindale to purchase updated communications equipment for its first responders.

Secured **\$517,000** for West Covina to update its emergency communications system and help improve regional interoperability.



ARE YOU READY FOR DTV?

Does your tv require rabbit ears or a rooftop antenna to receive signals?

The nationwide transition from analog to digital television will take place on February 17, 2009. On that day, analog televisions not connected to a converter box, cable, or satellite will stop working because they will be unable to receive digital signals.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is spearheading the program through which consumers can obtain converter boxes -- devices that will receive the new digital signal and "translate" it for analog televisions. Each household is eligible for two \$40 coupons, each of which can be applied toward the cost of one converter box. For more information:

1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009) • TTY: 1-877-530-2634 (English) • 1-866-495-1161 (Spanish)

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