



Dear Friend,

Happy Friday! I was home this week in California's 39th District, working hard for you. Here are the highlights:

Bettering Our Community



My team and I were glad to be able to join more than 650 volunteers for Saturday's [Love Yorba Linda](#) event. Faith communities, city officials, service groups, sports teams, neighbors and families came together to complete more than 30 service projects across the city.

We worked to weed school planters, spread mulch, garden and pick up garbage at Yorba Linda High School. I'm glad we could come together to make our community stronger.

Honoring Young Artists in CA-39



Without a doubt, CA-39 is home to some of our nation's most creative young minds. I was pleased to honor students who entered the 2021 CA-39 Congressional Art Competition at the Brea Civic Center. I was blown away by the talent of the 80+ submissions we received across Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino county high schools. I encourage you to view the submissions [HERE](#).

Rowland High School Senior Martin Ni took first place with a mixed media piece titled "[A Summer Hummingbird](#)," which will be displayed in the U.S Capitol Building in Washington, DC for one year. I'm thrilled my colleagues in Congress and thousands of visitors will see CA-39 represented through Martin's fantastic artwork!

Recognizing the Border Crisis



I saw firsthand the security, humanitarian and public health crisis at our border both in California and in Texas, and unfortunately, it's not getting better. In fact, CBP has seized more fentanyl this year than in all of last year combined, and we're on pace to reach a [20-year high of illegal border crossings](#). Yet, the Biden Administration has not acknowledged the crisis.

This is not just a border issue. It's an American issue, and we must acknowledge the problem so we can work to solve it. I am committed to [working with my colleagues](#) in Congress to secure our border, fix our broken immigration system to allow for fair, legal immigration, combat human and drug trafficking and ensure our law enforcement have the resources and support they need to keep communities safe.

Fighting for Small Businesses



This week, the Small Business Committee held a hearing on COVID-19 relief programs with Small Business Administration Administrator Isabel Guzman. Unfortunately, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen did not show, which caused bipartisan concern. We must ensure funding for these relief programs went to those who need it most, and that small businesses are not burdened by higher taxes.

At the hearing, I asked SBA Administrator Isabel Guzman about the status of implementing the PPP Extension Act to help small businesses access much-needed funds, and about the agency's efforts to combat fraud in SBA loan programs.

Highlighting Mental Health in May



In 1949, Congress designated May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. This year, the OC Health Care Agency has gone above and beyond to provide resources to residents and encourage people to ask for help. After a challenging year fighting COVID-19, I encourage Orange County residents to view their extensive calendar of events.

It's okay to not be okay, and I'm working in Congress to promote access to mental health resources. I helped introduce the Stopping the Mental Health Pandemic Act to create a grant program to help local and state public health entities address mental health needs of patients. Learn more here.

Strengthening the US-South Korea Alliance



As one of the first Korean American women to serve in Congress, I was glad to meet with President Moon of South Korea last week to discuss our countries' shared interests. Working together, we can take a strong stance against human rights abuses and nuclear proliferation in North Korea. [Read my full thoughts in the Washington Examiner.](#)

To strengthen the relationship between our two countries, I also recently introduced the bipartisan [Partner with Korea Act](#). This bill will serve to significantly strengthen Korean investments in American business. I will do all I can on the House Foreign Affairs Committee to advance American interests and support our allies.

Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! Throughout this month, we recognize the countless Asian Americans who have broken barriers and are making our communities, country and world a better place. I'm proud to represent so many Asian Americans who are making a difference throughout our community.

Follow along on my social media @RepYoungKim as we highlight a few of the amazing leaders across the nation who have paved the way and are blazing trails for future generations.

Catch Up on My Work for You in Congress

Missed any of my previous e-newsletters or want to be reminded of my work for you in Congress? Visit my website [HERE](#) to view my e-newsletter archive.

COVID-19

I am committed to helping California's 39th District get through the COVID-19 pandemic better than before. As we work to safely reopen our communities and get people back to work, I will do all that I can to make sure my constituents receive the relief you deserve.

Vaccines are currently available for CA-39 residents ages 12+.

- Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment in Orange County.
- Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment in Los Angeles County.
- Click [HERE](#) to make an appointment in San Bernardino County.
- Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our state's vaccination plan.

Find a full list of COVID-19 resources [HERE](#).

Casework

Need help with a federal agency, like the Small Business Administration, IRS or the VA? My team and I are here to help. Submit a casework request [HERE](#) and find our privacy release form for casework [HERE](#).

My team and I are here to serve you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns. I encourage you to follow me on social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at [@RepYoungKim](#).

As we head into the long Memorial Day weekend, we honor those who paid the ultimate price to defend our freedoms. I hope everyone stays safe and takes some time to remember the brave men and women lost their lives to protect ours. My heart is also with our Gold Star families. We're the land of the free because of the brave.

Sincerely,



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