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**The American Rescue Plan February 16, 2021 ¿Quiere leer este boletín en español? Haga clic aquí.**

Dear Neighbor,

Last week, Congress continued our work on COVID-19 relief legislation. President Biden's American Rescue Plan is on track to be finalized and hopefully pass in the weeks ahead. As people continue to struggle from this unprecedented pandemic, I will continue to fight to get direct payments to each person and invest in the equitable distribution of vaccines. This past Saturday was a sad day in our country. The Senate had an opportunity to hold our former president accountable for his role in trying to stop democracy and inciting and encouraging the U.S. Capitol riots on January 6th. Several weeks ago, I voted in favor of impeachment because I believe that no one is above the law. Unfortunately, on Saturday a number of Republican senators ignored the facts, the evidence, and their constitutional duty when they put one man above their solemn oath to defend and protect the Constitution. Even though the impeachment vote fell short, I am grateful for the Senators that were willing to put their oath first to deliver the largest bipartisan vote for presidential conviction in history. I also applaud the amazing work by the House Impeachment managers who laid out such a compelling case. Lastly, I continue to thank Capitol Hill police officers for their heroism on that dreadful January 6th day. They deserve the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In this newsletter, you will find new information about vaccines, opportunities for free internet access, our upcoming events, and legislative updates. Vaccine Updates and Information

Vaccine appointments are available for those who qualify. Continue to check the website or call 833-540-0473 between 8 am & 8:30 pm to book an appointment, but supply is still limited. You may have to try a few times to get an appointment. CVS Health is also providing limited vaccination appointments, and you can sign up here. Remember: the L.A. County sites (Pomona Fairplex, The Forum, Cal State Northridge, Six Flax Magic Mountain, and the Downey Education Building) and the city-run sites like Dodger Stadium can sometimes operate under different rules. More Vaccine Sites in our Community

Thousands of appointments suddenly became available this week. Please continue to check the site frequently and let your friends, family, and neighbors know when you see openings. Dignity Health has announced that COVID-19 Vaccinations are available in Carson by appointment until February 19th. Appointments here. The Biden Administration announced this week it plans to send doses of COVID vaccine directly to community health centers, something I've been pushing for in order to ensure a more equitable distribution. It's important to have enough vaccines at these sites in the communities that are most impacted. Both AltaMed and JWCH have locations in the district and have been approved for vaccines. If you are eligible for a vaccine, please contact these sites and inquire about appointments. I'm still concerned about the

equity in the vaccine rollout, and will continue to push to get more doses into our communities. What to bring to a Vaccine Appointment If you're eligible for the vaccine and are able to secure an appointment, make sure you bring the appropriate documents to your appointment. Those 65+ must bring proof of age and proof of residency. The full list of required documents for vaccinations through L.A. County can be found [here](#). If you're being vaccinated through a site run by a different entity, please make sure you confirm what documents you are required to bring. Long Beach Vaccinations The rules in Long Beach are different than in the rest of L.A. County. Here's who's currently eligible: Subject to vaccine availability Healthcare workers Long Term Care Facility Residents Anyone age 65+ Government Emergency Response Food or Agriculture Worker Education and Childcare Visit VaxLB for more information on how to make your appointment in Long Beach. State public health officials just announced that starting March 15, people ages 16 to 64 who are at highest risk if they catch the coronavirus, including people with cancer, chronic lung disease and various heart conditions will be eligible for the vaccine. Stay safe and protect our community in the meantime! Remember that wearing a mask is the best thing we can do right now to save lives. COVID-19 Updates California continues to see improvement in the fight against COVID-19. Hospitalizations are down 34 percent in the last two weeks and ICU admissions are also down 24 percent. Daily case numbers and test positivity rates have also been drastically cut. All of this was achieved thanks to your efforts to stay home and wear your mask. By continuing to do so, you're continuing to save lives! We are still seeing troubling signs as a new COVID strain from the UK spreads across the nation. This new strain is more infectious and public health experts advise that you "double-mask" (wear one mask on top of the other) when you go out in public. 1 in 10 Californians have now been vaccinated and the situation should improve as this number goes up. Until then, please keep up your efforts to stay safe and save lives. Community Resources Issues with Unemployment Benefits? Here's a video laying out the common mistakes and obstacles that people face when filing for unemployment in California. Understand the continued claim certification questions [here](#). Remember: Answering YES to "Were you too sick to work during this time?" will disqualify you. Answering NO to "Are you available to work?" will disqualify you. Internet for City of Los Angeles Residents Do you need internet access for school, work, or healthcare appointments? Find low-cost internet and device options in your area. Emergency Food Distribution for Seniors, by appointment only! Black History Month Highlights Kinaya B wrote in how she and her children are celebrating Black History Month. All of them find a Black leader to read about, write a paragraph on, and share together at night. Kinaya is also trying this month to support more black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Thanks for sharing these awesome Black History Month traditions! If you'd like to share yours, submit your story [here](#). Updates from D.C. Committee Work The House Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on Cybersecurity and protecting our nation's digital national security interests. You can watch it [here](#). On Tuesday, the subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing about restoring federal climate leadership. You can view my remarks [here](#), where I discuss the importance of being bold on climate and environmental justice, and my recently reintroduced Climate Smart Ports Act. The Energy and Commerce Committee spent more than 15 hours debating and discussing the details of many parts of the COVID-19 Relief Legislation, The American Rescue Plan. You can watch one of my responses to my colleagues [here](#).

COVID Relief Priorities The Congressional Progressive Caucus, of which I'm a member, recently released its top 5 priorities for the upcoming COVID-19 relief package. They include: Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Automatic enrollment for the uninsured and unemployed into Medicaid or Medicare. Aid to local and state governments facing deficits from the economic downturn. Inclusive aid for all people and communities, regardless of immigration status. Survival checks to families for the duration of the pandemic, and a fully refundable child tax credit of \$3,000 to \$3,600. In addition, I recently signed onto a letter to protect the income-eligibility requirements for survival checks that were in previous relief bills, rather than lower the amount and make it harder to be eligible. In Community, Nanette Diaz BarragánMember of Congress, Congresista Stay Connected [Click Here](#) to view this email in your browser [Click Here](#) to be removed from this list