



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard

California State Congress, CA-34

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard was born and raised in Boyle heights California. In 1965 she graduated from California State University at Los Angeles. She is married to Edward T. Allard III; they have four children and seven grandchildren.

She became the first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress. Before that, Roybal-Allard represented the 56th Assembly District of California for 6 years. As a Congresswoman, Roybal-Allard has been extremely committed to the residents of her district and families in the country. She works hard to bring them access to health care, affordable housing, the modernized public schools, safety, increases in the federal minimum wage, reduced drop-out rates, Medicare, and jobs.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard serves on the House Appropriations Committee, where she attends hearings and meetings. She is the first Latina in the U.S. to be appointed to the committee. She keeps busy by also serving on three subcommittees, including the Subcommittee on Homeland Security, the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies and the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. As a member of these subcommittees Congresswoman Roybal-Allard oversees funding of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

She has also previously served as chair for the California Democratic Congressional Delegation in both 1997 and 1998. She was the first woman, Latina and member to earn this position through an election rather than through seniority. In 1999 and 2000 she became the first female chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

As a congresswoman her work takes her between Washington D.C. and Los Angeles. Her work ranges from working on bills to working with residents and the community within the 34th Congressional District. In Los Angeles she helps local groups obtain money for college through her Grants Notification Program. She also encourages college bound students to look at her Student Information Program, which helps them with scholarships, financial aid, internships, and fellowship information.