

Congressman Brad Sherman's ★ Federal Issues Survey ★

1. Do you support the President's policy on Iraq?
 Yes, we need to stay the course and get the job done.
 No, we need to bring the troops home now.
 Undecided.
2. Do you agree with the President's decision to order warrantless wiretaps of Americans?
 Yes, these actions are necessary to protect our security.
 No, these actions overstepped the law.
 Undecided.
3. Which of the following best describes your view on abortion?
 I strongly believe abortion should be legal for all women.
 There should be some limits on abortion; girls under 18 should need parental consent.
 Abortion should be illegal, except to save the life of the mother.
 Undecided.
4. Do you support the Medicare Prescription Drug Program?
 Yes, this program provides an inexpensive drug benefit for seniors.
 No, the program is too complicated and leaves gaps in coverage.
 Undecided.
5. Which of the following best describes your views on the Middle East conflict?
 We should strongly support Israel.
 We should support Palestinians at least as much as we support Israel.
 We should just stay out of the conflict.
6. Which of the following are the most important priorities for federal funding?
 Federal aid to public schools.
 Providing complete pharmaceutical benefits to Seniors.
 Environmental protection.
 Tax cuts for middle-class families.
 Paying off the national debt.
 Providing for our national defense and homeland security.

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(Please give us your email address to receive periodic reports from Washington, including the results of this survey.)

Congressman Brad Sherman Constituent Services



Seniors

We can help determine which health care services are eligible for Medicare coverage. We can provide information about various Social Security programs, including retirement and survivor benefits, disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). We can also help resolve problems with the Social Security

Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs. We can send you Congressman Sherman's *Guide to Medicare Part D*, or call us if you have specific questions about the program.

We Can Also Help With:

- Tours of the Capitol and Other Washington Attractions
 - Business Services, Including SBA Loans
- Military Academy Admissions (West Point, Annapolis, Air Force)
 - Immigration and Citizenship
 - Foreign Travel (passports, visas)
 - IRS Problems



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Protecting Social Security and Medicare

No to Social Security Privatization

President Bush stated recently that he remains committed to “reforming” Social Security by moving toward private accounts. Such a partial privatization would lead to lower benefits and could place the system in jeopardy. Congressman Brad Sherman opposes privatizing any portion of Social Security. Sherman also cosponsored legislation to eliminate Social Security benefit cuts imposed on those who receive pensions for employment with local government, such as California teachers, police officers and firefighters.



Improving the Medicare Drug Benefit

Seniors have until May 15 to sign up for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, or they may have to pay a penalty to join the program later. The program has a number of problems.

There is a “coverage gap” for prescription costs between \$2250 and \$5100 per year, where no reimbursement for drug costs is provided. Also, many low-income seniors who receive more generous prescription benefits from California’s Medi-Cal program were bumped from that system to the new Medicare program.

Congressman Sherman can help resolve these problems or help you find the best Medicare plan for your needs. Call us for our *Guide to Medicare Part D*. Sherman remains committed to a fairer, simpler and more complete Medicare drug coverage.



Getting Around The Valley and Beyond



Congressman Sherman, Gov. Schwarzenegger and Mayor Villaraigosa met at a bill signing and discussed expedited construction of the new carpool lane on the 405.

The 405 Carpool Lane

The major federal transportation legislation enacted last summer includes \$130 million for a new northbound carpool lane (diamond lane) on the 405 Freeway through the Sepulveda Pass. Sherman worked closely with other local officials to secure federal funds for this project. Sherman also secured federal funds, to be used along with state monies, to add carpool lanes in both directions on the Valley portion of the 5 Freeway.

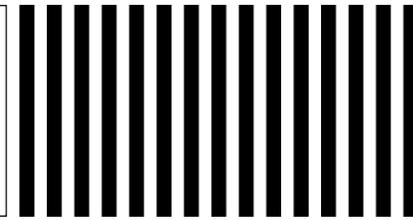
Orange Line and Surface Streets

The 14 mile-long Orange Line busway opened last October and is currently serving more than 15,000 people per day along a route from Warner Center to North Hollywood. A university study has found a 7 percent increase in the average speed on the 101 Freeway since the Orange Line opening. Sherman secured \$4.1 million for Orange Line projects, including the bike path which parallels the busway, and is working with local officials to improve Orange Line safety.

Earlier this year, Sherman secured over \$10 million to repave and improve surface streets throughout the San Fernando Valley, and to build bike paths and recreational trails.



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