



The Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh Republic) National Soccer team beat Abkhazia 3 to 0 in a friendly match played at the Stepanakert Stadium. This was a second match between the two teams. The first took place in September in Sukhumi and the game was tied 1 to 1. The coach of the Abkhazia team, Djuma Kvartskhelia, said that during the prior match, the teams played very well. "It is difficult to say what the outcome will be today," said Kvartskhelia. "Let's hope that the teams will display true sportsmanship and will play a good game."

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## ANCA Announces 2012 Endorsements



WASHINGTON—The Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) today released its 2012 Congressional grades and endorsements, throwing the Armenian American community's political and electoral strength behind House and Senate candidates from across more than 30 states with proven track records of support on issues of special concern to both Armenian Americans and friends of Armenia.

"We are, once again, gratified to offer our Congressional endorsements as a resource to help Armenian American voters make informed decisions at the ballot box on November 6th," said ANCA Executive Director Aram Hamparian. "With so many Senate and House races being hotly contested, we encourage all Armenian Americans to go to the polls fully armed with all the facts about each candidate's words and - more importantly - their real-world actions on Armenian American issues."

The ANCA endorsements are based primarily on ANCA Congressional Report Cards, a detailed review of each incumbent's record across a broad range of Armenian American issues. These Report Cards, prepared in consultation with ANCA Regional offices and local ANCs across the country, cover issues ranging from securing a just resolution of the Armenian Genocide and forcing Turkey's return of Armenian and other Christian religious properties, to strengthening U.S.-Armenia relations, defending Nagorno Karabakh's independence, and increasing U.S. aid and trade levels with Armenia.

Among the grading criteria were each Member's willingness to advance pro-Armenian American legislative initiatives (resolutions, letters, etc.), including the Armenian Genocide Resolution, the Return of Churches Resolution, and pro-Armenian provisions of the foreign aid bill, as well as their support for Nagorno Karabakh. Other factors include their membership in the Armenian Caucus, attendance at Armenian civic and community events, and their support for human rights issues related to Darfur and Cyprus.

The 2012 ANCA Report Cards include:

- \* A point-by-point analysis of each incumbent's support on key legislation, Congressional "Dear Colleague" letters, participation and leadership in initiatives and events held in the nation's capital and in local communities.
- \* Congressional Notes highlighting key initiatives taken by individual House and Senate Members - from Congressional speeches to other undertakings of special concern to the Armenian American community.
- \* A detailed accounting of Turkish and Azerbaijani Government lobby efforts targeting Senators and Representatives during the 112th Congress, as reported by the U.S. Department of Justice Foreign Agent Registration division ([www.fara.gov](http://www.fara.gov)).

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## Australia's New South Wales Recognizes Karabakh Independence



Australia's New South Wales Parliament in session

SYDNEY—The Legislative Council of the New South Wales Parliament adopted a resolution recognizing the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh and the right to self-determination of its Armenian people, who

declared independence 20 years ago.

The motion, which was unanimously adopted on Thursday 25th October, comes after many months of advocacy from the

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## New Air Defense Unit Opened In Southern Armenia



Soldiers of the Armenian Armed Forces march at the opening of the new air defense unit

YEREVAN—A state of the art air defense unit was inaugurated Thursday in south Armenia with President Serzh Sarkisian, fresh off of a visit to Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh Republic), participating in the opening ceremony.

"The Armed Forces are called to defend people, but there are divisions in the Armed Forces, which immediately guarantee the security of our people. On of them is undoubtedly the air defense," said Sarkisian.

The president said thanks to the brilliant actions of the Armenian air defense divisions during the Artsakh war, the enemy failed to cause substantial damage to the Armenia, "while our air defense forces caused considerable damage to the Azerbaijani air force."

Sarkisian said the new unit, furnished with all necessary equipment, symbolizes the future of the Armenian military.

# 2012 ANCA Report Card for Western Region States

**A complete list of ANCA-Endorsed candidates, including incumbents and challengers, ordered by their new Congressional districts, based on re-districting following the 2010 census.**

\*\* Ordered by State, then by Senate and New House Congressional District (per the 2010 Census).

\*\* Names are listed as follows: District, Name, (Party)

## Arizona

3 Rep. Raul Grijalva (D)

## California

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) - Senate  
5 Rep. Mike Thompson (D)  
6 Rep. Doris Matsui (D)  
7 Rep. Dan Lungren (R)  
10 Rep. Jeff Denham (R)  
12 Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D)  
13 Rep. Barbara Lee (D)  
14 Rep. Jackie Speier (D)  
15 Rep. Pete Stark (D)  
16 Rep. Jim Costa (D)  
17 Rep. Michael Honda (D)  
18 Rep. Anna Eshoo (D)  
19 Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D)  
21 David Valadao (R)  
22 Rep. Devin Nunes (R)  
23 Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R)  
24 Rep. Lois Capps (D)  
27 Rep. Judy Chu (D)  
28 Rep. Adam Schiff (D)  
29 Tony Cardenas (D)  
32 Rep. Grace Napolitano (D)  
33 Rep. Henry Waxman (D)  
34 Rep. Xavier Becerra (D)  
35 Rep. Joe Baca (D)  
37 Rep. Karen Bass (D)  
38 Rep. Linda Sanchez (D)  
39 Rep. Edward Royce (R)  
40 Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)  
42 Rep. Ken Calvert (R)  
44 Rep. Janice Hahn (D)  
46 Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D)  
48 Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R)  
53 Rep. Susan Davis (D)

## Colorado

1 Rep. Diana DeGette (D)  
2 Rep. Jared Polis (D)  
4 Rep. Cory Gardner (R)  
5 Rep. Douglas Lamborn (R)  
6 Rep. Mike Coffman (R)  
7 Rep. Edwin Perlmutter (D)

## Hawaii

Rep. Mazie Hirono (D) - Senate

## Idaho

1 Rep. Raul Labrador (R)

## Nebraska

1 Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R)

## Nevada

Rep. Shelley Berkley (D) - Senate  
1 Former Rep. Dina Titus (D)  
4 Danny Tarkanian (R)

## New Mexico

Rep. Martin Heinrich (D) - Senate

## Oregon

4 Rep. Peter DeFazio (D)

## Texas

29 Rep. Gene Green (D)  
35 Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D)

## Washington

1 John Koster (R)  
7 Rep. Jim McDermott (D)

## Listing of Armenian National Committee of America Congressional Grades for the 112th Congress

\*\* Ordered by State, then by Senate and Congressional District

\*\* Names are listed as follows: District, Name, (Party), ANCA Grade

## Alaska

Sen. Mark Begich (D) C  
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R) C  
Al Don Young (R) F-

## Arizona

Sen. Jon Kyl (R) C  
Sen. John McCain (R) C-  
1 Paul Gosar (R) D-  
2 Trent Franks (R) C-  
3 Ben Quayle (R) C-  
4 Ed Pastor (D) D+  
5 David Schweikert (R) C-  
6 Jeff Flake (R) C  
7 Raul Grijalva (D) A-  
8 Ron Barber (D) C+

## California

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D) A+  
Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) A+  
1 Mike Thompson (D) B-  
2 Wally Herger (R) D+  
3 Dan Lungren (R) A-  
4 Tom McClintock (R) D-  
5 Doris Matsui (D) B-  
6 Lynn Woolsey (D) A-  
7 George Miller (D) C+  
8 Nancy Pelosi (D) B-  
9 Barbara Lee (D) B+  
10 John Garamendi (D) D-  
11 Jerry McNerney (D) C-  
12 Jackie Speier (D) A+  
13 Pete Stark (D) B+  
14 Anna Eshoo (D) A+  
15 Michael Honda (D) B-  
16 Zoe Lofgren (D) B+  
17 Sam Farr (D) C+  
19 Jeff Denham (R) A  
20 Jim Costa (D) A+  
21 Devin Nunes (R) A  
22 Kevin McCarthy (R) B-  
23 Lois Capps (D) B+  
24 Elton Gallegly (R) A  
25 Buck McKeon (R) C  
26 David Dreier (R) B  
27 Brad Sherman (D) A+  
28 Howard Berman (D) A+  
29 Adam Schiff (D) A+  
30 Henry Waxman (D) A  
31 Xavier Becerra (D) C+  
32 Judy Chu (D) A  
33 Karen Bass (D) B  
34 Lucille Roybal-Allard (D) B+  
35 Maxine Waters (D) C  
36 Janice Hahn (D) A  
37 Laura Richardson (D) B+  
38 Grace Napolitano (D) A+  
39 Linda Sanchez (D) A  
40 Edward Royce (R) A+  
41 Jerry Lewis (R) C-  
42 Gary Miller (R) C+  
43 Joe Baca (D) A+  
44 Ken Calvert (R) B+  
45 Mary Bono Mack (R) C-  
46 Dana Rohrabacher (R) C  
47 Loretta Sanchez (D) A  
48 John Campbell (R) C+

49 Darrell Issa (R) C-  
50 Brian Bilbray (R) D+  
51 Bob Filner (D) B+  
52 Duncan Hunter (R) C-  
53 Susan Davis (D) B-

## Colorado

Sen. Michael Bennet (D) B  
Sen. Mark Udall (D) C+  
1 Diana DeGette (D) B  
2 Jared Polis (D) B-  
3 Scott Tipton (R) F  
4 Cory Gardner (R) A-  
5 Douglas Lamborn (R) A-  
6 Mike Coffman (R) B-  
7 Edwin Perlmutter (D) B

## Hawaii

Sen. Daniel Akaka (D) C  
Sen. Daniel Inouye (D) C  
1 Colleen Hanabusa (D) D-  
2 Mazie Hirono (D) C

## Idaho

Sen. Mike Crapo (R) C  
Sen. Jim Risch (R) B-  
1 Raul Labrador (R) B-  
2 Mike Simpson (R) D+

## Kansas

Sen. Jerry Moran (R) C  
Sen. Pat Roberts (R) C  
1 Tim Huelskamp (R) C+  
2 Lynn Jenkins (R) C-  
3 Kevin Yoder (R) D+  
4 Michael Pompeo (R) C-

## Montana

Sen. Max Baucus (D) C  
Sen. Jon Tester (D) C  
Al Dennis Rehberg (R) D

## Nebraska

Sen. Mike Johanns (R) C  
Sen. Ben Nelson (D) C  
1 Jeff Fortenberry (R) B-  
2 Lee Terry (R) D+  
3 Adrian Smith (R) C-

## Nevada

Sen. Dean Heller (R) B  
Sen. Harry Reid (D) A+  
1 Shelley Berkley (D) A+  
2 Mark Amodei (R) F  
3 Joe Heck (R) C-

## North Dakota

Sen. Kent Conrad (D) C  
Sen. John Hoeven (R) C  
Al Rick Berg (R) D+

## Oklahoma

Sen. Thomas Coburn (R) C  
Sen. James Inhofe (R) C  
1 John Sullivan (R) D+  
2 Dan Boren (D) F-  
3 Frank Lucas (R) C-  
4 Tom Cole (R) F-  
5 James Lankford (R) C-

## Oregon

Sen. Jeff Merkley (D) C

Sen. Ron Wyden (D) C  
1 Suzanne Bonamici (D) C-  
2 Greg Walden (R) D+  
3 Earl Blumauer (D) C  
4 Peter DeFazio (D) B+  
5 Kurt Schrader (D) C

## South Dakota

Sen. Tim Johnson (D) C  
Sen. John Thune (R) C  
Al Kristi Lynn Noem (R) F

## Texas

Sen. John Cornyn (R) C  
Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) C  
1 Louie Gohmert (R) C  
2 Ted Poe (R) C+  
3 Sam Johnson (R) C-  
4 Ralph Hall (R) D+  
5 Jeb Hensarling (R) D+  
6 Joe Barton (R) D-  
7 John Abney Culberson (R) D+  
8 Kevin Brady (R) C-  
9 Al Green (D) C+  
10 Michael McCaul (R) C  
11 Mike Conaway (R) D-  
12 Kay Granger (R) C+  
13 William Thomberry (R) C-  
14 Ron Paul (R) F-  
15 Ruben Hinojosa (D) C  
16 Silvestre Reyes (D) D-  
17 William Flores (R) D-  
18 Sheila Jackson Lee (D) C  
19 Randy Neugebauer (R) C-  
20 Charlie Gonzalez (D) B-  
21 Lamar Smith (R) C-  
22 Pete Olson (R) D+  
23 Francisco Cascero (R) D+  
24 Kenny Marchant (R) C  
25 Lloyd Doggett (D) B-  
26 Michael Burgess (R) C-  
27 Randolph Blake Farenthold (R) C-  
28 Henry Cuellar (D) D+  
29 Gene Green (D) C  
30 Eddie Bernice Johnson (D) F-  
31 John Carter (R) C  
32 Pete Sessions (R) F-

## Utah

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R) C  
Sen. Mike Lee (R) C  
1 Rob Bishop (R) D+  
2 Jim Matheson (D) C-  
3 Jason Chaffetz (R) C-

## Washington

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D) C  
Sen. Patty Murray (D) C  
2 Rick Larsen (D) C  
3 Jaime Herrera (R) C-  
4 Doc Hastings (R) D-  
5 Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R) C-  
6 Norman Dicks (D) C-  
7 Jim McDermott (D) C+  
8 Dave Reichert (R) C-  
9 Adam Smith (D) C

## Wyoming

Sen. John Barrasso (R) C  
Sen. Mike Enzi (R) C  
Al Cynthia Lummis (R) D+

## ANCA-WR Endorses Candidates For State and Local Races

GLENDAL—The Armenian National Committee of America – Western Region this week announced the endorsements of the following candidates for the California State Assembly, Senate and some municipal races based on their commitment to supporting issues important to Armenian Americans and their relationship with our community.

### California Senate

25 Carol Liu  
27 Fran Pavley

### CA Assembly

35 Katcho Achadjian  
38 Scott Wilk  
41 Chris Holden  
43 Greg Krikorian  
46 Adrin Nazarian  
49 Ed Chau  
50 Richard Bloom  
57 Ian Calderon  
58 Cristina Garcia  
59 Reggie Jones-Sawyer

**LA County DA** Alan Jackson



## Spotlight on Armenian American Candidates in the 2012 Elections

Armenian Americans are running for election across the country for a myriad of federal, state and local positions. Take a moment to see who is running for office in your neighborhood and lend your support.

### U.S. Congress

#### Danny Tarkanian (R-NV-4)

Successful business owner Danny Tarkanian, and son of famed UNLV Basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian is running as the Republican candidate in the newly created 4th Congressional district in Nevada. A victory by Danny Tarkanian would increase the number of Armenian Americans in the House of Representatives to three – he would join Reps. Anna Eshoo and Jackie Kanchelian Speier – and would serve as the only Republican Armenian American elected official on Capitol Hill.



#### Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA-18) – ANCA Rating: A+



Of Armenian and Assyrian descent, Rep. Eshoo knows of the devastating effects of the Armenian Genocide and Turkey's denial of that crime and has spoken eloquently about the importance of U.S. affirmation at the annual Capitol Hill Armenian Genocide Observance. She has also been an outspoken advocate for self-determination for Nagorno Karabakh, most recently issuing a strong statement condemning the Aliyev pardon, promotion and praise for convicted Azerbaijani axe-murderer Ramil Safarov. For her principled and steadfast support of key Armenian American priorities, Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan awarded her the Mkhitaryan Medal, the Armenian government's highest civilian honor.

#### Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA-14) – ANCA Rating: A+

A three-term House member, Rep. Speier, who along with Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) is of Armenian ancestry, has been outspoken in her support for Armenian Genocide affirmation and ongoing efforts to secure Turkey's return of confiscated Christian properties. She has also been an active proponent of increased U.S. aid and trade for Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. She has led the charge to defend the California law she authored while a State Senator, which helped Armenian Genocide-era life insurance beneficiaries seek compensation for unpaid policies. The law has been challenged in court and Rep. Speier has helped defend the law in numerous court filings including before the Supreme Court, where it is now under consideration.



### Statewide Election

Brad Avakian (D-OR) - State Labor Commissioner

### State Senate

Aram Garabedian – (I-RI-27)

Tim Kapucian - (R-IA-38)

Al Shoushtarian - (I-ID-14)

Stephen Simonian - (R-MA- Worcester-2nd Dist.)

### State Assembly

#### Paul Saryian (R-NY-61)



A former NYPD police captain who served his city for 24 years with pride, honor and integrity, Saryian is now seeking a position in the New York State Assembly to continue his public service for the benefit of Staten Island residents. Saryian has been a forceful advocate for U.S. affirmation and justice for the Armenian Genocide, working closely with New York ANCA activists to successfully unseat outspoken pro-Turkey advocate Michael McMahon from the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010. The grandson of Armenian Genocide survivors, Saryian has explained that "Justice and making a difference is all that ever mattered to me. It's the main reason why I became a police officer. It is also the reason why I am proud to announce that I am a candidate for New York State Assembly."

Katcho Achadjian (R-CA-35)

Mary Beth Ayvazian (D-NH-Hillsborough 25 (2))

Gary Azarian (R-NH-Rockingham 8 (9))

King Banaian (R-MN-14B)

John Fresolo (D-MA-Worcester - 16th Dist.)

Katherine S. Kazarian (D-RI-63)

Greg Krikorian (R-CA-43)

Mary Lou Marzian (D-KY-34)

James Miceli (D-MA-Middlesex-19th Dist.)

Adrin Nazarian (D-CA-46)

Charlene Takesian (R-NH-Hillsborough 37 (11))

Kelly Upham-Torosian (D-NH-Rockingham 4 (5))

### County and City Elections



Scott Avedisian (R) running for Mayor of Warwick, RI

Linda Arzoumanian (R) Pima County AZ School Superintendent

Charlie Diradour (D) running for Richmond, VA City Council

**Michelle Noroyan (D) running for Santa Cruz, CA City Council**

Peter Koutoujian (D) running for Middlesex County, MA Sheriff

## Spotlight on California Races

#### Greg Krikorian – CA State Assembly District 43

Greg Krikorian, endorsed by the ANCA-WR, is locked in a tight race with incumbent Mike Gatto (D). Mr. Krikorian has been a school board member for twelve years and has consistently attended to the concerns of the Armenian-American community while faithfully serving the diverse constituency he has represented. Conversely, over his two-year tenure, Gatto – although he received the ANCA-WR endorsement in the 2010 General Election – has failed in representing his large Armenian-American constituency. He has offered the community token attention where substantive relationship-building would have been welcomed as evinced by several attempts of a collective of community groups to meet with him. Krikorian has proven himself to be a community-oriented leader who is accessible and honest.



#### Chris Holden – CA State Assembly District 41



Chris Holden is a longtime city councilman from Pasadena, California. As the second longest-serving councilman in Pasadena, his breadth of experience will be a boon to all constituents in AD 41. He has consistently maintained good relations with the Armenian-American community. Earlier this month, the ANCA Pasadena hosted Mr. Holden at a town hall in the Pasadena Armenian Center. It is expected that Mr. Holden will be a strong voice for Armenian-American issues when he gets to Sacramento.

#### Adrin Nazarian – CA State Assembly District 46

A graduate of Ferrahian High School, former member of the Armenian Youth Federation and Homenetmen, Adrin Nazarian is steeped in the community he is now running to represent. Serving as Paul Krikorian's Chief of Staff for many years, he has developed a deep relationship with all parts of the Valley community and he is the most equipped to be successful as a representative in Sacramento. After a tough but successful primary battle for Nazarian, the ANCA-WR is renewing its unequivocal endorsement of the only candidate in the AD 46 race who will represent the Armenian-American community.



#### Alan Jackson – Los Angeles County District Attorney



In the heated race to replace District Attorney Steve Cooley, the ANCA-WR is endorsing Assistant Head Deputy of the Major Crimes Division Alan Jackson over his opponent Chief Deputy District Attorney Jackie Lacey in the nonpartisan race. In interviews with the ANCA-WR, Jackson was better prepared and clearly outlined the relationship he plans to have with the Armenian-American community. Likewise, he was well-versed in issues of concern to the Armenian-American community and the ANCA-WR is confident that as District Attorney, he will serve his large Armenian-American constituency and all citizens of Los Angeles justly and forthrightly.

### State Measures/Propositions

The ANCA-WR is not offering any endorsements for state measures or propositions in any state. Although the ANCA-WR recognizes the importance of the propositions, it believes that determining their effect on Armenian-Americans would not respect the community's socioeconomic and political diversity. Furthermore, as a non-partisan organization, the ANCA-WR does not make any endorsements in what might be construed as partisan issues.

## California's 30th Congressional Seat: Berman v. Sherman

Armenian American voters in California's 30th Congressional District face a choice between two powerful and pro-active advocates for the full range of Armenian issues, Howard Berman, the Ranking Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and Brad Sherman, a senior Democratic member on this influential panel. The ANCA values and profoundly appreciates the contributions of both of these legislators, and regrets that California's re-districting process has made it such that only one of these two longstanding friends will be returning to Congress.

#### Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA-30) – ANCA Rating: A+



In addition to being a lead cosponsor of the Armenian Genocide (H.Res.304) and Return of Churches (H.Res.306) resolutions and cosigning letters to increase aid to Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh, Congressman Berman spearheaded the successful effort, last year, to pass the Return of Churches resolution as an amendment to the State Department Authorization Bill in the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The amendment calling on Turkey to return historical Christian church properties and respect religious freedom was overwhelmingly adopted by a vote of 43 to 1, which gave it the momentum to then pass on the full House floor. Noting Azerbaijan's refusal to pull back its snipers, Rep. Berman also successfully blocked the proposed sale of military and surveillance equipment to Azerbaijan. In the aftermath of the Azerbaijani release of convicted axe-murderer Ramil Safarov, Rep. Berman urged Secretary Clinton to ban Azerbaijan from all NATO Partnership for Peace events until his re-incarceration. In 2010, Rep. Berman, as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, was the key to this panel's adoption of the Armenian Genocide Resolution, over opposition from Turkey and the Obama Administration.

#### Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA-30) – ANCA Rating: A+



In addition to being a lead cosponsor of the Armenian Genocide (H.Res.304) and Return of Churches (H.Res.306) resolutions and cosigning letters to increase U.S. aid to Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh, Congressman Sherman cosponsored a bill that would block a proposed \$111 million sale of U.S. arms to Turkey over Ankara's increasingly belligerent actions against Armenia, Cyprus, Israel, and its own Kurdish population. Rep. Sherman was also instrumental in gaining assurances from the Export Import Bank that the sale of satellite equipment to Azerbaijan would not be used for offensive or military purposes and urged the Administration to support more aid to the Armenian-populated region of Javakh in Georgia. He forcefully condemned Azerbaijan's release of axe-murderer Ramil Safarov, and, in welcoming the planned opening of the airport in Nagorno Karabakh, warned Azerbaijan not to carry through with their threats to shoot down civilian aircraft. In the late 1990s, Rep. Sherman helped launch the U.S. aid program to Nagorno Karabakh.

Vote on  
November 6

# Spotlight on 2012 Congressional Races

## Senate

### Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) – ANCA Rating: A+

Sen. Feinstein was the lead Democratic cosponsor of S.Res.392, the Return of Churches Resolution. A perennial supporter of Armenian Genocide legislation, she continued her support in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress with her cosponsorship of S.Res.399. In November 2011, she visited the Armenian Genocide Memorial in Montebello, where she called for compensation for the Armenian Genocide.



### Shelly Berkley (D-NV) – ANCA Rating: A+

Rep. Shelly Berkley (D-NV-1) is relinquishing the House seat she has held since 1998, and is challenging Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV) for the Senate. As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, she has consistently supported issues of concern to the Armenian American community. She cosponsored H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution. She has also called for expanded US assistance to Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh, and has attended numerous events on Capitol Hill commemorating the Armenian Genocide and celebrating a vibrant Armenia and Artsakh.



### Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) – ANCA Rating: A+

Sen. Menendez has been a leading force on issues of concern to the Armenian American community in New Jersey and throughout the nation since first being elected to Congress in 1992. In 2006, Sen. Menendez blocked the misguided nomination of Richard Hoagland to serve as US Ambassador to Armenia, after Hoagland offered responses to Senate Foreign Relations Committee inquiries denying the Armenian Genocide. In 2010, Sen. Menendez and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) opposed the appointment of Matthew Bryza to serve as US Ambassador to Azerbaijan, citing Bryza's close ties to the repressive Aliyev regime. He has cosponsored every Armenian Genocide Resolution since entering Congress, and serves as the lead Democratic cosponsor of S. Res. 399, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, during the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. He is a perennial participant at the Armenian Genocide Observance at Times Square. Just recently, he issued a strongly worded statement condemning the release and pardon of convicted Azerbaijani axe-murderer Ramil Safarov.



## House of Representatives

### Rep. Robert Dold (R-IL-10) – ANCA Rating: A+

As a freshman member, Rep. Dold immediately stepped up to take a leadership position on Armenian American concerns, joining with Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) to serve as the lead Republican cosponsor of H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and speaking passionately at the annual Armenian Genocide Observance on Capitol Hill. He was also an early supporter of H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution, and attended events on Capitol Hill celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of independence of Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. For his consistent leadership on community concerns, Congressional Armenian Caucus Republican Co-Chair, Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA) recently announced Rep. Dold's appointment as Republican Vice-Chair of the Caucus.



### Rep. Michael Grimm (R-NY-11) – ANCA Rating: A

After defeating one of the most outspoken pro-Turkey House Members, Michael McMahon, in a tight 2010 House race, Rep. Grimm has championed issues of concern to the Armenian American community. He has cosponsored H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches Resolution, and expressed solidarity with the Christian Armenian community in New York City during a meeting with His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America. He has also been a consistent supporter of increased U.S. aid and trade with Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.



### Former Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1)

Having previously served during the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress (2009-2010), former Rep. Dina Titus was a strong supporter of issues of concern to the Armenian American community in Nevada. She cosponsored H. Res. 252, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, during the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress and joined House colleagues at the 2009 Capitol Hill Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. During her time in Congress, she also co-signed a letter to President Obama expressing concern about the 2009 Turkey-Armenia Roadmap—a precursor to the failed Turkey-Armenia Protocols.



### Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28) – ANCA Rating: A+

A member of the powerful House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Rep. Schiff has been an ardent advocate for increased aid to Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh, working with colleagues to ensure Committee adoption of a provision ensuring a minimum \$5 million in U.S. aid to Artsakh in FY2013. As the lead Democrat on the Armenian Genocide Resolution, H. Res. 304, Rep. Schiff has been a forceful proponent of U.S. reaffirmation of that crime. He has consistently received an A+ rating from the ANCA since his election in 2000.



### Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16) – ANCA Rating: A+

Hailing from the land of William Saroyan, Rep. Costa has done the Central Valley Armenian American community proud, receiving an A+ rating from the ANCA throughout his terms in office. From legislation affirming the Armenian Genocide to efforts to secure Turkey's return of stolen Christian properties, Rep. Costa has been a steadfast ally in the Halls of Congress. His support extends to ongoing efforts to broaden U.S.-Armenia relations and the fight to ensure self-determination for the people of Karabakh.



### Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA-22) – ANCA Rating: A

Central Valley Republican Devin Nunes was an early cosponsor of both the Armenian Genocide Resolution (H.Res.304) and the Return of Churches Resolution (H.Res.306). He also joined his colleagues in expressing concern to Secretary Clinton when she questioned the historical facts of the Genocide during a State Department Town Hall meeting. In August, 2012, he was part of a Congressional delegation trip to Armenia, where paid respects to the 1.5 million victims at the Armenian Genocide Memorial – *Dzidzernagapert*.



### Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA-10) – ANCA Rating: A

Succeeding longtime Armenian American issues advocate George Radanonich (R), freshman Congressman Jeff Denham cosponsored the Armenian Genocide Resolution (H.Res.304) and the Return of Churches Resolution (H.Res.306). Rep. Denham told his constituents, "We must acknowledge the Armenian Genocide to remember those who lost their lives, as well as ensure that such a horrible tragedy will never happen again." In September, he joined Rep. Nunes in issuing a statement condemning Azerbaijani President Aliyev's pardon, promotion and praise for convicted axe-murderer Ramil Safarov.



### Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA-39) – ANCA Rating: A+

As the Republican Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, Rep. Royce been a perennial champion of Armenian American concerns. A senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and lead Republican sponsor of the Return of Churches Resolution (H.Res.306), he was tireless in his support for the measure, which was adopted by the House in December, 2011. An outspoken advocate for self-determination for the people of Artsakh, Rep. Royce praised the recent Karabakh Presidential elections, noting, "Throughout the years we have seen a trend of its electoral system working in proper fashion and the most recent election maintains that precedent. Voting embodies a functioning democracy; I applaud all in Nagorno-Karabakh for putting democracy into action."



### Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-CA-7) – ANCA Rating: A-

Four-term Congressman Dan Lungren has been a consistent cosponsor of Armenian Genocide legislation and this term was no exception. He joined colleagues as an early cosponsor of the Return of Churches Resolution (H.Res.306), which was adopted by the House in December, 2011.



### Rep. Janice Hahn (D-CA-44) – ANCA Rating: A

Freshman Congresswoman Janice Hahn stood steadfast in support for the Congressional Armenian Genocide Resolution (H.Res.304) and the Return of Churches Resolution (H.Res.306). In a statement issued after the passage of H.Res.306, Rep. Hahn noted "Today in Turkey, beautiful and historic Armenian churches, monuments and monasteries lie in ruins—broken not by the sands of time, but by desecration, theft and dynamite. For too long, the U.S. has allowed Turkey to elude responsibility for the destruction of Armenian churches. With this resolution, Congress sends a stern message to Turkey's Prime Minister, Recep Erdogan - the United States will not tolerate Turkish assaults on Armenian heritage and religious freedom."



### Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA-27) – ANCA Rating: A

Rep. Chu was an early cosponsor of both the Armenian Genocide Resolution (H.Res.304) and the Return of Churches Resolution (H.Res.306). In a powerful statement on the House Floor condemning the Azerbaijani massacres in Sumgait and Baku, Rep. Chu noted "I worry the sentiments that sparked this violence still remains. Just last month, Azerbaijan began buying up weapons to regain control of the region. The President of Azerbaijan declared this is, "not a frozen conflict, and it's not going to be one. America must remain committed to a peaceful and democratic resolution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, not one that relives the past."



### Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3) – ANCA Rating: A-

Rep. Grijalva has been a perennial cosponsor of Armenian Genocide legislation since joined House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Democrat Ed Markey in authoring a dissenting opinion to H. R. 2362, the Indian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act, which would have granted Turkey special advantages in conducting business with Native American tribes.



### Rep. Cory Gardner (R-CO-4) – ANCA Rating: A-

Rep. Gardner was one of a handful of Republican freshman to cosponsor H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution. He joined with Rep. Robert Dold (R-IL) and Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA) in circulating a Dear Colleague letter to other Republican freshman urging them to support the Armenian Genocide Resolution.



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