

CONGRESSMAN BRAD SHERMAN'S FEDERAL ISSUE SURVEY

If you use email, please provide your email address.

1. As to Health Insurance Reform:

- I support President Obama's plan with a public option
- We should adopt a "Single Payer" system and eliminate private health insurance companies
- I support the Republican alternative
- I do not support major changes in the law
- Undecided/Other

2. Which statement best fits your views on global climate change?

- We should not take action, particularly if there are significant costs to consumers or taxpayers
- We should reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, even if there are substantial costs
- Undecided/Other

3. Which statement best fits your views on abortion?

- I strongly believe abortion should be legal for all women
- There should be some limits on abortion; for example, girls under 18 should need parental consent
- Abortion should be illegal except to save the life of the mother
- I don't have strong views on abortion
- Undecided/Other

4. Do you strongly support the legislative program of the following organizations? (If you have mixed feelings about the organization, or are not very familiar with it, please do not mark it.)

- National Rifle Association
- Brady Campaign to Stop Gun Violence
- AFL-CIO
- United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) or the Burbank Teachers Assn.
- American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Humane Society or the ASPCA
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
- The Sierra Club

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CONGRESSMAN BRAD SHERMAN'S TELEPHONE TOWN HALL

On Monday, January 25, Congressman Sherman will hold a "Telephone Town Hall" meeting from 7:30-9:00 p.m. (PST). A Telephone Town Hall operates like a large-scale conference call, where you will have a chance to hear from Congressman Sherman and ask

him questions about major federal issues. To participate in the discussion, and listen to what other Valley residents have to say, call the toll-free number, 1-877-269-7289 (Pin# 13402), during the Town Hall.



Congressman Sherman has held over one hundred Town Hall meetings in the San Fernando Valley. He will hold a traditional Town Hall, like the one shown at left, during the third weekend in February. Check our web page next month for details: BradSherman.house.gov



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BRAD SHERMAN

REPORT TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

TELEPHONE TOWN HALL MEETING

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Federal Issues Questionnaire

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CONGRESSMAN BRAD SHERMAN'S YEAR-END REPORT

WALL STREET REFORM

On December 11, the House of Representatives passed the *Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act*, the most sweeping financial regulatory reform package in decades. As a senior member of the House Committee on Financial Services, Sherman played an important role in crafting this legislation. These reforms will help ensure that consumers, investors, small businesses and everyday Americans are no longer taken advantage of by the big institutions on Wall Street. Among other reforms, this legislation would create a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

Last summer, the Treasury Department proposed the original draft of this legislation. It included provisions that could have only been called "TARP on steroids"—giving unelected officials in the Federal Government permanent, unlimited authority to bail-out the largest firms on Wall Street. Sherman took the lead on preventing the Executive Branch from getting this unlimited authority to bail out giants on Wall Street using taxpayer money. Seven of his anti-bailout amendments were included when the bill passed the House.



Congressman Brad Sherman and his staff are available to help Valley residents deal with the federal government. Call us: 818-501-9200.

KEY LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY BRAD SHERMAN IN 2009

Credit Card Reform

Sherman cosponsored the *Credit Card Bill of Rights*, which will rein in some of the most abusive credit card practices. The new law bans retroactive interest rate hikes on existing balances, double-cycle billing (charging interest twice for balances paid on time) and due-date gimmicks. This bill is now law and will go into effect in 2010.

Tax Relief for Working Families

Sherman helped pass into law tax cuts for working families of \$400 for singles and \$800 for couples. These cuts are applicable for 2009 and again in 2010.

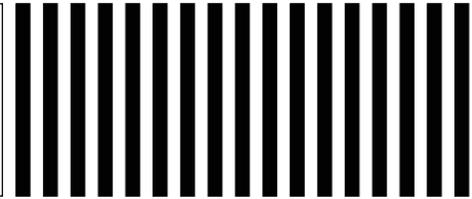
Helping Homebuyers, Small Businesses and Unemployed Workers

Sherman cosponsored the *Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act* that extends the \$8,000 first-time homebuyers tax credit through April 2010, and helps Valley businesses by allowing them to apply losses incurred in 2009 against profits earned in prior years. The bill also extends unemployment benefits for an additional 20 weeks. President Obama signed this bill into law in November.

Mortgage Reform

Congressman Brad Sherman helped pass the *Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act* to protect consumers from the worst lending practices and to end the abuses that helped to cause the mortgage crisis. This legislation passed the House and awaits action in the Senate.

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