

People in the News



PHOTO: Maria McCarthy

Valley Outreach Synagogue Center for Jewish Life in Calabasas welcomed the Consul General of Lithuania at an event this month. Above, Calabasas Mayor **Peter Kraut**, at left, and Calabasas City Councilmembers **Ed Albrecht** and **David Shapiro** present a certificate to **Sandra Brikaite**, Consul General of Lithuania in Los Angeles. Valley Outreach Synagogue is a non-denominational synagogue committed to the values of Torah and to engage Jews and interfaith families of all backgrounds to celebrate Jewish life.

Larry Thompson, right, Republican candidate for California's 32nd Congressional District, has officially announced his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives. Thompson is challenging 15-term, 30-year incumbent Brad Sherman (D), offering voters a modern, forward-looking vision for California and America's future.



"California has always been the land of dreams," said Thompson. "But somewhere along the way, we lost that positive energy and promise. My campaign is about rekindling that vision—honoring our classic Hollywood legacy while launching bold, bipartisan solutions that no longer hold us down to the past 30 years status quo but launch us 30 years into the future."

Thompson's campaign will focus on uniting citizens of all political backgrounds around practical, future-driven solutions:

- Thompson unveiled an ambitious policy agenda to make the district more livable, affordable, and safe.
- Preserving Hollywood's Legacy – Supporting cultural and historical initiatives that honor our entertainment capital of the world while inspiring the next generation of dreamers and creators.
- Stars for America – Establishing a nonprofit

organization that invites celebrities and influencers across the political spectrum to serve as ambassadors, freely supporting candidates and causes without fear of retaliation and connecting them directly with the Washington elect, ensuring Hollywood's role as a beacon of free expression.

- Embracing Financial Freedom – Actively promoting Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies as engines of economic opportunity.
- Next-Generation Transportation – Advocating for an above-the-ground rail transit system connecting the San Fernando Valley and West Los Angeles along the Sepulveda Corridor.
- Welcoming the LA28 Olympics.
- Ending One-Party Rule – "One-party dominance, no matter which party, ultimately leads to stagnation and corruption," stated Thompson.

PASSINGS: Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein, right, passed away earlier this month. Goldstein served as the Rabbi at Valley College Hillel and Pierce College Hillel for 14 years in the 1970's and 80's, before serving as the Rabbi and Executive Director of Hillel at CSUN for 10 years. In 1993, Hillel International honored him with the Jacob Berns Ethics Award for "a professional career of exemplary ethical behavior." Rabbi Goldstein was also a proud activist, who in 1964 was one of 16 rabbis to join Martin Luther King Jr. in St. Augustine, Florida to protest segregated facilities.



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