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Obama makes surprise visit to Ted Lieu for Congress headquarters: Ted Lieu, Steve Israel, Barack Obama

President Barack Obama, right, talks with Rep. Steve Israel (D-N.Y.) during a visit to the campaign office State Senator Ted Lieu, left, who is running for Congress.

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Obama pops in at Ted Lieu for Congress headquarters Lieu said he was 'surprised and thrilled' by president's visit Thursday President Obama made a surprise stop Thursday at the Venice campaign headquarters for state Sen. Ted Lieu, who is running for Congress. Lieu, a Democrat from Torrance who is favored to succeed retiring Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Beverly Hills) in the Nov. 4 election, was greeting volunteers with Rep. Steve Israel (D-New York), head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, when Lieu got word Obama was about to show up.

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Israel is in California to help Democrats in tight congressional races rally voters as mail balloting begins this week.

He and Lieu had planned to greet workers who were making telephone calls to support Democratic Reps. Julia Brownley of Westlake Village and Raul Ruiz of Palm Desert, and Redlands Mayor Pete Aguilar, who is running for an open Inland Empire seat currently in Republican hands.

劉雲平是國會議員最佳候選人

State Sen. Ted Lieu is best choice for 33rd Congressional District

The retirement of Henry Waxman after 40 years in the House of Representatives will mean a rare changing of the guard in California's 33rd Congressional District, which links Rancho Palos Verdes and Torrance with Beverly Hills, Bel Air, Malibu and Calabasas. It is a wealthy district and a heavily Democratic one, though it is not as homogenous — demographically or politically — as some might think.

The chance to replace Waxman drew 17 active candidates into the June primary. This page backed author-consultant-radio-host and policy wonk Matt Miller in that demolition derby, but he didn't survive the top-two contest, which was won by Democratic state Sen. Ted Lieu and L.A. County Deputy Dist. Atty. Elan Carr, a Republican. Of the two, Lieu is the best choice, for reasons that are both pragmatic and political.

As today's Republicans go, Carr is fairly moderate. He believes there are ways to be both pro-business and pro-environment, supports a vibrant public education system and recognizes the reality of global warming. He has tried to paint himself as a reasonable voice to help quiet the tea party, but as long as the House GOP remains beholden to its right wing, it is unlikely that a moderate Republican from California with little seniority will make much of a difference. Also, Carr has yet to detail the agenda he would pursue, relying instead on a collection of vague statements

seemingly aimed at not offending voters from either party. Ted Lieu says his top priority is climate change. ... He supports gay marriage and opposes the federal government's broad collection of private data. -



Lieu gave us pause during the primary for a similar reason. Where Miller's blend of vision, policy and suggested programs was impressive, Lieu mostly trotted out his state Senate past, where he mixed thoughtful measures with lots of reactive legislation seemingly aimed more at scoring points with voters than at addressing significant policy issues. But now Lieu has begun to flesh out his platform, on climate change (which he sees as an existential threat), Social Security, gay marriage and student loans. He opposes the federal government's broad collection of private data. Many of his positions are standard Democratic fare, but in most cases they are the right ones. And his legislative experience gives him a leg up. He is the author, for instance, of SB 569, which requires police to videotape interviews with minors suspected of murder, and of SB 757, which closed a loophole out-of-state health insurers were using to discriminate against gay couples.

Though we didn't agree with everything he did, Waxman was a leader in the House, a patient and relentless force to be reckoned with. It's hard right now to see Lieu filling those shoes, but members of Congress often serve a long time. Lieu too might become an important national figure over the years.

中新網 10月13日電 據美國《世界日報》報道,加州州務卿波文(Debra Bowen)近日宣佈,11月4日投票的“選舉月”(Election Month)開始,各縣選務處將陸續寄出通訊選票。洛杉磯地區有五位華裔角逐國會和加州府會的公職,四人穩定領先,一人選情升溫,但前景一致看好。

五位華裔候選人包括第27區國會議員趙美心(Judy Chu)和第49區加州眾議員周本立(Ed Chau),以及國會第33區候選人劉雲平(Ted Lieu)、加州財務長候選人江俊輝(John Chiang)、第55區州眾議員候選人張玲齡(Ling-Ling Chang)。其中四人選情穩定領先,劉雲平因日奧巴馬總統親臨他的選舉辦公室“視察”,帶動了支持者熱情,進一步擴大了贏面。

趙美心和周本立挾有現任優勢,所在選區的民主黨選民佔多數,亞裔選民比例高,服務選民不遺餘力,應可輕騎過關。他們的共和黨籍挑戰者,知名度低,也無任何公職經驗,

難以撼動。江俊輝已擔任十年加州稅務委員和八年主計長,專業經驗豐富,全州知名度高,費爾德民調9月顯示,江俊輝以52%比26%大幅領先共和黨對手柯林(Greg Conlin),應可順利當選。張玲齡是共和黨政治新星,該選區又是共和黨選民佔多數,多年來一直是共和黨人佔據眾議員席位,張玲齡勝算很大。

第33區國會議員選戰相對激烈,該區選民立場相對中立,傳統上傾向於選人不選黨。然而,此地的選戰愈來愈受到聯邦高層的重視,甚至9日演出了一幕意外的大驚喜。下午4時45分,前來洛杉磯籌款的美國總統奧巴馬,順道前往劉雲平競選總部探望,慰問打電話拉票的義工們,他並指出,加州是掌握國會眾院的重鎮。劉雲平表示,他對總統來訪感到驚訝和榮幸,總統慰問他的義工,幫助他呼籲選民支持,這肯定是該場競選活動的最重要的里程碑。(丁曙)

趙美心等5位華裔候選人角逐南加州公職 選情看好

“全球華人音樂會”將在央視音樂頻道播出

由國僑辦主辦的“文化中國·全球華人音樂會”將於10月19日13時55分在中央電視台音樂頻道(CCTV-15)面向全球播出。

此次音樂會已於國慶前夕在國家大劇院音樂廳成功演出並錄制完成。據國僑辦介紹,音樂會彙集華人精英,面向天下華人,是全球華人的音樂盛會,旨在慶祝中華人民共和國成立65周年,凝聚全球華人力量同圓共享“中國夢”。這也是國僑辦第一次舉辦此類音樂會。

演出以交響樂演奏中外名曲為主要形式,由國家大劇院首席指揮呂嘉和著名指揮家鄭小瑛擔任指揮,不僅彙集了鋼琴協奏曲《黃河》創作者殷承宗、著名小提琴演奏家呂思清以及來自德國、澳大利亞、意大利、瑞士、新加坡、韓國、美國等國家的著名交響樂團的十餘位首席華人演奏家,還邀請了張建一、呂薇、于魁智、李勝素等藝術家和澳門樂團共同參演,演出陣容逾百人。

從鋼琴協奏曲《黃河》到交響京劇《蝶戀》,從小提琴協奏曲《梁祝》到獨唱《茉莉花》、《我和我的祖國》等,藝術家們用精湛技藝演繹了多首僑胞耳熟能詳的經典曲目。逾千名來京參加國慶活動的海外僑胞、港澳同胞赴現場觀演,並紛紛給予高度評價。

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