



Highlights of Senator Boxer's Record in San Diego

Boxer helped establish a combat care center in San Diego to treat wounded service members. Advocates for severely wounded service members contacted Senator Boxer's office early in 2006 to ask for assistance in establishing a combat care center in San Diego to treat the high number of wounded service members from the San Diego/Camp Pendleton area. Boxer filed an amendment to provide funding for a Comprehensive Combat Casualty Care Center at the San Diego Naval Hospital, and as a result the Department of Defense approved funding for the project. Boxer then secured a commitment from Senators Inouye and Stevens to ensure that funds will be continuously provided for the San Diego Casualty Care Center.

Boxer secured construction funds for the San Diego Courthouse. In 2009, Boxer helped secure \$110 million for construction of a new San Diego Courthouse in order to meet crucial criminal justice needs. The project is expected to create more than 1,200 jobs.

Boxer fought for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds for San Diego and Sacramento. When San Diego was left off the list of high-risk cities making it ineligible for UASI grant funding, Boxer led the fight to have the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) revise its methodology for determining risk. Thanks to Senator Boxer's efforts, San Diego was deemed eligible for funding the following year.

Boxer helped San Diego family honor soldier's remains. The family of Army Spc. Matthew Holley was concerned about how the remains of their son would be transported back to San Diego after Holley was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. Boxer's office intervened and helped get an honor guard from Holley's unit, the 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell, KY, to Lindbergh Field to greet Matthew Holley's body as the plane landed on the tarmac. Senator Boxer then urged her colleagues to support a House provision in the FY 2006 Defense Authorization bill requiring that remains be transferred by military aircraft and be escorted during transportation at all times by at least one service member of appropriate rank.

Boxer helped preserve Impact Aid for San Diego Unified School District. Since 1994, San Diego Unified has received a special status under the Impact Aid program entitling it to additional funding of \$1.8 million annually to serve military dependent children. Because of changes in military housing patterns in San Diego and a decision by the Department of Education to not include charter school children in their calculation of Impact Aid funding, San Diego Unified stopped qualifying for additional funding. In 2008, Boxer and Congresswoman Susan Davis put into the Defense Authorization bill (S. 3001) a one-year provision that continued to allow San Diego Unified to qualify for the additional \$1.8 million, allowing San Diego Unified to continue serving the children of California military personnel.

Boxer successfully passed a bill to redesignate a San Diego Post Office as the Cesar E. Chavez Post Office. Senator Boxer passed legislation to honor Cesar E. Chavez on what would have been his 82nd birthday by naming the United States Postal Office at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego after the celebrated union leader and civil rights activist.

Boxer introduced the Halt Electricity Price-Gouging in San Diego Act in 2000. Senator Boxer introduced

the Halt Electricity Price-Gouging in San Diego (HELP San Diego) Act in September 2000. The bill would “mandate price caps on wholesale electricity bills and direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to require power suppliers to refund fees any charged since June 1, 2000 that are above the FERC-imposed price cap. The bill was also introduced in the House by Rep. Bob Filner (D-Chula Vista).

Boxer helped secure \$134,000 for the San Diego County Shoreline for FY 2010. Funding will be used to determine the best way to mitigate a long-term beach erosion problem in Oceanside. Additionally, Boxer helped secure \$96,000 for the San Diego County Shoreline for FY 2009.

Boxer helped secure \$120,000 for the San Diego Four-Reservoir Intertie for FY 2010. Funding will be used to connect four reservoirs -- San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray and Loveland -- in the San Diego area, allowing them to share water resources and improve water supply reliability.

Boxer helped secure \$305,000 for the Solana Beach-Encinitas Shoreline Protection Project for 2010. Funding will be used to complete a feasibility study and preliminary engineering and design for a barrier between the bluffs and the ocean. Significant erosion is undermining the coastal bluffs, which are falling into the ocean and threatening coastal structures. Additionally, Boxer helped secure \$236,000 for a Solano Beach Encinitas Shoreline study that would investigate solutions for beach erosion for FY 2009.

Boxer helped secure \$200,000 for the San Diego Police Department Crime Laboratory Technology Initiative for FY 2010. Funding will be used to purchase new equipment for the San Diego Police Department’s crime lab that will enhance the police department’s ability to process forensic evidence.

Boxer helped secure \$200,000 for FY 2010 for the San Diego County District Attorney to investigate and prosecute crimes. Amid budget cuts, this funding will be used to support San Diego County’s District Attorney to investigate and prosecute gang-related and drug crimes.

Boxer helped secure \$500,000 for Interstate 805 managed lanes for FY 2010. Funding will be used to reduce congestion on Interstate 805 by adding four managed lanes, additional segments of general purpose lanes, multiple access points and direct access ramps for buses and other public transportation. Additionally, Boxer helped secure \$475,000 for the Interstate 805 Managed Lane for FY 2009.

Boxer helped secure \$500,000 for the Nordahl Bridge replacement and SR 78 widening project for FY 2010. Funding will be used to replace the bridge at Nordahl Road overpass and will widen exit ramps, Nordahl Road at bridge approaches, and State Route 78 from Interstate 15 to Nordahl Road.

Boxer helped secure \$250,000 for San Ysidro Facility Renovations for FY 2010. Funding will be used to support much-needed renovations to upgrade and retrofit the San Ysidro Health Center so that it can better provide health care and family support services to its patients.

Boxer helped secure \$100,000 for Family Health Centers of San Diego facilities construction and renovation for FY 2010. Funding will be used to help the City Heights Family Health Center expand to a new, larger health care facility. The health center currently operates in a space that does not have the capacity to meet the needs of low-income, uninsured and underserved families in the community.

Boxer helped secure \$1 million for the Solana Beach Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project for FY 2009. The project supports upgrading a 40-year-old wastewater treatment system in order to meet state and federal health and safety standards and to avert a potential disaster in San Elijo Lagoon. The project

consists of three main components, including replacement of the Solana Beach Force Main, upgrades to the Eden Gardens Pump Station and upgrades to the Solana Beach Pump Station.

Boxer helped secure \$300,000 for the City of San Diego UPAC Anti-Gang Youth Mentoring Program for FY 2009. Federal funding supports expansion of the UPAC At-Risk Youth Program, including mentor outreach, recruitment, training, and placement.

Boxer helped secure \$95,000 for the City of San Diego "One-Stop" Small Business Resource Center for FY 2009. Funding supports completing the implementation of a regional, multi-faceted "One-Stop" Business Resource Center to serve as an information clearinghouse portal and network to help the area's small businesses navigate through hundreds of service providers and local, regional, state, and federal agencies.

Boxer helped secure \$1.6 million for the full scale impact and blast loading laboratory testing program for FY 2009. This funding for the University of California at San Diego provides for continued tests which simulate full-scale explosions using a hydraulic-based blast simulator. These tests help develop strategies to better protect Americans, particularly men and women in the military, and infrastructure such as bridges and embassies from explosive attacks.

Boxer helped secure \$95,000 for the City of San Diego-Veterans Community Services of San Diego (VCSDD) Program for FY 2009. Funding supports the implementation of the pilot Veterans Community Services of San Diego program to support social and economic self-sufficiency by proactively addressing the underlying risks of homelessness, drug abuse, violence, and family disruptions often associated with reintegration of wounded and disabled veterans.

Boxer helped secure \$476,000 for the County of San Diego Public Health Services-Public Health Management System for FY 2009. Funds were to support implementation and maintenance of an integrated system to provide real-time visibility in day-to-day and emergency management of pharmaceuticals, vaccines, consumable and capital assets, material and human resources, program management and patient tracking throughout the county.

Boxer helped secure \$309,000 for the San Ysidro Health Center-Maternal and Child Health Center for FY 2009. Funds help expand access to primary health care and family support services to children (birth to age 5), their mothers and their families.

Boxer helped secure \$309,000 for the San Diego/Imperial Counties Labor Council-Prosperity Project for at-risk youth and recently separated veterans for FY 2009. Funds support the expansion of existing job training programs to serve low-income, unemployed, and at-risk youth and veterans.

Boxer helped secure \$900,000 for the City of San Diego La Jolla Ecological Reserve Storm Drain Overflow Control Project for FY 2009. The State Water Resources Control Board has designated the La Jolla Ecological Reserve as one of 34 Areas of Special Biological Significance, considered to be the most valuable coastal waters in the State. Phase I of the project targets the storm drains along the coast that have the most potential for human contact, size of tributary watershed, presence of high bacterial levels and located within an area of biological significance.

Boxer helped secure \$1 million for the Southwest Consortium for Environmental Policy and Research for FY 2009. Funding was to continue research at the Southwest Consortium for Environmental Research and Policy (SCERP) to address the acute air, water, health, and biological resource problems in the U.S.-Mexican border region.

Boxer helped secure \$223,250 for the City of San Diego to expand the Gun Violence Interdiction Initiative for FY 2008. Expand the Gun Violence Interdiction Initiative to proactively identify restrained parties that have access to firearms and then legally impound those weapons.

Boxer helped secure \$121,000 for the Bienstar Human Services to expand a mobile HIV rapid testing program in San Diego for FY 2008. This funding to continue and to expand Bienstar's HIV Rapid Testing program from a demonstration project in Los Angeles County to a sustainable operation in three counties, including Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Bernardino. This project reaches out to high-risk populations by going to where they are, testing them where they are, and linking them to affordable and accessible follow-up health care services.

Boxer helped secure \$78,000 for Log Heights Family Health Centers of San Diego for construction, renovation and equipment for FY 2008. The Logan Heights Family Health Center has been an established part of the San Diego healthcare safety net for over 35 years and is known for providing high quality, accessible, and culturally competent care. The clinic is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center and currently provides primary healthcare and dental services to over 50,000 patients a year. The Phase IV Expansion Project will tear down the original structure - portions of which are over 100 years old - and build a three story building linked to the other wings through outdoor walkways.

Boxer s helped secure \$7.7 million for the Mission Valley East Trolley Extension for FY 2006. This funding was to support extension of public transit service north along the congested Interstate 5 corridor between Mission Valley and North University City. Boxer also secured \$1.5 million for the project for FY 2000.

Boxer helped secure \$1.22 million for the Oceanside-Escondido Rail Project for FY 2006. This funding was to support conversion of an existing 22 mile freight rail corridor into a light rail system running inland from the coastal City of Oceanside through the Cities of Vista and San Marcos, to the City of Escondido. The project also includes 1.7 miles of new rail right-of-way to serve California State University San Marcos. Boxer also secured \$48 million for the Oceanside-Escondido Rail project for FY 2004.

Boxer helped secure \$600,000 for the North Coast Interstate 5 for FY 2006. The funds support additional highway lanes and operational improvements on 26 miles of I-5 in the northern San Diego region.

Boxer helped secure \$2 million in transportation funds for Otay Mesa Route 905 for FY 2005. Senators Boxer and Feinstein successfully secured \$2 million in the FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations bill for the Otay Mesa State Route 905. This project supports the completion of State Route 905, which connects Interstates 5 and 805 to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, the only commercial vehicle crossing serving San Diego and Tijuana.

Boxer helped secure \$1.7 million for I-15 managed lanes in San Diego for FY 2005 and \$1 million for FY 2006. The funding supports the creation of a 20-mile "managed lanes" facility in the median of Interstate 15 between State Route 163 and State Route 78, featuring a four-lane high occupancy vehicle (HOV) with a moveable barrier, multiple access points to the regular highway lanes, and direct access ramps for buses, HOVs and I-15 Fast Trak customers.

Boxer helped secure \$3 million for I-5 Northbound widening for FY 2005. The funding supported a widening project at State Route 56 and Interstate 5 to improve traffic congestion, efficiency and safety problems.

Boxer helped secure \$1 million for the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) for FY 2005. Funding supported critical land acquisitions within the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge, an essential part of the larger land-use planning effort in Southern California. Boxer helped secure \$2 million for the San Diego NWR for FY 2004, and \$5 million in FY 2002, and \$3 million for FY 1998.

Boxer helped secure \$400,000 for the Alliant International University for FY 2004. The funding supported training masters level school psychologists to help fill the unmet need for more counselors in our schools. In addition, this initiative trained doctoral level clinical psychologists with a focus on the counseling needs of students to provide the necessary assistance for more difficult and complicated cases. This program partnered with school districts in Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Fresno, and San Diego.

Boxer helped secure \$100,000 for the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) in San Diego to provide a parent training program for FY 2004. The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) requested \$2 million to expand the reach of its parental involvement program. The PIQE program provides an intensive nine-week parent training program designed to help immigrant, low-income, and ethnically diverse parents of children in elementary and secondary schools to take become active participants in their children's education. The program works in cooperation with public school districts and schools to reach parents in schools most in need of increased parental involvement.

Boxer helped secure \$1 million for the Olivenhain Water Treatment for FY 1999. The funding supported a state-of-the-art water treatment plant in Northern San Diego County.

Boxer helped secure \$500,000 for the City of Oceanside's Redevelopment Project for FY 1999. This funding was to assist with the development and construction of a retail entertainment center in downtown Oceanside.

Boxer helped secure \$500,000 for the San Ysidro Border Intermodal Transportation Center for FY 1999. This funding was to address existing traffic problems at the Border Station where the San Diego trolley links up.

Boxer helped secure \$2.1 million for the San Diego Naval Station for FY 1998. Boxer helped secure funds that supported the addition of an environmental preventative medical unit at the San Diego Naval Station.

Boxer helped secure \$1 million for the Otay Mountain/Kuchamaa for FY 1998. The Otay Mountain/Kuchamaa appropriation provides \$1 million for the purchase of lands to link the existing public lands at Otay Mountain with public lands at Tecate Peak and Little Tecate Peak. This acquisition is critical to the success of the regional multi-species habitat conservation-planning program of the City and County of San Diego.

Boxer helped secure \$1 million for the Cleveland National Forest for FY 1998. The \$1 million Cleveland National Forest appropriation was to assist in the purchase of 1,000 acres of the Rutherford Ranch. It includes some of the finest oak woodlands, native grasslands and recreational areas remaining in San Diego County.

Boxer lobbied President Clinton on behalf of San Diego consumers to look into the high prices of utilities in the area. In 2000, Senator Boxer lobbied President Clinton and Secretary of Energy Richardson on behalf of San Diego consumers and requested that they look into the high prices of utilities in the area. President Clinton also responded to Senator Boxer's request that Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) be provided. The President directed \$2.6 million in emergency funding through the LIHEAP and Small Business

Administration to be given to the region.

Boxer successfully requested a study on San Diego's beach erosion be included in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act. Senator Boxer successfully requested that a study on San Diego's beach erosion be included in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The study was approved to help mitigate for the erosion and other impacts resulting from the construction of Camp Pendleton Harbor and to restore beach conditions along the affected public and private shorelines to the conditions that existed before the wartime harbor construction.

Boxer helped secure \$1.4 million for the Port of San Diego to strengthen port security. Senator Boxer, a member of the Port Security Caucus, helped secure \$1.4 million in federal funding for the Port of San Diego to strengthen port security. The grant is part of a \$30 million package for California from the Department of Homeland Security. The purpose of the funding is to develop comprehensive security plans and also provides for the "installation of fences, video cameras, and other physical improvements."