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# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Garret Graves
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Carissa Graves OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 10/31/2019 Return: 11/3/2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: CA 47 Return City: Baton Rouge, LA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Bipartisan Policy Center organized a visit of each Congressional District for Rep. Lowenthal and Rep. Graves. These visits were to enhance each Member's knowledge of the other's districts and priorities, to build bipartisan relationships, and to enhance understanding of differences and commonalities in their legislating.
7. Attached to this form are *each* of the following, signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, including all attachments and the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; *and*
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. Signify statement is true by checking the box:   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: 

Date: 11/12/2019



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## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip *within ten days of their return*. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center

2. Travel Destination(s): Long Beach, CA; Avalon, CA

3. Date of Departure: Oct. 31, 2019 Date of Return: Nov. 3, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): U.S. Rep. Garret Graves

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$678.79 (plane+ferry)	\$655.88 (including tax)	\$130.10	Rental Car/Fuel: \$230.96 Parking: \$77
Accompanying Family Member	\$553.79 (plane+ferry)	See above-shared expense	\$98.55	See above-shared expenses

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box:

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 11/7/2019

Name: Jason Grumet Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: 1225 I Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-204-2400 Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Garret Graves
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Long Beach, CA ; Avalon, CA
4. a. Date of Departure: 10/31/19 Date of Return: 11/3/19
- b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No
- If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No If yes:
- (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Carissa Graves
- (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  Yes  No
- b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
- Building relationships across the aisle with a colleague. This trip is the second half of the Bipartisan Policy Center's earlier trip to LAOC, for which they sponsored Rep. Lowenthal's visit
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?  Yes  No
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date 10/1/19



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### Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center

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2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box:
3. Check only one. I represent that:
  - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip:  OR
  - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds:  OR
  - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Square One Foundation

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4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
U.S. Rep. Garret Graves (See addendum)
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: October 31, 2019 Date of Return: November 3, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC (Garret Graves); Denver, CO (Carissa Graves)  
b. Destination(s): Long Beach, CA; Avalon, CA  
c. City of return: Baton Rouge, LA
8. Check only one. I represent that:
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  OR
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  OR
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check only one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  OR
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:  If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:*
11. *Check only one of the following:*  
 a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*  OR  
 b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
See addendum
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13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:*  
 a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: Ferry)  
 b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
N/A
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14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*

15. *Check only one.* I represent that either:  
 a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  OR  
 b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:   
 If "b" is checked:  
 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$66.00  
 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- |   |                             |                                    |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Hotel Name: <u>Hotel Maya</u>                       | City: <u>Long Beach, CA</u> | Cost Per Night: <u>\$181+taxes</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Proximity to events</u> |                             |                                    |
| Hotel Name: <u>Holiday Inn Catalina Island</u>      | City: <u>Avalon, CA</u>     | Cost Per Night: <u>\$360+taxes</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Proximity to events</u> |                             |                                    |
| Hotel Name: _____                                   | City: _____                 | Cost Per Night: _____              |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: _____                      |                             |                                    |

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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### 18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$628.50	\$722.00 + Taxes	\$154.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$485.50	N/A	\$154.00

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$157.55	Rental car/Fuel, Misc. Parking
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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### 19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below:  OR
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/30/2019

Name: Jason Grumet

Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

Address: 1225 I Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC 20005

Telephone: (202) 218-6778

Email: JGrumet@bipartisanpolicy.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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## Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. I certify that (name of your organization): Square One Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  Yes  No

2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: American Congressional Exchange

3. I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):

a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. OR

b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_

that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.

4. Check only one:

a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent OR

b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.

5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Priscilla Kersten Date: 9/19/19

Name: Priscilla Kersten Title: President

Organization: Square One Foundation

Address: 701 West Erie, Chicago, IL 60654

Telephone: 312-666-5500 Email: pkersten@squareonefoundationchic

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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October 17, 2019

The Honorable Garret Graves  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2402 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Long Beach, California and Avalon, California, scheduled for October 31 to November 3, 2019, sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center, with financial support from the Square One Foundation.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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**Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form**

**Item 4: *Representative Garret Graves:***

Rep. Graves serves on the Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure along with Rep. Lowenthal. The trip will provide opportunities to discuss a multitude of issues within both committees' jurisdiction as well as topics relevant to Louisiana's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Additionally, both Rep. Graves and Rep. Lowenthal serve on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittees on Highways and Transit, and Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. When Rep. Lowenthal visited LA-6, he learned about the critical issues related to maritime and inland waterway transportation and shipping, and its importance to the economy of Louisiana and the United States through visits to the Port of Greater Baton Rouge and Port Fourchon.

Those visits also highlighted the role of intermodal transportation in connecting ports to communities throughout the country to support international trade. They also had the opportunity to meet with key leadership from the ports and hear from local business and civic leaders about their importance to the local economy.

On this trip, Rep. Graves will have similar opportunities to learn from visits in CA-47. For example, Rep. Lowenthal's district is home to the Port of Long Beach, the second busiest seaport in the United States and the tenth busiest in the world. Further, Rep. Graves serves on the House Natural Resource Committee's Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, where Rep. Lowenthal is chair. When in LA-6, Rep. Lowenthal had the chance to see a seaport (Port Fourchon) with significant petroleum industry traffic from offshore oil platforms and drilling rigs, which provided real world insight into the intersection of the petroleum industry and maritime ports and transportation. On the trip to CA-47, Rep. Graves will have the opportunity to compare these operations in his home district of LA-6 with offshore oil and natural gas extraction that takes place off the coast of California.

**Item 7 (b):**

**Thurs., Oct. 31**

5:30 p.m. Dep. DCA, AA #163  
8:29 Arr. LAX  
8:45-9:15 Drive to Long Beach restaurant  
9:15-10:45 Dinner  
10:45-11:00 Drive to Hotel Maya for check-in  
700 Queensway Dr., Long Beach

7:00 p.m. Dep. DEN, UA #1613 (Carissa Graves)  
8:30 Arr. LAX

**Fri., Nov. 1**

7:30-7:45 a.m. Drive to Long Beach Civic Center, 411 W. Ocean Blvd.  
7:45-9:00 Tour and working breakfast meeting with business and civic leaders.

Rep. Graves and Lowenthal will meet with several business and civic leaders including Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia to discuss the economic profile, trends, challenges, and strategy for this city of 470,000. The conversation will center around several business clusters including: Aviation and Aerospace, Health Care, Tourism and Hospitality, International Trades, Energy, and Professional Services. Long Beach leaders recently created a strategic plan which builds upon these sectors but also calls for the development of an advanced and emerging technology industry cluster, building 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure, and a sustainable workforce that is prepared to be employed in areas of job growth. The discussion will also touch on Long Beach's role in the Greater Los Angeles metro area.

The two members will also have an opportunity to tour the recently completed New Long Beach Civic Center Project, which, in addition to new local and regional government offices, also is expected to revitalize the urban core of Long Beach.

Rep. Graves service on the T&I Aviation Subcommittee and Natural Resources Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee; and Rep. Lowenthal's work on the T&I Highways and Transit Subcommittee will fit with this dialogue.

- 9:00-9:30 Drive to Asian Garden Mall, 9200 Bolsa Ave., Westminster to visit with Vietnamese community
- 9:30-10:30 Meeting with business and civic leaders of Westminster "Little Saigon", including tour.

Westminster (92,000) offers a showcase of the Vietnamese culture. Specialty foods, gifts, and plants of Asia can be discovered in the herb shops, delicatessens, arts and crafts, bakeries, restaurants, and supermarkets ... characteristic of Thai, Cambodian, Laotian, Caucasian, French, and Vietnamese cultures. The two members will experience multicultural and culinary delights, amid Asian antiques, and explore a variety of small businesses in Little Saigon.

The two members will meet with Phillip Nguyen, president of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce and other civic leaders in the Bolsa Avenue corridor and see the Asian Garden Mall and Little Saigon Plaza as well as other businesses.

While Rep. Lowenthal was in Rep. Graves' Louisiana 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District last spring, he had a chance to meet with members of the Cajun community and learn about their commercial fishing operations and distribution network, particularly shrimping. In turn, Rep. Graves will now get to experience a major ethnic community of Rep. Lowenthal's California 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

- 10:30-11:00 Drive to Colorado Lagoon, 5119 E. Colorado St.
- 11:00-11:20 Tour Colorado Lagoon

The Colorado Lagoon is a prime example of water quality and habitat restoration that eliminated dry weather storm drain discharges, contaminated sediment, and opening a channel to create a recreational area in Long Beach. The Lagoon, which is open salt-water, now includes a swimming beach, turf picnic area, and wetlands grasses. Additional projects are underway

under the auspices of the California Coastal Commission and using a combination of local, state, and federal monies.

Both members serve on the House Natural Resources Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee, and work on irrigation and reclamation project policy and other water resources development and recycling programs.

11:20-11:30 Drive to Cal State University-Long Beach

11:30-1:00 p.m. Working lunch, tour, and meetings at Cal State-Long Beach

Cal State University-Long Beach (CSULB) is the third-largest (37,500) in the 23-school California State University system. The 322-acre campus across 84 buildings is designed with architecture mostly of the International style and is very minimalist. Prominent buildings that will be seen on the tour include the University Student Union, Rec and Wellness Center, the 18-story Walters Pyramid, University Art Center, Carpenter Performing Arts Center, and Japanese Garden.

The visit will concentrate on CSULB's outstanding Physics and Engineering Departments, and also an opportunity to visit with students in the Department of Journalism & Public Relations.

The visit will also provide background on the importance of the University to the local economy, workforce education, and offering research that serves the state in a variety of ways. CSULB is similar in size to LSU in terms of student body, where Rep. Lowenthal visited when he was in Rep. Graves' LA-6 district. Both universities have been recognized for their low cost and value due to their affordability and post-graduation employment prospects.

1:00-1:20 Drive to Port of Long Beach

1:20-3:40 Port of Long Beach tour and meetings, Wilmington Oil Field, & Alameda Corridor

The Port of Long Beach is one the world's busiest seaports (2<sup>nd</sup> busiest in the U.S.), a leading gateway for trade between the United States and Asia. It supports more than 2.6 million jobs nationally and generates billions of dollars in economic activity each year. In Long Beach alone, 1 in five jobs are related to the Port. Built on 3,200 acres of land and 4,600 acres of water, the Port has 10 piers, 62 berths, and 68 gantry cranes plus 22 shipping terminals. With 2,000 annual vessel calls, the Port's loaded containers account for ¼ moving through the West Coast and 20% of moving through all of the U.S. ports. The products shipped include: crude oil and other petroleum products, chemicals, electronics, plastics, furniture, clothing, waste paper, and foods.

The two members both have major ports in their respective districts as Rep. Lowenthal visited Port Fourchon when he was in Louisiana's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Both Members have long had to wrestle with balancing the needs of commercial/industrial facilities (often energy-based) and protection of environmentally sensitive coastlines. This visit will permit Reps. Lowenthal and Graves to further engage in discussions and learn from experts who oversee these waterways and facilities.

Reps. Graves and Lowenthal will meet with Port leadership and discuss the major challenges facing the facility in a time of international trade policy uncertainty. They will also have a

dialogue about environmental stewardship, safety and security, and how the Port of Long Beach can continue to be a global leader in the efficient and sustainable movement of goods for the benefit of the local, regional, and global economies.

The tour will consist of both walking and driving, as well as a boat tour to better understand the port and its relationship to the off-shore Wilmington Oil Field and the nearby South Bay refineries.

Finally, the members will explore the Alameda Corridor freight rail “expressway” that connects BSNF and UP long-haul trains out of the Port to the national railway system near downtown Los Angeles. The project is notable for the Mid-Corridor Trench, a below-ground, triple-tracked rail line that is 10 miles long and 33 feet deep.

3:40-4:00 Drive to Virgin Galactic and Virgin Orbit, 4022 E. Conant St., Long Beach  
4:00-5:15 Virgin Galactic and Virgin Orbit tour and meetings

**Virgin Galactic** is the world’s first commercial spaceline. Founded by Sir Richard Branson and owned by the Virgin Group and Aabar Investments PJS, Virgin Galactic and its sister companies—Virgin Orbit and The Spaceship Company—are opening access to space to change the world for good. Virgin Galactic is developing reliable, affordable, and frequent services both for human spaceflight and satellite launch. To revolutionize human spaceflight, Virgin Galactic is testing the SpaceShipTwo *VSS Unity*, a reusable space launch system. SpaceShipTwo and its carrier aircraft, *WhiteKnightTwo*, are manufactured and tested in Mojave, California by Virgin Galactic’s manufacturing wing, The Spaceship Company. Commercial operations will be based in New Mexico at Spaceport America, the world’s first purposebuilt commercial spaceport.

**Virgin Orbit** provides dedicated, responsive, and affordable launch services for small satellites. Virgin Orbit is developing LauncherOne, a flexible launch service for commercial and government-built satellites. LauncherOne rockets are designed and manufactured in Long Beach, California, and will be air-launched from a dedicated 747-400 carrier aircraft capable of operating from many locations in order to best serve each customer’s needs. Virgin Orbit’s systems are currently in an advanced stage of testing, with initial orbital launches expected soon. The company employs 300 in Long Beach.

Rep. Graves is the Ranking Member of the House T&I Aviation Subcommittee which has jurisdiction over certification of aircraft and equipment, airspace matters, commercial aviation and air carrier operations, and use of navigable airspace. Aviation and aerospace manufacturing are a major part of the Long Beach economy, including the Long Beach Airport, near to where Virgin’s operations are located.

5:15-5:30 Drive to Signal Hill Oil Field  
5:30-5:45 Tour of Signal Hill

The 2.25 square mile city of Signal Hill lies within the Long Beach Oil Field. The City’s legacy of oil production began in 1919 when oil was first discovered. The Long Beach Field is termed a mega giant field. It is the eighth-largest by cumulative production in California, and although now largely depleted, still officially retains around 5 million barrels of recoverable oil.

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## **Sat., Nov. 2**

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12:15-1:15 Catalina Ferry to Avalon, lunch on ferry.

1:15 Arrive Avalon

1:15-1:45 Transfer to hotel for check-in.

**1:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Catalina Conservancy Island Tour** (see detail below)

**The mission of the Catalina Conservancy** is to be a responsible steward of our lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation.

Founded in 1972 as a non-profit organization, it is one of the oldest private land trusts in Southern California. It protects 88 percent of Catalina Island, including more than 62 miles of unspoiled beaches and secluded coves—the longest publicly accessible stretch of undeveloped coastline left in Southern California. Catalina Island is home to more than 60 plant, animal and insect species found nowhere else in the world. It is visited by more than one million people annually.

The Conservancy is a leader in conservation programs that protect and restore endangered species and threatened habitats. It conducts educational outreach through two nature centers, its Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden, and guided experiences in the Island's rugged interior.

Rep. Graves serves on the Natural Resources Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction on oceanography, marine sanctuaries, Sea Grant programs and marine extension services, and all matters pertaining to the protection of coastal and marine environments.

1:45-2:00 Drive from hotel to Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden

2:00-2:45 Visit Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden

The Wrigley Memorial, built in 1933-34, honors the memory of William Wrigley Jr., who lived from 1861 to 1932. Although best known as the founder of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, the largest manufacturer of chewing gum in the world, he also played an instrumental role in the history of Santa Catalina Island. William Wrigley Jr.'s greatest legacy was his remarkable vision and plan for the future of Santa Catalina Island -- that it remain protected for all generations to enjoy.

The goal in building the Wrigley Memorial was to use as much Catalina materials as possible. Quarried Catalina stones can be seen in the reinforced concrete construction -- the facade having been sandblasted to hide the cement and highlight the native crushed stones.

The idea for a garden came from Mr. Wrigley's wife, Ada. In 1935, she supervised Pasadena horticulturalist Albert Conrad, who planted the original Desert Plant Collection. Santa Catalina Island's temperate marine climate made it possible to showcase plants from every corner of the earth.

In 1969, the Wrigley Memorial Garden Foundation expanded and revitalized the garden's 37.85 acres. Along with the new plantings came a new attitude. In the same way that the Wrigley Memorial uses primarily native building materials, the Garden places a special emphasis on California island endemic plants, which grow naturally on one or more of the California islands, but nowhere else in the world. Many of these plants are extremely rare, and some are on the Endangered Species list.

In 1996, the Wrigley Memorial Garden Foundation merged with the Catalina Island

Conservancy. This was a natural combining of two important ecological organizations, both dedicated to the protection and restoration of Santa Catalina Island.

With this being a reciprocal trip, after Rep. Lowenthal visited Rep. Graves last spring, in part, to study the ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico with both conservation, tourism, and fishing interests; this visit will concentrate both on the protections being employed on the Pacific Coastline but also the preservation and management of plant and animal species on Catalina Island.

2:45-3:30 Hike Garden to Sky Trail (1.25 miles)

This short hike will allow the two members to see the summit/watershed divide of Avalon Canyon. The two members will be led by rangers who are experts in the study of water flow and how an island must ensure its water supply when facing reoccurring drought conditions.

3:30-4:20 Eco-Tour (11 miles) via jeep to Airport in the Sky

Led by naturalists of the Catalina Conservancy, the two members will learn about the Island's rich history, and see the unique plants, wildlife and bison. The tour will focus on natural history and conservation efforts on both Catalina and the Channel Islands. The two members will learn how species arrive on the islands, the concepts of "biodiversity hotspots" (of which there are 200 in the world), and why Catalina is part of the one that stretches along the West Coast.

4:20-4:50 Airport in the Sky, including Soapstone Quarry.

The Airport in the Sky occupies a 1,602-foot-tall mountaintop at the center of the Island, 10 miles from the city of Avalon. Its single 3,250-foot-long runway was constructed by blasting and leveling two adjacent peaks, then using the resulting debris to fill in the gaps.

Through a unique partnership between the Conservancy and the Department of Defense, a total of nearly 200 Marines and Seabees were deployed to Catalina Island over a three-month period to replace the main runway's asphalt with concrete as training for future missions. The Runway Repair Project was conducted as an Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) project through the Department of Defense.

Rep. Graves is the Ranking Member on the Transportation and Infrastructure Aviation Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction on airport capacity and infrastructure, Airport Improvement Program grants, and the environmental requirements that airports like Catalina, surrounded by significant natural wonders, must design and follow.

4:50-5:30 Drive 6 miles to Little Harbor/Shark Harbor

5:30-6:00 Visit Little Harbor/Shark Harbor

This windward inlet shares connects Little and Shark Harbors. The two are divided by a rock formation called the Whale's Tail. This picturesque spot was once an ancient Native American town site, and the location of an inn built by Dr. O.T. Fellows in 1894 to serve the cross-Island stagecoach line. Although there may be sharks in the water, the site was given its name for a

rock formation offshore that, depending on the tide, looks like a shark fin sticking out of the water.

Rep. Graves serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee which includes issues that Catalina Island deals with including: groundwater protection, water resources policy, invasive/aquatic nuisance species, and the Clean Water Act. The visit to Little Harbor/Shark Harbor will focus on these issues with the Catalina Conservancy.

6:00-7:00 Drive 14 miles to Avalon

7:00-7:45 Visit Catalina Casino

Located in Avalon, the Catalina Casino, built in 1929, is the most visible landmark in the bay, when approaching the island from the mainland. The large building was actually never a "casino" but was used (and still is) as a movie theatre for films with sound. Besides a theatre, there is a 20,000 sq. ft. ballroom and a small museum. The Catalina Casino is an important tourist destination because of its outstanding art deco and Mediterranean Revival architecture styles as well as being notable for the Hollywood movie moguls who congregated there.

Both members have in their respective districts, significant recreational and cultural attractions and thus the economies of their two congressional districts rely heavily on tourism spending.

7:45-9:45 Dinner at a restaurant TBD.

9:45-10:00 Return to hotel.

### **Sun., Nov. 3**

7:15 a.m. Arr. Catalina Ferry

7:15-7:45 Ferry Boarding

7:45 Dep. Avalon, Catalina Ferry

8:45 Arr. Long Beach Harbor

9:00 Drive from Long Beach Harbor to LAX.

9:40 Arr. LAX

10:36 Dep. LAX, AA #2511

3:38 p.m. Arr. DFW

4:49 Dep. DFW, AA #3185

6:20 Arr. BTR

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While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better.

Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

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**Square One Foundation** (*Grantmaking Trip Sponsor*): Square One is a Chicago-based foundation focused on economic development, education, and Congressional reform issues. It takes a specific interest in finding ways for Members of Congress to engage in bipartisan activities. Square One will play no role in organizing or conducting the trip.

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While different in many ways, there are also many parallels between LA-6 and CA-47. Following are some examples of what the district has to offer in terms of expanding Rep. Graves's knowledge in key areas:

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# **American Congressional Exchange**

## **Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6) visiting Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA-47)**

### **Thurs., Oct. 31**

**5:30 p.m.** Dep. DCA, AA #163 (Alan Lowenthal & Garret Graves)  
**8:29** Arr. LAX

**7:00 p.m.** Dep. DEN, UA #1613 (Carissa Graves)  
**8:30** Arr. LAX

**10:45-11:00** Drive to Hotel Maya for check-in, 700 Queensway Dr., Long Beach

### **Fri., Nov. 1**

**7:15-7:45 a.m.** Breakfast at hotel.

**7:45-8:15** Drive to Vietnam War Memorial, 14199 All American Way, Westminster

**8:15-8:25** Visit Vietnam War Memorial

Westminster (92,000) offer a showcase of the Vietnamese culture. Specialty foods, gifts, and plants of Asia can be discovered in the herb shops, delicatessens, arts and crafts, bakeries, restaurants, and supermarkets ... characteristic of Thai, Cambodian, Laotian, Caucasian, French, and Vietnamese cultures. The two members will experience multicultural and culinary delights, amid Asian antiques, and explore a variety of small businesses in Little Saigon.

**8:25-8:30** Drive to Westminster Little Saigon neighborhood.

**8:30-8:40** Tour of neighborhood.

The two members will see the Bolsa Avenue corridor, Little Saigon Plaza, and stop at the Asian Garden Mall and to meet some Vietnamese businesses.

While Rep. Lowenthal was in Rep. Graves' Louisiana 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District last spring, he had a chance to meet with members of the Cajun community and learn about their commercial fishing operations and distribution network, particularly shrimping. In turn, Rep. Graves will now get to experience a major ethnic community of Rep. Lowenthal's CA 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

**8:40-8:55** Drive to Saigon Broadcasting Television Network (SBTN), 10517 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove.

**8:55-9:20** Visit SBTN offices and studios. Contact: Phu Do Nguyen, Vice President.

SBTN, is the first 24-hour Vietnamese language channel geared towards the Vietnamese diaspora. The network is targeted at Vietnamese audiences living outside of Vietnam. The channel provides television programs in the field of Vietnamese history, news, culture, economics, talk shows, children's shows, sitcoms, games shows; production of radio and television programs primarily. The channel strives to serve as a lifeline for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vietnamese generation with extensive news both U.S. and Vietnamese related, as well as covering educational programming and daily entertainment for the whole family, such as talk

shows, dramas, Asian movies and documentaries; it also aims to help preserve Vietnamese culture for Vietnamese populations living abroad.

The network is headquartered in Garden Grove, which is home of the largest Vietnamese population living outside Vietnam. The majority of SBTN's news, variety and music programming is produced in the Garden Grove facility. SBTN is distributed by International Media Distribution, a leading provider of in-language and multi-ethnic programming in the U.S. and launched the network on Time Warner Cable in 2014.

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**9:45-10:00 Tour Colorado Lagoon w/ Dr. Christine Whitcraft, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences, Cal State Univ.-Long Beach**

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**10:00-10:25 Drive to Long Beach Civic Center, 411 W. Ocean Blvd., meet in lobby.**  
**10:25-11:35 Tour and meeting with business and civic leaders.**  
Contact: Diana Tang, chief-of-staff  
Isaac Romero, Scheduler.

Rep. Graves and Lowenthal will meet with several business and civic leaders including Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia to discuss the economic profile, trends, challenges, and strategy for this city of 470,000. The conversation will center around several business clusters including: Aviation and Aerospace, Health Care, Tourism and Hospitality, International Trades, Energy, and Professional Services. Long Beach leaders recently created a strategic plan which builds upon these sectors but also calls for the development of an advanced and emerging technology industry cluster, building 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure, and a sustainable workforce that is prepared to be employed in areas of job growth. The discussion will also touch on Long Beach's role in the Greater Los Angeles metro area.

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Attendees are:

- Randy Gordon, CEO/President, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
- Christine Bos, Government Affairs Manager, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
- John Howard, Chick-Fil-A, Long Beach Towne Center (COC Immediate Past Chair)

- Mitra Rogers, Government Relations, Boeing (COC Board Chair-Elect)
- Rhiannon Acree, CEO/President, Cambrian Homecare (COC Vice Chair, Public Policy)
- Gwen Shaffer, Associate Professor, Dept. of Journalism, Public Relations, Cal State Univ.-Long Beach; Chair, Long Beach Technology and Innovation Commission

**11:35-12:00 Drive to Cal State University-Long Beach, meet in front of Brotman Hall.**

**12:00-1:30 p.m. Working lunch, tour, and meetings at Cal State-Long Beach.** Contact: Riki McManuis, Director of Govt. & Community Relations.

Cal State University-Long Beach (CSULB) is the third-largest (37,500) in the 23-school California State University system. The 322-acre campus across 84 buildings is designed with architecture mostly of the International style and is very minimalist. Prominent buildings that will be seen on the tour include the University Student Union, Rec and Wellness Center, the 18-story Walters Pyramid, Carpenter Performing Arts Center, and Japanese Garden.

The visit will concentrate on CSULB's outstanding Physics and Engineering Departments, and also an opportunity to visit with students in the Department of Journalism & Public Relations. The visit will also provide background on the importance of the University to the local economy, workforce education, and offering research that serves the state in a variety of ways. CSULB is similar in size to LSU in terms of student body, where Rep. Lowenthal visited when he was in Rep. Graves' LA-6 district. Both universities have been recognized for their low cost and value due to their affordability and post-graduation employment prospects.

The working lunch will involve a meeting with key administrative leaders at CSULB to discuss federal funding of STEM programs and physics and engineering research the University is engaged in.

12:00-12:10 p.m., Walk to Health Sciences Building.

12:10-12:30 p.m., Professor Christine Whitcraft, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences Coastal resilience research and the importance of universities in the conversation. Box lunch provided.

12:30-12:45 p.m., Dr. Curtis Bennett, Dean, College of Natural Sciences & Math, Update on the College.

12:45-1:05 p.m., Chole VanGrootheest, Graduate Student of Professor Whitcraft.

1:05-1:25 p.m., Q/A with students.

**1:30-1:50 Drive to Port of Long Beach, 1249 Pier F Avenue, Joint Command and Control Center.**

**1:50-4:10 Port of Long Beach tour and meetings, Wilmington Oil Field, & Alameda Corridor.** Contact: Bianca Villanueva, Acting Director, Government Relations.

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Reps. Graves and Lowenthal will meet with Port leadership and discuss the major challenges facing the facility in a time of international trade policy uncertainty. They will also have a dialogue about environmental stewardship, safety and security, and how the Port of Long Beach can continue to be a global leader in the efficient and sustainable movement of goods for the benefit of the local, regional, and global economies.

The tour will consist of both walking and driving, as well as a boat tour to better understand the port and its relationship to the off-shore Wilmington Oil Field and the nearby South Bay refineries. Finally, the members will explore the Alameda Corridor freight rail "expressway" that connects BSNF and UP long-haul trains out of the Port to the national railway system near downtown Los Angeles. The project is notable for the Mid-Corridor Trench, a below-ground, triple-tracked rail line that is 10 miles long and 33 feet deep.

1:50 p.m., arrival at Port of Long Beach Joint Command Ctr. (JCCC), 1249 Pier F Ave.

1:50-2:30 p.m., briefing about Port, including "Securing the Port from Physical and Cyber Attacks".

2:30 p.m., board vessel at JCCC Dock.

2:30-4:10 p.m., water tour and discussion featuring:

- Long Beach Container Terminal (Pier E/F)
- Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement (Project of National and Regional Significance)
- Oil Operations
- Pier T (Rail) and Pier J (Rail)

**4:10-4:30 Drive to Virgin Orbit, 4022 E. Conant St., Long Beach**

**4:30-5:45 Virgin Orbit tour and meetings.**

Contact: Cody Knipfer, Governmental Affairs Specialist.

**Virgin Galactic** is the world's first commercial spaceline. Founded by Sir Richard Branson and owned by the Virgin Group and Aabar Investments PJS, Virgin Galactic and its sister companies—Virgin Orbit and The Spaceship Company—are opening access to space to change the world for good. Virgin Galactic is developing reliable, affordable, and frequent services both for human spaceflight and satellite launch. To revolutionize human spaceflight, Virgin Galactic is testing the SpaceShipTwo *VSS Unity*, a reusable space launch system. SpaceShipTwo and its carrier aircraft, *WhiteKnightTwo*, are manufactured and tested in Mojave, California by Virgin Galactic's manufacturing wing, The Spaceship Company. Commercial operations will be based in New Mexico at Spaceport America, the world's first purposebuilt commercial spaceport.

**Virgin Orbit** provides dedicated, responsive, and affordable launch services for small satellites. Virgin Orbit is developing *LauncherOne*, a flexible launch service for commercial and

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4:30-4:35, Introductions w/ Dan Hart, President & CEO, Virgin Orbit.  
4:35-5:00, Tour of factory floor.  
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9:30-9:45 a.m., Tour Pacific Visions w/ Fahria Qader

9:45-10:00 a.m., Welcome and Introductions in Pacific Visions Conference Room;  
Show The Nature Conservancy's sea level rise VR experience.

10:00-11:30 a.m., Discussion

Discuss key conservation-related topics of interest to Representatives Lowenthal and Graves, and the Aquarium (e.g. sea level rise, seafood and aquaculture, energy production, oil rig decommissioning).

- o What is being done by the respective parties to address these issues?
- o Are there other policies or efforts underway to address these issues?
- o How can the legislators support initiatives to address these challenges?
- o How can institutions like the Aquarium support the Congressmen and other legislative efforts to address these challenges?
- o How can we do a better job of bridging science and policy on these complex issues? What do Legislators need to make science-based decisions? How can institutions like the Aquarium of the Pacific support? Are there specific topics that we can support with stronger links to the scientific community now?
- How can Representatives Lowenthal and Graves support the Aquarium?
  - o Are there federal funding challenges or missed opportunities that they can help support or facilitate?
  - o Are there relationships and collaborations with federal agencies that can be improved with legislative support?
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**1:15-1:45 Transfer to Pavilion Hotel, 513 Crescent Ave., for check-in.**

**1:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Catalina Conservancy Island Tour** (see detail below)

Contact: Tony Budrovich, President & CEO.

The mission of the Catalina Conservancy is to be a responsible steward of our lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation.

Founded in 1972 as a non-profit organization, it is one of the oldest private land trusts in Southern California. It protects 88 percent of Catalina Island, including more than 62 miles of unspoiled beaches and secluded coves—the longest publicly accessible stretch of undeveloped coastline left in Southern California. Catalina Island is home to more than 60 plant, animal and insect species found nowhere else in the world. It is visited by more than one million people annually.

The Conservancy is a leader in conservation programs that protect and restore endangered species and threatened habitats. It conducts educational outreach through two nature centers, its Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden, and guided experiences in the Island's rugged interior. Rep. Graves serves on the Natural Resources Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction on oceanography, marine sanctuaries, Sea Grant programs and marine extension services, and all matters pertaining to the protection of coastal and marine environments.

**Walk 300 ft. west to the Trailhead Building.** Meet Sacha Field, Catalina Conservancy, Director of Property Management.

**1:45-2:00 Drive in Ford Van to Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden**

See City of Avalon Desalination Plant and Power Plant and Conservancy's Nature Center.

**2:00-2:45 Visit Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden**

The Wrigley Memorial, built in 1933-34, honors the memory of William Wrigley Jr., who lived from 1861 to 1932. Although best known as the founder of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, the largest manufacturer of chewing gum in the world, he also played an instrumental role in the history of Santa Catalina Island. William Wrigley Jr.'s greatest legacy was his remarkable vision and plan for the future of Catalina Island -- that it remains protected for all generations to enjoy. The goal in building the Wrigley Memorial was to use as much Catalina materials as possible. Quarried Catalina stones can be seen in the reinforced concrete construction -- the facade having been sandblasted to hide the cement and highlight the native crushed stones.

The idea for a garden came from Mr. Wrigley's wife, Ada. In 1935, she supervised Pasadena horticulturalist Albert Conrad, who planted the original Desert Plant Collection. Santa Catalina Island's temperate marine climate made it possible to showcase plants from every corner of the earth.

In 1969, the Wrigley Memorial Garden Foundation expanded and revitalized the garden's 37.85 acres. Along with the new plantings came a new attitude. In the same way that the Wrigley Memorial uses primarily native building materials, the Garden places a special emphasis on California island endemic plants, which grow naturally on one or more of the California islands, but nowhere else in the world. Many of these plants are extremely rare, and some are on the Endangered Species list.

In 1996, the Wrigley Memorial Garden Foundation merged with the Catalina Island Conservancy. This was a natural combining of two important ecological organizations, both dedicated to the protection and restoration of Santa Catalina Island.

With this being a reciprocal trip, after Rep. Lowenthal visited Rep. Graves last spring, in part, to study the ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico with both conservation, tourism, and fishing interests; this visit will concentrate both on the protections being employed on the Pacific Coastline but also the preservation and management of plant and animal species on Catalina.

**2:45-3:15 Hike Garden to Sky Trail (1.25 miles)**

This short hike will allow the two members to see the summit/watershed divide of Avalon Canyon. The two members will be led by rangers who are experts in the study of water flow and how an island must ensure its water supply when facing reoccurring drought conditions.

**3:15-4:00 Eco-Tour (11 miles) via Chevy Suburban van to Airport in the Sky**

Led by Tony Budrovich, President & CEO, Catalina Conservancy, the two members will learn about the Island's rich history, and see the unique plants, wildlife and bison. The tour will focus on natural history and conservation efforts on both Catalina and the Channel Islands. The two members will learn how species arrive on the islands, the concepts of "biodiversity hotspots" (of which there are 200 in the world), and why Catalina is part of the one that stretches along the West Coast. The tour will also focus on the Mission of the Catalina Island Conservancy. Conservation, Education and Recreation accessible to the common man. Showcasing 42,000 acres of open space, 200 miles of roads, 130 miles of wonderful hiking trails, 60 miles of rugged coastline and remote beaches, and 7 major watersheds. Wildlife and plants in recovery and restoration.

**4:00-4:50 Airport in the Sky, including Soapstone Quarry**

The Airport in the Sky occupies a 1,602-foot-tall mountaintop at the center of the Island, 10 miles from the city of Avalon. Its single 3,250-foot-long runway was constructed by blasting and leveling two adjacent peaks, then using the resulting debris to fill in the gaps.

Through a unique partnership between the Conservancy and the Department of Defense, a total of nearly 200 Marines and Seabees were deployed to Catalina Island over a three-month period to replace the main runway's asphalt with concrete as training for future missions. The Runway Repair Project was conducted as an Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) project through the Department of Defense.

Hike out to the Soapstone Quarry to see the historical carvings of the Gabrieleno Tongva Band of Mission Indians that occupied Los Angeles County, Palos Verdes and three Channel Islands.

Rep. Graves is the Ranking Member on the Transportation and Infrastructure Aviation Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction on airport capacity and infrastructure, Airport Improvement Program grants, and the environmental requirements that airports like Catalina, surrounded by significant natural wonders, must design and follow.

**4:50-5:20 Drive 6 miles to Little Harbor/Shark Harbor**  
**5:20-5:50 Visit Little Harbor/Shark Harbor**

This windward inlet shares connects Little and Shark Harbors. The two are divided by a rock formation called the Whale's Tail. This picturesque spot was once an ancient Native American town site, and the location of an inn built by Dr. O.T. Fellows in 1894 to serve the cross-Island stagecoach line. Although there may be sharks in the water, the site was given its name for a rock formation offshore that, depending on the tide, looks like a shark fin sticking out of water.

We will look at the Watersheds, some tree restoration projects and 60 miles of rugged coastline on the back side of Catalina Island. Review the Wrigley Family El Rancho Escondido where Rusack wine is grown. Talk about the future of that Rancho and development.

Rep. Graves serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee which includes issues that Catalina Island deals with including: groundwater protection, water resources policy, invasive/aquatic nuisance species, and the Clean Water Act. The visit to Little Harbor/Shark Harbor will focus on these issues with the Catalina Conservancy.

**5:50-7:00 Drive 14 miles to Avalon, Pavilion Hotel.** The drive goes through historic Middle Ranch. Stop by the Thompson Reservoir for a great overview of water resources on Catalina Island.

**7:00-7:30 Prepare for dinner.**  
**7:30-7:45 Walk to Bluewater Grill, for dinner, 306 Crescent Ave.**

**7:45-9:20 Dinner w/ Avalon Mayor Anni Marshall**

**9:20-9:30 Walk to Catalina Casino for Marine Corps Ball.**

**9:30-11:00 Marine Corps Ball.**

Located in Avalon, the Catalina Casino, built in 1929, is the most visible landmark in the bay, when approaching the island from the mainland. The large building was actually never a "casino" but was used (and still is) as a movie theatre for films with sound. Besides a theatre, there is a 20,000 sq. ft. ballroom and a small museum. The Catalina Casino is an important tourist destination because of its outstanding art deco and Mediterranean Revival architecture styles as well as being notable for the Hollywood movie moguls who congregated there.

Both members have in their respective districts, significant recreational and cultural attractions and thus the economies of their two congressional districts rely heavily on tourism spending.

**11:00-11:15 Return to hotel.**

### **Sun., Nov. 3**

**7:00-7:15 a.m. Check-out of hotel and transfer to ferry.**

**7:15 Arr. Catalina Ferry**

**7:15-7:45 Ferry Boarding**

7:45	Dep. Avalon, Catalina Ferry
8:45	Arr. Long Beach Harbor
9:00	Drive from Long Beach Harbor to LAX.
9:40	Arr. LAX
10:36	Dep. LAX, AA #2511 (Garret & Carissa Graves)
3:38 p.m.	Arr. DFW
4:49	Dep. DFW, AA #3185
6:20	Arr. BTR