



2010 WASHINGTON D.C. "VALLEY VOICE" PRIORITIES

ADVOCACY ISSUES	REQUEST
National Goods Movement Program	Support nationally significant agricultural goods movement corridors and State Route 99 as a part of a federal goods movement program within the new Transportation Authorization.
High Speed Rail/ Short Haul Rail	1. Support California's efforts to secure federal funding for High Speed Rail (HSR). The San Joaquin Valley is the ONLY place in the U.S. where HSR can be tested. 2. Support legislation to maximize rail transport in order to provide economic stimulus, generate energy independence, improve air quality and combat climate change.
Air Quality	1. Support Air Quality Program Funding in the next Transportation Authorization. 2. Support a San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Empowerment Zone Designation.
Economic Disaster Zone	Support efforts by Congressmen Dennis Cardoza and Jim Costa to create an economic disaster zone in the San Joaquin Valley, an area of central California that has chronic economic depression, double digit unemployment, and one of the top three foreclosure rates in the nation.