

## Rep. Ted Lieu to speak at DWCCV's March 21<sup>st</sup> Brunch Meeting

You've been impressed by seeing **U.S. Rep. Ted Lieu, CD33**, on TV or when you read newspapers articles or online postings. Now, you can witness Congressman Lieu, CD33, in person when he speaks at DWCCV's next brunch meeting on **Saturday, March 21**. Scheduled from 9 to 11 AM, the March brunch meeting will be held at **The Landing Grill & Sushi Bar**, 32123 W. Lindero Canyon Road, #109, in Westlake Village.



For this special brunch meeting, admission for all attendees will be \$30. Seating is limited. So submit your RSVP soon by going to this site: [https://secure.actblue.com/donate/tedlieu\\_brunch](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/tedlieu_brunch).

### About Congressman Lieu

Ted W. Lieu represents California's 33rd Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Ted is serving in his third term in Congress and currently sits on the House Judiciary Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He also was elected by his Democratic Colleagues to serve as a Co-Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee.

Ted is a former active duty officer in the U.S. Air Force and currently serves as a Colonel in the Reserves, stationed at Los Angeles Air Force Base. In Congress, Ted has established himself as a leader on the environment; cybersecurity; civil liberties; government ethics and veterans.

He has been an outspoken proponent for tackling climate change. The first bill Ted introduced after coming to Congress was the Climate Solutions Act, which aims to make California's ground-breaking renewable energy goals and climate emissions reduction targets a national model. In 2019, he introduced an even more aggressive version of the legislation in order to tackle society's most pressing issue.

As one of only four computer science majors currently serving in Congress, Ted is frequently sought out for his insight on technology and innovation matters including cybersecurity, cloud computing and innovation as well as the sharing and creative economy. He also has introduced legislation to prioritize consumer safety in technologically-advanced cars as well as legislation that would ensure law enforcement and tech companies protect consumer privacy.

Ted has been a leader in Congress against ethnic and racial profiling, and discrimination against the LGBT community. He serves as Whip of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Vice Chair of the LGBT Equality Caucus, and Co-Chair of the Cloud Computing Caucus.

Ted was first elected in 2014, having taken over the seat of Henry Waxman, who retired after serving in Congress for 40 years. In 2015, Ted was elected president of the Democratic Freshman class by his colleagues. In his first term in Congress, seven pieces of legislation sponsored by Ted were signed into law. This includes bills to provide housing for homeless Veterans and retrofit vacant buildings at the West LA VA campus; combat foreign propaganda and misinformation; and require more stringent cleaning instructions for medical devices.

### From Torrance City Council to Capitol Hill

Prior to serving in Congress, Ted was elected to the California State Senate in 2011 and the State Assembly in 2005. Ted's legislative accomplishments include authoring landmark legislation regulating the subprime mortgage industry; a first-in-the-nation ban on gay conversion therapy for children; and a first-in-the-nation ban on the use of tanning beds for minors. Ted fought for California state tax reform that saved small businesses from millions in retroactive taxes, and tax incentives for film and TV production. Ted also co-authored California's landmark Global Warming Solutions Act and co-authored the law banning state pension funds from investing in Iran's nuclear and energy industries.

Ted started his elected service as a Member of the Torrance City Council in 2002. Prior to serving on the Council, he was a Torrance Environmental Quality Commissioner.

### **Three-Year-Old Immigrant**

Looking for a better life and opportunity, Ted and his family immigrated to the United States when he was three years old. His parents went to flea markets and sold gifts and jewelry to make ends meet. His family went from being poor and not speaking English well to opening up a gift store, where Ted and his brother would help out in the family business. After many years of perseverance his parents were eventually able to expand to six stores. With the support of hard-working parents and a country that provided limitless opportunity, Ted would go on to attend Stanford for his undergraduate degrees in Computer Science and Political Science, and then Georgetown University, where he received his law degree magna cum laude after serving as Editor-in-Chief of the law review. He also received four American Jurisprudence Awards.

Recognizing the great opportunities America had given to his family, Ted wanted to serve his country to preserve the American Dream. He joined the United States Air Force, where he served in the JAG corps. After serving on active duty for four years, Ted wanted to continue to serve his country and joined the Reserves. He received numerous medals for his outstanding military service, including the Air Force Humanitarian Service Medal and multiple Meritorious Service Medals.

After serving active duty, Ted joined the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson as a litigator. In 2003, Ted joined the legal office at UBS Financial Services.

Ted's wife, Betty, is a member of the Torrance Board of Education and a former California Deputy Attorney General. They live in Torrance with their two sons, Brennan and Austin.