

GREEN JOBS & PEACE

A Plan to Reinvest at Home Instead of
Spending on Wars Abroad

By Janice Hahn



Janice Hahn, Democrat for Congress: A Strong Local Leader with the Vision and the Experience to Invest in the Future of our Community, Our State and Our Nation.

Janice Hahn is a lifelong progressive Democrat, and is the only candidate for Congress we can trust to do the right thing for our nation.

As a local community leader, Janice knows how to create good-paying jobs by supporting innovation and helping local businesses. Hahn has a specific plan for creating twenty-five thousand new jobs in our area over the next six years.



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Dear Friends,

These are challenging times for Americans. Republican Leaders in Congress are continuing to cut taxes for rich people and corporations, while trying to balance the budget on the backs of poor people, the elderly and the middle class. Their most recent budget, recently unveiled in the House of Representatives, represents nothing less than a full frontal assault on the middle class and everything that Democrats have fought for decades to protect.

At the same time, we are involved in two major foreign wars, and squandering our resources on massive defense budgets, wasting billions on outmoded weapons systems and international involvements that have long outlived their usefulness in protecting our country.

I believe the real dangers to America lie here at home, in the wrong-headed policies of Washington, the inability of our leaders to fight for what we believe in, and in our resulting failure to adequately invest in our future.

This is no time to retreat in the face of these challenges.

As a lifelong Democrat, I have dedicated my career to standing up for the rights of working families, protecting our environment, nurturing small businesses, and protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

I'm running for Congress to create new jobs, expand clean energy technologies and ensure that local small business owners get the help and opportunities they need to flourish in a global economy.

I believe I am the only candidate with the knowledge, skills and experience to do the right thing by standing up for strong, progressive Democratic values.

As you read the following "Plan To Reinvest At Home Instead of Spending On Wars Abroad," I hope you will consider my record and proposals carefully.

What I believe separates me from other candidates is my proven commitment to Democratic values, my record of achievement, and my absolute determination to lead progressive change for our community, our State and our Nation.

I hope you will honor me with your support and your vote, on May 17, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Hahn".



United States Senator Dianne Feinstein Endorses
Janice Hahn for Congress

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“I am proud to endorse Janice Hahn for Congress. Given her history of public service, and her 10 years of experience in local government, there is nobody better prepared to serve the people of California’s 36th Congressional District”

—United States Senator Dianne Feinstein



Investing in Peace and Prosperity, Not War

I believe we must stop squandering our precious lives and resources in disastrous foreign wars. We need to bring our troops and our resources back home— to build a green economy, improve our environment, revolutionize our energy sector and create new jobs.

That’s why the first step of my plan is to dramatically reduce our involvements in these wars, and bring our resources and our troops back home where they belong. It is also time for us to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, so that future wars like these are not necessary.

Iraq

While I applaud President Obama’s efforts to draw down our forces in Iraq, the truth is, we still have over 50,000 troops in the country, and just as many private contractors conducting daily operations, killing and being killed every day. This continued massive involvement is draining our treasury to the tune of an estimated \$5 to \$7 billion per month, with a total estimated cost to our nation of nearly \$2 to \$3 trillion!

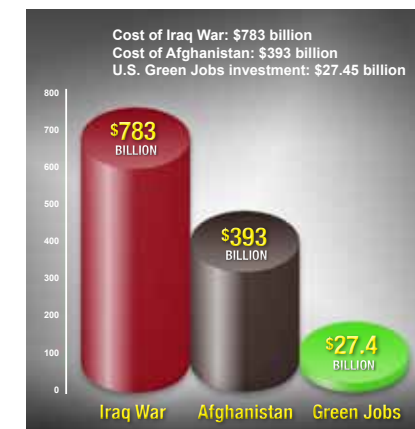
Imagine, \$7 billion is precisely what we need to completely restore education funding in California for an entire year.

As our new Congresswoman, I will fight to cut our troop and contractor levels in half by 2015, and return those resources back home to invest in our economy.

Afghanistan

In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, it made sense to go into Afghanistan to root out Al Qaeda, and overthrow the regime that allowed Osama Bin Laden to use their country as his base of operations. But now, military experts agree Al Qaeda is no longer a significant presence in Afghanistan, and many agree that our continued involvement there makes no strategic sense. In fact, many would argue that our on-going operations, and the collateral damage to Afghanistan life and property, is fueling the violence and the terror, not stopping it.

As our new Congresswoman, I will fight for an immediate end to what is now our longest war. We need to take the estimated \$6 to \$8 billion per month that we are wasting there, bring it back home and invest those funds in our own economy.





“Women veterans have the highest unemployment rate when they return from abroad. As our new Congressmember, I will fight for more education and job training opportunities for women veterans so that we can get them back to work when they come home.”

— Janice Hahn

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Investing in Our Veterans

We need to take care of our veterans when they come home. Our troops and their families have paid dearly for our military adventures. Since the beginning of the war in 2003, we have suffered 4,442 US soldiers killed, and 32,046 seriously wounded. Of those wounded, an estimated 20% have serious brain and/or spinal cord injuries. What's more, an estimated 30% of ALL combat veterans develop serious mental health problems within 3-4 months of returning home.

If I am fortunate enough to be elected to Congress, I will fight to protect and enhance veterans benefits, especially healthcare for those who have been wounded, or suffered mentally or emotional damage as a result of their service to their nation.

As our new Congressmember, I will fight to:

- **Fully fund veterans benefits, especially healthcare for wounded veterans**
- **Protect veterans' hospitals and clinics from being closed or losing services**
- **Enhance existing benefits to provide counseling and reintegration services to ALL combat veterans**
- **Streamline systems to make accessing earned benefits easier and more efficient**
- **Dramatically reduce our involvement in disastrous foreign wars and bring our troops home**



Janice Hahn and students from Port of Los Angeles High School talking about the Clean Trucks Program at the Port of Los Angeles

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Creating 25,000 New Jobs In Our District by 2018

Dramatic changes in the global economy, coupled with the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, have displaced many workers, and created an urgent need to retrain, rebuild and reenergize our workforce.

Much like our veterans, who return to the workforce after long deployments abroad, our entire workforce deserves increased investment from the Federal Government to allow them to compete again in the global economy.

The fact is that I know how to create high-quality jobs that come with good wages and benefits. I have a specific plan to create twenty-five thousand new Green Energy jobs in our area by 2018. I will accomplish this because I will be a strong voice for Southern California's small businesses that drive the regional economy and make new jobs.

As our new Congressman, I will fight to:

- **Cut Through The Red Tape To Secure Small Business Loans For Your Community:** Our local small businesses deserve access to secure emergency low interest loans to prevent small businesses from closing or laying off workers.
- **Establish a Small Business Tax Credit:** I'll work to establish a tax credit for small businesses that create high-paying, quality new jobs. We need to incentivize small businesses to increase hiring to help stimulate the weakened economy.
- **Promote Workforce Development and Retraining:** The 2009 Recovery Act designated a record \$500 million for green jobs training. As a result, cash grant recipients in Los Angeles, such as the Coalition for Responsible Community Development, have been able to offer degree programs in green-building renovation and construction. We should promote more funding for these initiatives in our district.
- **Strengthen Mathematics and Science Education in K-12:** To assure that our community hosts the most capable workforce of tomorrow, we need to fully support local K-12 education. We should encourage the development of Small Learning Communities, which place added emphasis on mathematics and science skills. We should also encourage the creation of charter schools in underserved communities.



Investing in Clean Technologies and Creating Thousands of Green Jobs

America today faces great economic challenges. But the opportunities are greater. The manufacturing jobs we have lost overseas will not reappear in their old form. Instead, we must move America in a new direction. We must build a green economy, improving our environment, revolutionizing our energy sector and creating new jobs.

It is time for us to reduce our reliance on foreign oil, and invest instead in creating jobs in the green energy sector—like solar and wind power. China, Germany and other nations are investing heavily in renewable energy sources and energy efficiency technology. These nations are harvesting the fruits of their foresight: the green jobs of the future. We must compete. I was in Washington for President Obama’s State of the Union address. He called this our generation’s “Sputnik moment,” a time when America should rise to the challenge and be a leader of innovation and growth.

I agree with the President. I believe that this is the challenge of our time – and that we need to meet it head-on. As your Congresswoman, I’ll work to enhance and expand our district’s share of new green jobs by recruiting the best firms to relocate or expand here to Southern California.

I am absolutely committed to turning around wrong-headed Washington policies that prioritize war over our economic security here at home. I will fight to restore the \$108 million dollars for job creation and small business assistance recently cut by the U.S. Congress. We have spent more than a trillion dollars on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – surely we can afford to create more jobs here.



Janice Hahn at Balqon Corp learning about their electric drive technology



“As a local Councilwoman, Janice Hahn has had a stellar record of cleaning up the Port of Los Angeles. She has been a champion on environmental issues for the communities surrounding the Port, who unfortunately, have had to bear the brunt its severe pollution for years. Due to Janice’s dedication for programs like the Clean Trucks Program, dirty diesel pollution from trucks at the Port have been reduced by 80 percent. This program has also led to the creation of several hundred local good-paying green jobs in the Harbor Area.”

—Ed Begley, Jr.



Janice’s Record of Leadership

This is not a distant dream. I’ve done it. I have an established record of creating green jobs.

When I first joined the City Council, it was widely assumed that environmental protection and job creation could never go hand in hand. We proved them wrong at the Port of Los Angeles. The LA Port complex is an economic engine for our region. Over 44 percent of all cargo to the United States passes through it. Over 500,000 local jobs rely on it. And at the same time, the Port complex is the largest single source of pollution in the LA area. I believed we could help the environment, protect existing workers and develop clean technology jobs of the future, all at the same time. To achieve this:

- **I helped create the landmark Clean Air Action Plan. Among other things, this program reduced deadly diesel pollution from trucks by 80 percent in less than two years.**
- **I partnered with local business groups to develop Port Tech LA, a new clean technology incubator that leverages the Port’s environmental efforts to create additional green businesses in the Harbor Area.**
- **I helped begin a \$15 million clean technology investment fund. The fund invests in technologies as diverse as hybrid electric tugboats, electric flywheels on container cranes and diesel particulate traps on the smokestacks of cargo ships.**

Our fund’s first investment was in Balqon, a company that makes the world’s first electric truck capable of hauling a fully loaded shipping container. Our investment got Balqon to move their manufacturing to the LA Harbor Area over 3 years ago. The company’s CEO recently told me that they received their first order from China and that they will need to hire an additional 150 workers right here locally. Thanks to the clean technology fund, we will soon be exporting these innovative trucks globally.

My Green Jobs Plan

Our district is primed for this kind of wise investment. Leveraging the aerospace and engineering talent from Torrance to El Segundo, this is a story I know we can repeat many times in our communities. I know it because I have already done it in the Harbor Area.

Here is my comprehensive plan for investing in Clean Technologies and Creating 25,000 new green jobs. As our new Congressman, I will:

1. Improve Federal Funding and Regulatory Policy for Green Energy

Green energy and clean technologies can become the driving engine of America's economy. But technological innovators and local companies face daunting prospects as they start up and grow. New energy technology requires significant investment of time and money before they become profitable. To counter this challenge, there are four programs the federal government should pursue to help grow green businesses in our district and nationwide.

- **Create a Clean Energy Deployment Administration:** The Clean Energy Deployment Administration (CEDA), also known as a Green Bank, would be a federally funded financial institution, tasked with providing adequate start-up capital for companies building green technologies and green-tech jobs. No other financial institution would be better suited to jumpstart the green economy revolution.
- **Pass the Security in Energy and Manufacturing Act:** The SEAM Act sought to extend and increase funding for an existing program known as the Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit (48C). This program, part of the Recovery Act, provided a 30 percent tax rebate for the costs of creating and expanding clean energy companies. The 48C program began with \$2.3 billion, and has a proven record of job creation. It should be expanded and improved.
- **Extend and Expand the Section 1603 Cash Grant Program:** Part of the original Recovery Act, the Treasury's "1603" Grant Program provided cash grants for wind, solar, and other renewable energy projects in lieu of tax credits. These federal grants were matched by significant private investments: for every \$2 the government spent on this program, there were \$9 in private investments. This program should be expanded.
- **Support Small Business:** SBA and SBIR funding has been critical for the start up of many entrepreneurial small businesses. We must protect these programs from cuts and use them to grow small business jobs.
- **Streamline Bureaucratic Regulations:** Overlapping and redundant local, state, and federal regulations often unnecessarily burden new green energy projects. They should be simplified, without sacrificing necessary protections for the environment and workers' safety.



2. Promote "Local Energy"

Everyone wins when we create local energy solutions -- solar, wind and fuel cell generation combined with energy efficiency -- in our neighborhoods where the power is used. We improve our local environment by providing reliable, pollution-free electricity. We avoid building wasteful and dangerous transmission lines. And we create new installation and retrofitting jobs -- reviving the hard-hit construction sector -- in our communities where we need these jobs most.

- **Pass the HOMESTAR Program:** The HOMESTAR program (or "cash for caulkers") would promote construction jobs and energy efficiency by offering tax and cash rebates for green home renovations, as well as encourage state and local financing for green home construction.
- **Support programs that facilitate more local energy generation and efficiency:** The federal government should be facilitating Americans in making their homes and businesses more energy efficient and energy independent. This would include supporting programs such as Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), feed-in tariffs and on-bill financing by local utilities. According to a UCLA study, this will create 11,000 new jobs.



3. Create a Stable Clean Energy Market

If clean energy markets are stable and secure, businesses can invest confidently in emerging technologies. This creates a solid foundation for job growth today and into the future. Federal and state governments should establish clear environmental standards and certainty of demand, so that business leaders will invest in these projects today. We must provide incentives to businesses to invest in renewable energy like wind and solar power, while significantly reducing our reliance on foreign oil.

- **Set a National Goal of 35% Renewable Energy Production by 2035:** Our country still derives over half its electricity from oil and coal. The low cost of these dirty fuels dissuade big utilities from pursuing cleaner resources. Because of this limit in demand, technology does not advance as quickly and renewable fuel costs stay high. By creating a national standard, we will drive demand for clean energy, and the renewable market can become more competitive.
- **Encourage Uniform Energy-Use Standards:** We should create uniform national energy standards in other energy-intensive industries similar to CAFE standards for automobiles. When individual States are left to set their own policies, the maze of varying regulations leaves U.S. industries less efficient. National standards would benefit American businesses and workers.
- **Encourage the Military's Use of Clean Technology:** While a gallon of gasoline might soon cost \$5 in California, for the U.S. military in Afghanistan, a single gallon costs \$400. That is the price it takes to move and guard fuel on its way to the frontline. This is why the Department of Defense has established a series of groundbreaking pilot programs to increase fuel efficiency. This and other efforts should be encouraged. By becoming a green energy leader, the military will stimulate the green economy while saving money and lives. This will mean more jobs for our local aerospace industry.



4. Invest in American Innovation

Throughout history, public investment has led to the development of new industries. Technologies like GPS, nuclear power, and the internet came about as a result of federal programs. The aerospace industry here has been a primary beneficiary, with its resulting high salary jobs. By making smart investments in American clean energy innovation, we will create and draw high-paying jobs to California.

- **Support expansion of the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E) Program:** Modeled after the Department of Defense's pioneering DARPA program, the Department of Energy's ARPA-E was established in 2007 and in 2009 received \$400 million in initial funding. Funding should be increased to the \$1 billion level. Its goal is to invest in the sort of high-risk but high-reward green energy research that private companies tend to avoid.
- **Increase Energy Innovation Hubs:** As in the Apollo projects, a key to great innovation is bringing together the best minds from many disciplines, to one location, under a centrally managed leadership. The Department of Energy has created three such hubs -- focusing on solar power, nuclear power, and building efficiency -- each receiving \$122 million over five years. I will encourage the creation of additional hubs, and aim to have one such hub here in our district.



5. Build the Green Infrastructure of Tomorrow

In this period of strained government budgets, it is tempting to radically cut spending on our community's infrastructure and ignore the consequences. But savings must be balanced with investment in future growth. Supplementing our aging railways and byways is key to our economic resurgence.

- **Focus on Green Infrastructure:** With less money to go around, we should invest first in infrastructure that promotes a green economy. Rather than laying out more congested roadways, we should invest in expanding light rail and improving public transit, as well as replacing diesel buses with cleaner burning ones. Projects like these will reduce our dependence on foreign oil, improve our environment and create jobs immediately in the industries we need most.
- **Don't Wait, Build it Now:** California has already begun many green infrastructure projects, but financial limits force us to drag out the building process and delay the benefits. We should expedite construction with programs such as Los Angeles' 30/10 plan, a federal loan guarantee that at no additional cost will cut 20 years off the expansion of Los Angeles' subway system. In the Southern California region, it is estimated that the 30/10 project will create nearly 160,000 new jobs.

6. Level the Playing Field with Big Oil

It is literally a dirty secret that 37 countries, including the United States, subsidize oil use. Astonishingly, oil companies received over \$550 billion globally in government handouts last year. Renewable energy is less competitive because we give unfair advantages to the most unappealing fuel sources. This imbalance must end.

- **Save Tax-Payer Money by Ending U.S. Oil Subsidies:** By allowing oil companies royalty-free use of public lands, the GAO estimates that taxpayers lose over \$10 billion per year. Likewise, since the government often pays for devastating pollution caused by private energy companies, those firms never bear the true cost of their product -- the taxpayer does. Even today, Republicans in Congress still block efforts to trim these and other subsidies. It is time to level the playing field so that tomorrow's technology can fairly compete.
- **Legislate with International Oil Subsidies in Mind:** While it is logical and necessary to cut domestic subsidies, we cannot stop the increased oil demand that comes from subsidies abroad. Because the global energy market is already distorted, we should design laws to favor green energy whenever possible, with this imbalance in mind.



“Having served in local office for ten years, Janice Hahn truly grasps the issues facing the people of the 36th Congressional District. I have worked with Janice on many issues and she has proven to be a fighter for the people she represents. I know she will continue to fight for us in Washington.”

—State Senator Ted Lieu (Torrance)

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Endorsements

Janice Hahn knows how to get things done, and is the only candidate in the race for Congress with a history of creating green jobs. As an L.A. City Councilwoman, Hahn spearheaded the effort to reduce pollution at the Port of Los Angeles and, since 2006, Port emissions have been cut by half because of the Clean Air Action Plan she helped introduce—without hurting the Port economy or jobs. She will continue this fight in Congress to make the trains and ships regulated by the federal government work with California to reduce pollution in our region.

No wonder she is endorsed by so many leaders, organizations and community members you trust:

- United States Senator Dianne Feinstein
- California State Senator Ted Lieu
- California State Assemblymember Warren Furutani
- California State Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal
- Former California State Assemblymember and former Torrance City Councilmember George Nakano
- Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca
- Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel
- Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich
- Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl
- Manhattan Beach Mayor Richard Montgomery
- El Segundo Mayor Eric Busch
- Former Manhattan Beach City Councilwoman Portia Cohen
- Former Manhattan Beach City Councilman Mitch Ward
- Redondo Beach City Councilmember Bill Brand
- Redondo Beach School Board Member Drew Gamet
- Redondo Beach School Board Member Todd Loewenstein
- El Segundo Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Fisher
- El Segundo School Board Member Robin Funk
- Torrance Board of Education Trustee Albert Y. Muratsuchi
- Lomita Mayor Pro-Tem James Gazely
- Lomita City Councilman Don Suminaga
- Lomita City Councilwoman Margaret Estrada
- Lomita City Councilman Ben Traina
- Former Hermosa Beach City Councilman Michael Keegan
- Former Torrance City Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky
- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO
- International Longshore and Warehouse Union local 13 & 63
- State Building and Construction Trades Council of California
- Los Angeles Police Protective League
- Los Angeles County Firefighters local 1014
- United Firefighters of Los Angeles City local 112
- Torrance Firefighters Association local 1138
- Manhattan Beach Firefighters Association local 3925
- Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association
- Los Angeles Port Police Association, ILWU local 65
- Hermosa Beach Firefighters Association local 3371
- San Pedro Chamber of Commerce
- Jonathan Parfrey, President of Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters*
- Sherri Akers, Environmental Community Activist
- James Lau, Environmentalist and Community Leader
- Earvin “Magic” Johnson, NBA legend-turned-businessman
- Mark Waronek, Board Chairman of Torrance Chamber of Commerce
- Helen Duncan, President of Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Mario Di Leva, Executive Director of Torrance Teachers Association*
- Val Velasco, Airport Commissioner and Community Leader for Playa Del Rey*
- Vanessa Poster, Board President of Beach Cities Health District*
- Louis Zamperini, Olympic athlete, WWII hero and Torrance resident
- Alex Rooker, First Vice-Chair of California Democratic Party*
- Progressive Democratic Club

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