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Rep. Lofgren Commends Gulf Coast Civic Works Project Proposal

San Jose, CA – Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-San Jose) today applauded the work of San Jose professor Scott Myers-Lipton for his work in initiating the Gulf Coast Civic Works Project, and expressed her interest in working with Myers-Lipton and elected officials from the Gulf Coast region to help this project take shape.

“The Gulf Coast Civic Works Project is not yet a plan, it is just an idea. But it is a good idea,” said Rep. Lofgren. “Working with Congressional Representatives from the Gulf Coast Region I hope that we can transform this good idea into an actual plan that may have a positive impact on rebuilding the region and building up the working families of the Gulf Coast who were frozen out of the process by prior efforts.”

Prof. Myers-Lipton held press conferences in New Orleans, Louisiana, Gulfport, Mississippi, and San Jose, California today to announce a “national call to students” to participate in *Louisiana Winter* in January, 2007. During *Louisiana Winter*, teams of 20-40 students will spend five days educating and organizing in towns and cities throughout the Gulf Coast, culminating in a mass rally in New Orleans. Students will also collect opinions and ideas from Louisiana residents to submit to Congress for use in drafting legislation. Myers-Lipton has proposed the Gulf Coast Civic Works Project with the goal of working with Congress to create 100,000 jobs for Gulf Coast residents to rebuild their communities.

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Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren is serving her sixth term in Congress representing most of the City of San Jose and Santa Clara County. She serves as the ranking member on the Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment. She is also a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Administration Committee. Congresswoman Lofgren is Chair of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation consisting of 33 Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives from California.