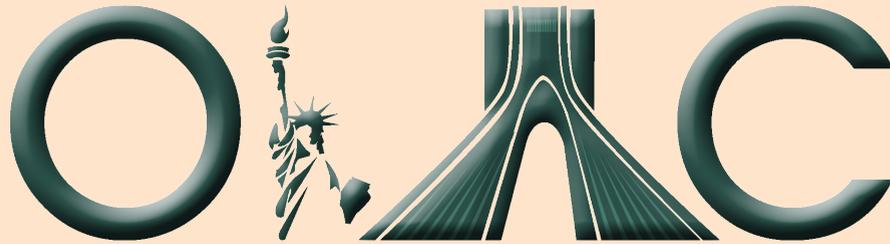




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# California Convention

## *IRAN: Crime Against Humanity, Nuclear and Terrorist Threats U.S. Policy Options*

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ANAHEIM Calif. - August 19, 2013 - PRNewswire-USNewswire/ [Excerpts] ...Reps. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), Chair, Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats Subcommittee; and Judy Chu (D-CA), House Judiciary Committee member; Michael Mukasey, 81st U.S. Attorney General; James Glassman, former Undersecretary of State for Public Policy & Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Rep. Patrick Kennedy (1995 – 2011); and Col. Wesley Martin, Chief Protection, Anti-terrorism Officer, Coalition Forces, Iraq, addressed the Convention.

In a Congressional Certificate to the Convention's President, Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA), U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair, voiced support for a democratic, secular, non-nuclear republic in Iran.

The participants called for tougher sanctions on Tehran, underscoring that the only solution for the Iran crisis is a regime change by Iranian people and the organized resistance. They expressed support for the 10-point plan articulated by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the Iranian resistance's President-elect.

In a video message, Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA), Terrorism, Non-proliferation and Trade Subcommittee Ranking Member, said, "[Rouhani] has appointed to his Cabinet a number of former officials with horrendous human rights record. To think that [Mostafa] Pourmohammadi would become justice minister, the word justice is a contradiction to his name."

Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), a senior member of the Armed Services Committee, and Tom McClintock (R-CA) also sent written messages, rejecting that Rouhani was moderate and applauding the efforts of Iranian Americans.

### ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Aug. 19, 2013—By Jessica Terrell — [Excerpts] Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Costa Mesa, joined more than 300 Iranian-Americans on Saturday at a conference calling on the United States to use diplomatic efforts to intercede on behalf of 3,100 Iranian refugees housed on a former U.S. military base in Iraq.

The refugees — many of them members of a dissident group Mujahedeen-e-Khalq or MEK — were promised protection by the U.S. military in return for disarming when U.S. forces invaded Iraq in 2003, according to the California Society for Democracy in Iran, which organized the event.

"They were promised by us, the United States, that they would have safe passage, that they would then be able to go to countries that would give them safe haven," Rohrabacher said. "We cannot break our promise to them without spreading the word to all others who oppose the regime that you can't trust us."

"America must stand with those refugees in Camp Liberty," Rohrabacher said. "We must stand with the people in Iran who are fighting the mullahs or in the end we will pay a terrible price for giving up our principles."



From Left: Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (at the podium), Rep. Patrick Kennedy, Col. Wesley Martin, Attorney General Michael Mukasey, Undersecretary James Glassman, and Rep. Loretta Sanchez's Chief of Staff

### Los Angeles Times

August 17, 2013 - By Carla Rivera - [Excerpts] Hundreds of Iranian Americans are expected to attend a convention in Anaheim on Saturday that will explore the current state of Iranian politics after the election of new president Hassan Rouhani.

Convention delegates are expected to discuss Iran's nuclear capabilities, human rights issues, religious persecution and the role of opposition groups.

The convention is sponsored by the nonprofit California Society for Democracy in Iran.

"This is the first time Iranian-Americans are going to come out and speak about the new Rouhani administration and discuss U.S. policy towards Iran," said spokesman Amir M. Emadi.

Emadi said the convention coincides with the 25th anniversary of the deaths of thousands of political prisoners throughout Iran in 1988. Opposition groups assert that members of Rouhani's cabinet were directly involved in the deaths.



Rep. Judy Chu (at the podium), Former Rep. Patrick Kennedy



### **Patrick Kennedy:**

The cause of the people in Liberty and Ashraf is a legal mandate--the 4th Geneva Convention. The international community and the United States made a promise, that in exchange for disarming the people of Ashraf, we were going to protect them. Some have already died because we haven't met that mandate, but not all of them have to die before we do something about it.



### **Michael Mukasey:**

The residents of Camp Liberty are in a desperate. Needed protective T-walls have been removed. They live in flimsy shelters and already have been the target of three attacks by people acting with the cooperation of the Maliki government. If any further harm befalls Liberty residents, that blood will be on the hands of those fail to act.



### **James Glassman:**

As we can see today all too clearly in Syria, and in Iran; the answer is the Iranian Opposition's ten-point platform for the future of Iran laid out by Maryam Rajavi. A republic that is based on universal suffrage, on pluralism on separation of church and state on complete gender equality, on human rights, on a market economy, on a modern legal system, and on a peaceful foreign policy that renounces and never wants to touch, and is devoid of nuclear weapons.



### **Wesley Martin:**

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### **Hon. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)** Chairman, House Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats Subcommittee

*I have been very deeply touched by the struggles that have been going on towards whether camp Ashraf or camp liberty or just the people of Iran against this horrible just horrible anti human regime that now occupies Iran and it is your presence and you are and the people of camp Ashraf and people now of camp liberty are a bother to the mullahs because your existence is a threat to that type of regime....*

*There are people in Iran, if we organize and work with them, and form coalitions that will overthrow this regime but it won't happen on its own. It depends on all of us, and I am so pleased that when I went to Paris that I was able to meet with the leadership and to commit all of myself, and all others of my Congressional Delegation.*



### **Hon. Judy Chu (D-CA)** Member, House Judiciary Committee

*It was 25 years ago, when 30,000 political prisoners were executed in mass killings attempting to silence the voices of reform. Innocent victims made jail for offenses like: distributing newspapers and leaflets, taking part in demonstrations, or collecting funds for prisoner's families....*

*All those in Camp Liberty know all too well, Iranians throughout the country are arrested and even killed only because they disagree with the ruling party. And PMOI in Iran are singled out particularly for persecution. And in Iraq, Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty residents are terrible targets. It was because of the political beliefs and democracy that residents of camp liberty were attacked twice this year, after mortars pummeled the camp in February and again in June.*

**Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA)**  
 Chairman of U.S. House  
 Committee on Foreign Affairs



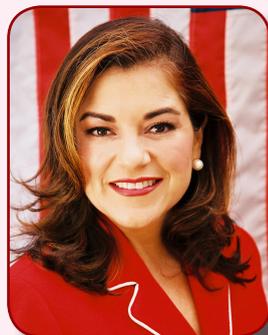
Certificate of Congressional Recognition by Representative Ed Royce, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, presented to California Society for Democracy in Iran, a member of OIAC.

**Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA)**  
 Ranking Member, Terrorism, Non-proliferation & Trade Subcommittee



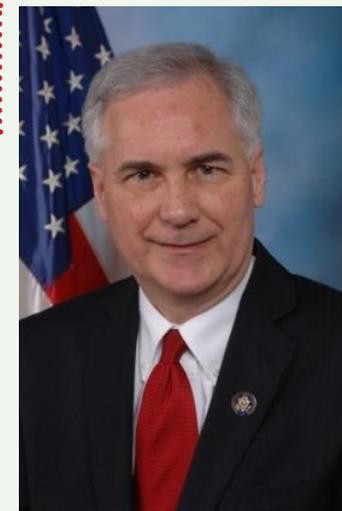
On February 9th of this year dozens of rockets were fired in Camp Hurrya, Camp formally known as Camp Liberty. They are 3000 residents there, and they are all unarmed. They have been pushed in to Camp Hurrya from Camp Ashraf. 7 of those unarmed residents were killed and many more were wounded.... State Department correctly condemned in strong terms this terrorist attack.... We should work with government of Iraq, United Nation High Commission for Refugees to return the residents of Camp Hurrya back to Camp Ashraf, where they have more protection from future terrorist attacks.

**Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)**  
 Ranking Member of U.S. House  
 Armed Services Committee



It has long been my position that change in Iran cannot be brought about either by armed force or by appeasement.... The plight of Iranian refugees at Camp Liberty in Iraq is a great concern to me. Rocket attacks on the compound by the regime's Hezbollah allies continue to claim innocent lives. This situation spurred my colleagues to draft House Resolution 89, which I cosponsored, in the hope residents of camp Liberty will be moved to more defensible locations....

**Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA)**  
 Member, House Budget Committee, Natural Resources Committee



In the face of rigged elections and government repression, Iranians have won the admiration of the world for their valiant fight for freedom and the creation of a true form of representative government. The Iranian mullahs recently selected Hassan Rouhani as president. They have portrayed him as a reformer, but the record demonstrates Rouhani is just another cold and calculating operator who will continue the mullahs' oppressive policies of the past. Since Rouhani's selection as president, executions in Iran have increased, many carried out in public as a means of intimidation.



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