

## Chavez Opens Committee For Congress

*Ed Chavez is looks at running for Solis' vacant congressional seat*

Ed Chavez (Director, Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District) today issued the following statement:

Today I am announcing that I will open up an exploratory committee for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District.

I am honored by the number of people who have encouraged me to seek this congressional seat when it becomes vacant. As an elected representative of the people for over 20 years, I have come to know this district very well and championed their issues. I am proud of the fact that during my years in office, I have represented the people in this congressional district that includes the cities and communities of Azusa, Irwindale, Baldwin Park, Covina, West Covina, El Monte, South El Monte, Valinda, and portions of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. This constitutes more than 70% of this congressional district.

I believe that I would be a major factor in this congressional race and eventually the winner of this contest when the Governor calls for a special election in the near future. As a congressional candidate, I will fight for the people and not for the greedy corporate giants that seek taxpayer bailouts just because they have run their companies through mismanagement. I will work with President-elect Barack Obama to help stimulate the economy that will create millions of jobs throughout California and the rest of the nation.

In the next couple of weeks, I will work with my supports and community leaders through my exploratory committee to gauge the level of support for my candidacy. At that time I will official announce whether I will be a candidate for 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District or not. For now, I am in this race to win. I look forward to working with everyone to continue the "change we can believe in" both in California and Washington D.C. during these tough economic times.