

To all amateur astronomers in the south bay and central coast:

I have a big favor to ask of you: would you mind taking a few minutes to contact your local Congressional Representative, Zoe Lofgren, and ask for her help in re-opening the west entrance parking lot at Pinnacles National Park for stargazing? This spot is the best place for stargazing within a two-hour drive of Salinas and the central coast. But, since last fall, it has been closed to the public at night, and the automated exit gate has been disabled. For a detailed explanation of why, [click here](#).

I am trying to get as many people as possible who live in Zoe Lofgren's 18th Congressional District to submit a message to Representative Lofgren requesting her help. *If you do not live in this district, enter the address shown in step #4 below, and your submittal will be accepted.*

Beneath my signature are the steps to submit such a request on-line. Doing so takes just a few minutes.

Thank you in advance for considering this big favor, on behalf of all local amateur astronomers.

Sincerely,

Mark Tomalonis
Lead Coordinator
[MIRA Astronomy Club](#)

Here are the steps to send an on-line message to Representative Zoe Lofgren:

1. Point your web browser to:
https://lofgren.house.gov/address_authentication?form=/contact
2. On this webpage, enter your valid home address, and then click on “**GO TO NEXT STEP**”.

ADDRESS LOOKUP

Please enter your address to verify residency within the district and click "Go to the Next step" when complete.

Address as entered must be recognized by the United States Postal Service (USPS) as a valid address in their database.

If necessary, please indicate the unit number using "unit," "apt" or "apartment."

Please do not use special characters such as #, @, or any other non-alphanumeric symbols, except for periods (.), commas (,), dashes (-), and slashes (/).

If uncertain, check your address on the [U.S. Postal Service](#) website.

* Indicates a required field

* Street address

* City

* State

Please contact one of [our offices](#) for assistance if you have difficulties completing this form.

GO TO NEXT STEP



3. On this next webpage, select a "Prefix", your first name, and your last name. Check the box next to, "I am human", and then click on "**NEXT PAGE**".

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Your Information

* Prefix:
Mr. ▾


* First Name:
(first name)

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* Last Name:
(last name)

Suffix:
- None - ▾

* CAPTCHA: enabled to secure this form.

I am human  [Privacy - Terms](#)

If you are having difficulty using Captcha's visual option, please visit the [Accessibility](#) page for more assistance.

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4. On this next webpage, either re-enter your address information or verify that what is already displayed is correct. Enter your email address. Then click on “**NEXT PAGE**”.

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Your Contact Information

* Address
142 West Alisal Street

Address 2

* City/Town
Salinas

* State
California

* ZIP Code
93901

* Email:
(your email address)

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5. On this next webpage, enter a valid phone number. Then click on “**NEXT PAGE**”.

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Telephone

* Phone Number

Phone Type:

What are these options?

Constituents who are hard of hearing or use a video phone have the option to choose TDD or VP based on the type of device they are using. This allows our office to respond to them accordingly. The default option 'Voice' is a standard audible telephone.

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6. On this last webpage, under the heading, “Please choose the issue of concern, select, “Help With a Federal Agency”. Under the heading, “Would you like a response?”, select whichever answer suits you. (The other choice is, “No, I just want my voice to be heard.”). Enter the message below, or whatever version of this that you prefer:

On behalf of the interests of amateur astronomers in CA’s 18th district, I am seeking your help in re-gaining public access to Pinnacles National Park (NP) west entrance parking lot after sunset.

This contact form does not provide enough space for me to explain what this is about. So please paste the link below into a web browser address field to download a safe PDF document that details the background of this request for help.

<https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/documents/2239/For%20Zoe%20Lofgren%20R2.pdf>

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

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Your Message

* Please choose the issue of concern.

Help With a Federal Agency

* Text of Message:

On behalf of the interests of amateur astronomers in and near CA's 18th district, I am seeking your help in re-gaining public access to Pinnacles National Park (NP) west entrance parking lot after sunset.

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Limit is 2000 characters.

* Would you like a response?

Yes, please contact me

Check this box to sign up for emails from Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren.

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7. Finally, on that same webpage shown above, click on “**SUBMIT**”.