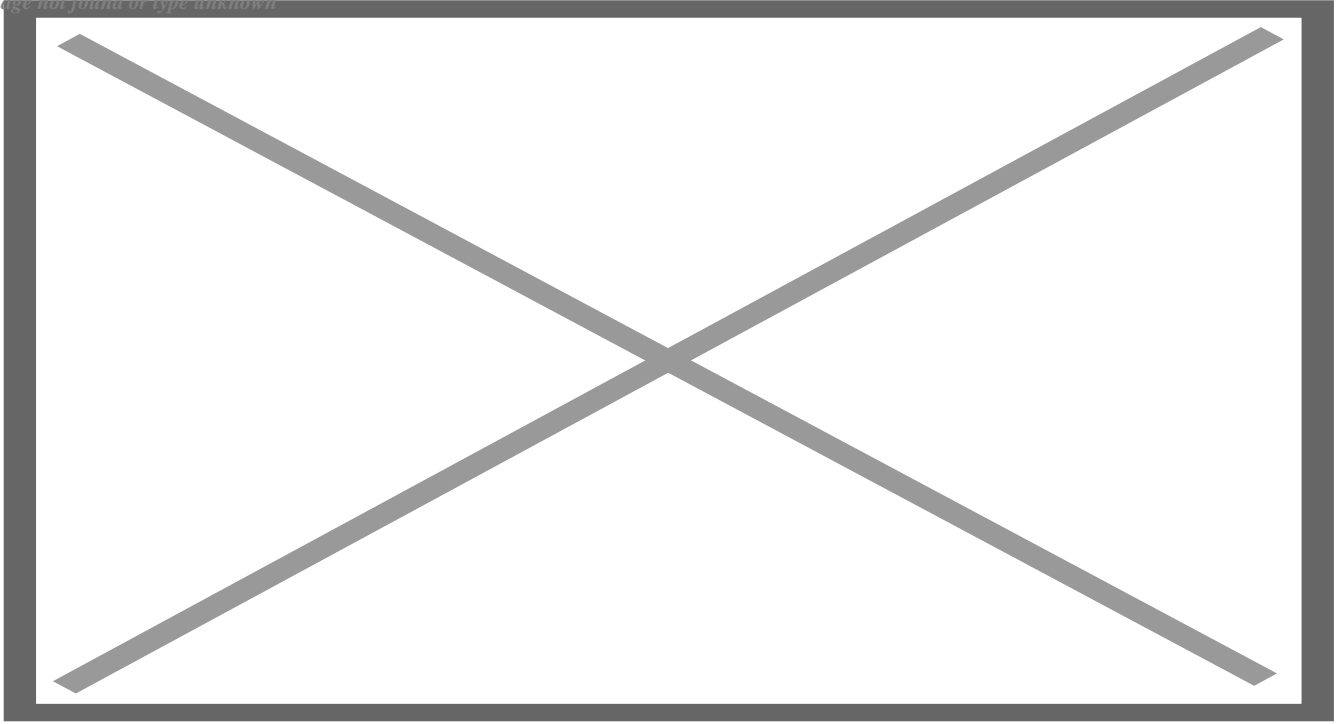


# *Californian newspaper advocates normalization of US-Cuba ties*

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**Candidate Barbara Lee expressed her support for the effort to open diplomacy with CUba and move toward normal diplomatic relations**

Havana, January 29 (RHC) An opinion in the Californian newspaper *The Sun* referred to the words of the candidate for the United States Senate, Barbara Lee, in which she advocated for the normalization of United States-Cuba relations and the lifting of the blockade.

During a public meeting with the Laguna Woods Democratic Club, Lee expressed her support at a House subcommittee hearing for the effort to open diplomacy with Cuba and move toward normal diplomatic relations with the Antillean nation.

The article by the press outlet's board of editors took a stand with California Congresswoman Barbara Lee, who has defended rapprochement between the two countries for years.

It recalled that when Lee tried to present that point of view at a hearing before the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee for the Western Hemisphere in the House of Representatives on January 18, the panel's chairwoman and Republican from Florida, María Elvira Salazar, ordered to take her out of the room.

*The congresswoman from Florida even cut Lee's microphone after she attempted to object to her forced exit from the room.*

Lee defended her right to speak, and responded to Salazar that her behavior is exactly what the Cuban government says the United States are doing: denying the opportunity to present her point of view.

Lee is a former member of the subcommittee and was invited to the hearing to speak about Cuba and diplomacy with the country, an issue she has long advocated for. (Source: PL)

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