BAKERSFIELD, CA – Next Wednesday, August 15, 2007, Congressman McCarthy and Kern County law enforcement officials on the front lines fighting gang violence will answer questions from Bakersfield residents in a telephone-town hall meeting.

"With new communications technology, I can call a number of households so they can participate in their own homes and ask our law enforcement officials and me about a top issue in our community – combating gangs that threaten our peace of mind," said Congressman McCarthy.

- **Who:** Bakersfield residents can ask Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Kern County Sheriff Donny Youngblood, Bakersfield Police Department Police Chief Bill Rector, and Kern County Assistant District Attorney Cindy Zimmer questions about gangs.
- **What:** Combating Gang Violence Telephone-Town Hall
- **Where:** Congressman McCarthy will call Bakersfield households from his office at 4100 Empire Drive, Suite 150, so residents can participate from their own homes.
- **When**: Wednesday, August 15, 2007 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM PDT