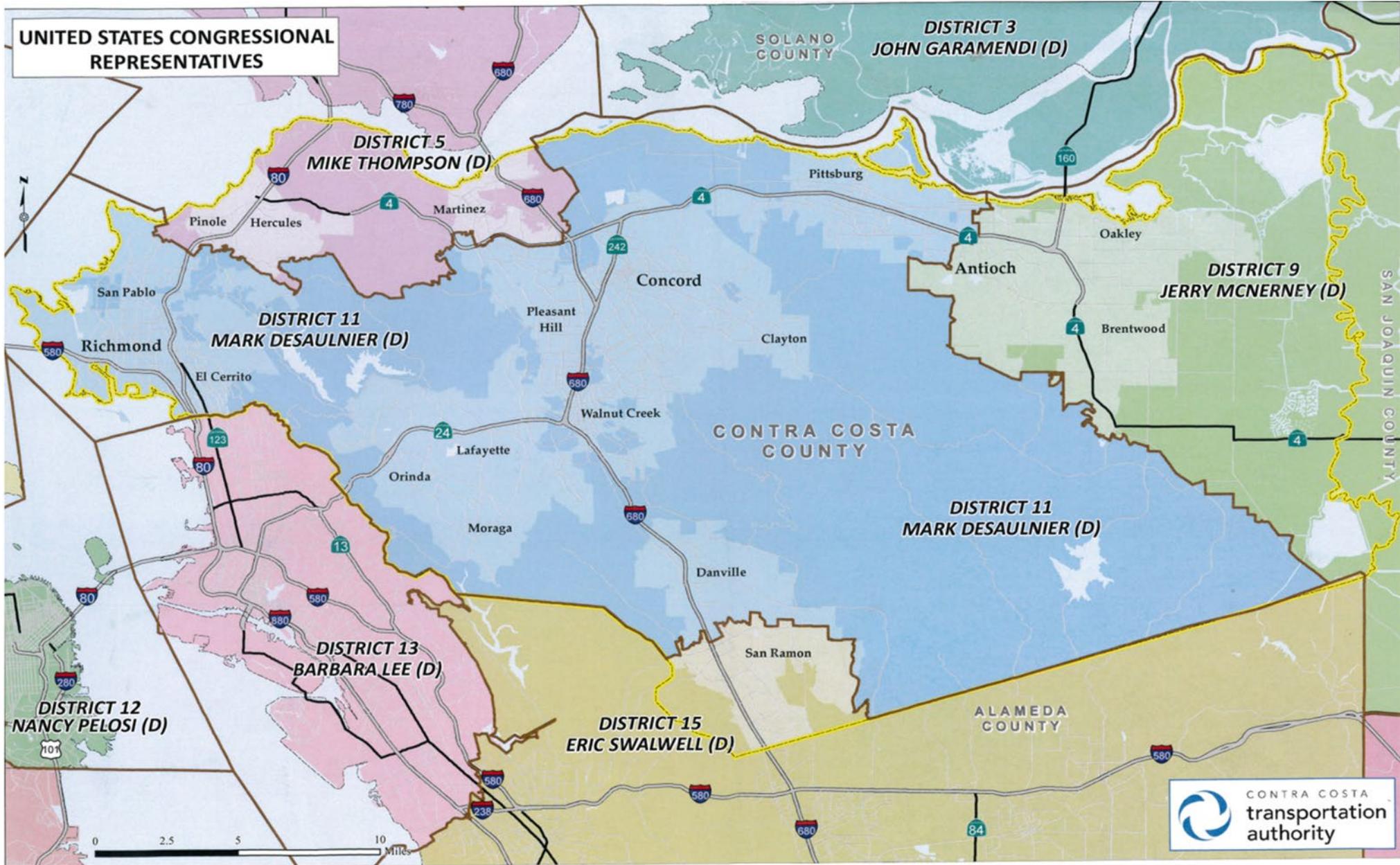




Gun Violence Prevention

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The National Climate

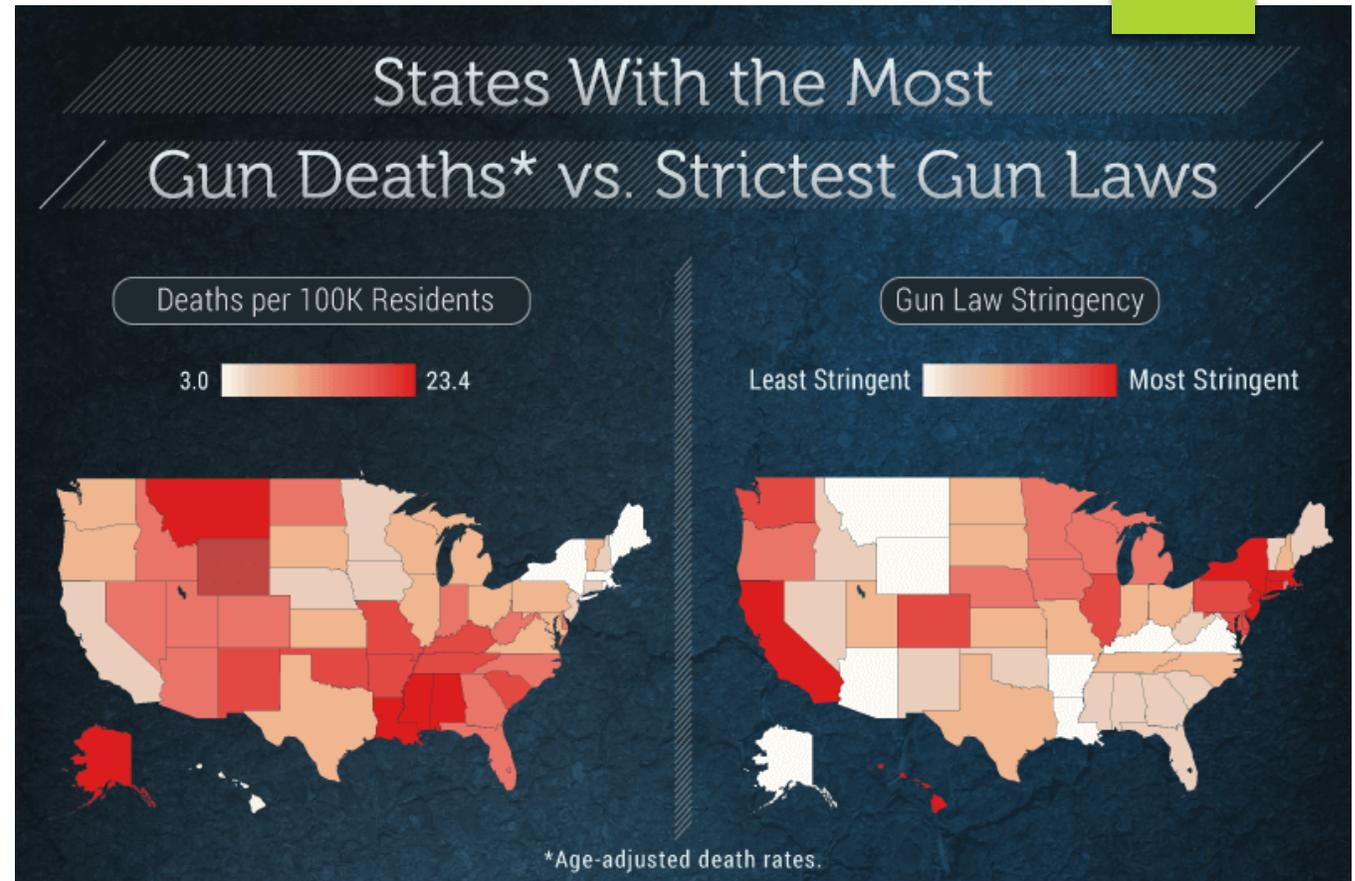
- ▶ An increasingly hostile and partisan climate has recently led to violence and extremism, which has been on display in 2021 in Washington.
 - ▶ During the riots and attack on the Capitol on January 6th, a small sample shows that police recovered **12 guns and thousands of rounds of ammunition from just 7 people.**
 - ▶ As recently as last month, the House had to **ban guns on the Floor of the House** and institute fines because Members were armed.
 - ▶ A sitting Member of **Congress denied the Sandy Hook and Parkland shootings.**
- ▶ Combined with the existing state of our nation with more than 33 gun homicides per day, **this is a public health epidemic that needs to be addressed urgently.**

Scope of the Problem

- ▶ **The gun violence pandemic is a uniquely American problem.** The U.S. firearm homicide rate is at least 20x higher than the combined rates of 22 comparable countries.
- ▶ **The numbers are too high to ignore.** When accounting for homicides, suicides, and unintentional shootings, more than 85 deaths each day occur each day from firearms.
- ▶ **Suicides must be addressed.** About 60% of all adult firearm deaths are by suicide. Gun access triples suicide risk and more than 50% of suicides in the U.S. involve a gun.
- ▶ **Addressing gun violence is a civil rights issue.** African American men make up 52% of all gun homicide victims in the US, despite comprising less than 7% of the population. In California, African Americans are 11x more likely to die of gun homicide than Whites.

The California Experience

- ▶ California's gun laws are ranked #1 by the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.
- ▶ California has the 9th lowest rate of gun violence in the country.



SOURCES: Crimadvisor.com
CDC.gov

	California	Federal
Background checks	Universal	Only through federally licensed dealers (not on private sales)
Waiting period	10 days	None
Purchase limit	One every 30 days	No limit
Pre-purchase requirements	(1) 5-year Firearm Safety Certificate, (2) background check, (3) written test	None
Assault weapons	Illegal, except in limited circumstances	Legal
Firearm registration	California DOJ keeps registry including fingerprints of gun owners	None
Magazine capacity restriction	Illegal to have a magazine with more than 10 bullets	No restrictions

California vs. Federal Law

Lifelong Support for Reducing Gun Violence

- ▶ Proud recipient of a lifetime **"F"** score from the NRA
- ▶ In Congress:
 - ▶ Authored 4 initiatives
 - ▶ Most recently, introduced the **Gun Safety Board and Research Act** to start a non-partisan, unbiased review of gun violence prevention efforts to promote data-driven reforms.
 - ▶ Voted to enhance background checks at the federal level
 - ▶ Sponsored nearly 40 other gun violence prevention bills
- ▶ Authored bills in the State Legislature to better track lost and stolen firearms and promote the development and sale of smart guns
- ▶ As a member of the County Board of Supervisors, co-authored public health approach to gun violence including the **Taking Aim at Gun Dealers** report