Hosted 65 Town Halls &
Mobile District Office Hours

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Mobile District Office Hours

| El Cerrito         | Bay Point               | Richmond                  | Moraga                    |
| Pittsburg          | Walnut Creek            | Lafayette                 | Walnut Creek              |
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Stay Tuned for Issue Specific Town Halls

Past and Future Town Halls on the Following Topics:

- Conversation on Race Town Hall
- 3 Town Halls on Republican Tax Bill
- Gun Violence Prevention Town Hall
- Environment Town Hall
- Election Security Town Hall
- Community Engagement Town Hall

Vote on Upcoming Topics on Facebook:

@RepMarkDeSaulnier
Map of the Congressional District (CA-11)
In The News
Gun Violence

- Gun violence claims over **30,000 lives annually** in the United States.
- The U.S. firearm homicide rate is **20 times higher** than the combined rates of 22 comparable countries.
- Americans make up about **4.4% of the global population**, but own **42% of the world’s guns**.
- Gun industry annual net profit: **$1.5 billion**
  - Annual cost of gun violence: **$290 billion**
- Since 2003, state and local governments have given more than **$120 million in tax subsidies** to at least seven major firearms companies.

**DeSaulnier Efforts:**

- Lifetime “F” score from the NRA
- Never accepted donations from the NRA
- Drafting bill to create Gun Safety Board
- Authored 2 bills and 1 amendment to help reduce gun violence
- Supported 34 gun violence prevention bills
- Joined effort to force a vote on universal background checks
Figure 11
Gun Violence Receives Less Federal Research Funding Than Most of the Top 20 Causes of Death in the United States

Health Care

• The next 2 weeks the House will consider dozens of bills to address the opioid epidemic
• Trump Administration has refused to fight a federal lawsuit brought by Texas and 19 other states that asks the courts to rule the ACA pre-existing condition and age tax provisions unconstitutional now that the individual mandate is gone
• Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that since 1999, the suicide rate has increased by 25.4%

New DeSaulnier Efforts:

• Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Opioid Abuse Act (H.R. 4275), introduced with Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA) about the right of pharmacists to refuse to fill possibly fraudulent prescriptions – to pass the House next week
• Included 3 provisions in Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) bill to improve the interoperability of PDMP programs, require policies to be based on evidence-based research, and require a GAO audit every three years
Immigration

• Close to 1,000 children may have been taken from their parents in the last 5 weeks.
• Courts have ruled that the Administration must continue to accept renewals → This is not a permanent solution.
• Dreamers will contribute $460.3 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product over the next decade.
• Speaker Ryan will not allow a vote on immigration reform

DeSaulnier Efforts:

• Support Dream Act to provide a path to citizenship for Dreamers
• Signed discharge petition to force a vote on immigration in the House
• Sent letters to ICE opposing targeted immigration raids in Northern California
• Sent letter to ICE opposing family separation at the border
Recent Administration Actions

- President’s comments at recent G7 summit and his early departure
- Upcoming North Korea summit
- EPA Administrator Pruitt’s plan to roll back fuel economy standards, combined with his reported ethics violations
- Education Secretary DeVos’s comments that the federal school safety commission will not study guns, and her refusal to state that undocumented students must be protected in school

**DeSaulnier Efforts:**
- Voted twice to advance impeachment proceedings for President Trump
- Led letters to auto makers asking if they intend to follow federal or California standards if fuel economy standards are rolled back
- Sent letters to Secretary DeVos asking her to clarify her comments both on guns and undocumented students
Aviation Safety

Close Calls at SFO & Other Airports

• Our nation’s air travel system is world class. The number of accidents has steadily declined and our system is safe.

• However, the number of runway incursions increased 83% between 2011 and 2017.

DeSaulnier Efforts:

• Asked GAO to review gaps in aviation safety and make recommendations to Congress
• Pressed FAA, NTSB to investigate close calls at airports and improve airplane landing safety
• Working with pilots unions to address safety concerns
• Called on Transportation Committee to investigate aviation safety
  • Hearing was held on February 27th
Total Number of Runway Incursions
Fiscal Years 2011-2017

Source: OIG analysis
Protecting Our Democracy

Integrity of Our Elections

- **Social media bots/fake accounts**: Preventing automated social media accounts from spreading false information that can change the outcome of elections
- **Election machine integrity**: Protecting our election machines from cyber attacks

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**DeSaulnier Efforts:**

- **Developing legislation** to require bot accounts on social media to be labeled and easily traceable to a human user
- **Sponsor of the Election Security Act (H.R. 5011)**, which provides financial support and enhanced security for election infrastructure
- **Requested an Oversight Committee hearing** on election machine cybersecurity, which was held in November
Tax Bill

• Last major tax reform: 1986
  • President: Ronald Reagan
  • Speaker of the House: Thomas “Tip” O’Neill (D-MA)
  • Senate President Pro Tem: Strom Thurmond (R-SC)
  • Bipartisan effort in both House and Senate
  • Almost 11 months between introduction and it being signed into law (in contrast, H.R. 1 introduced 11/2/17 signed into law on 12/22/17)

• Since 1986, the U.S. tax code has gone from less than 30,000 pages to over 70,000 pages

• The amount of credits, loopholes, and deductions has increased by 44 percent, from $844 billion (2013 dollars), to over $1.2 trillion (2013 dollars)
Tax Bill

• Adds $1.8 trillion to debt over 10 years (CBO)
• **83% of the tax cuts go to the wealthiest 1%** (Tax Policy Center)
• Raises taxes on **86 million middle class families**
• $1.3 trillion (permanent) tax break for corporations
• Massive tax rate cut from **35% to 21% for corporations**
• Repeal of the “individual mandate”
  • Will result in 13 million people losing health coverage
  • Without the individual mandate, premiums estimated to increase by 10% per year

**DeSaulnier Efforts:**

• Called for maintaining **State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction**
• **Voted against** Republican tax bill (H.R. 1)

- Richest 20%, -$225
- Richest 1%, $85
- Next Richest 19%, $140
- Fourth 20%, -$43
- Middle 20%, -$25
- Second 20%, -$13
- Foreign Investors, -$48
- Poorest 20%, -$3

Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, December 2017
Richest 1% of Taxpayers Receive the Largest Average Tax Cut Under the Revised Senate Plan in 2027, the Average Taxpayer in the Bottom 60% Faces a Tax Hike

Includes Impact of ACA Individual Mandate Repeal

Poorest 20%
Second 20%
Middle 20%
Fourth 20%
Next 15%
Next 4%
Richest 1%
ALL

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Tax Bill – California Impacts

- Mortgage Interest Deduction – currently capped on debt of $1,000,000; new law reduces cap to $750,000
- Home Equity Loan Interest Deduction Eliminated
- State and Local Tax Deductions – limited to $10,000
  - Average deduction in 2015 in our district: $18,672, with 44% of households claiming the deduction
  - Pressure on states and local governments to cut taxes and cut back on services
Final GOP-Donald Trump Tax Bill Gives Larger Tax Cuts to Upper-Income California Residents in 2019, Raises Taxes on Low-and Middle-Income Residents in 2027

Tax Change as a Share of Income in 2019 and 2027, Includes Impact of ACA Individual Mandate Repeal

Poorest 20% | Second 20% | Middle 20% | Fourth 20% | Next 15% | Next 4% | Richest 1%

-1.0% | -1.6% | -1.6% | -1.4% | -0.1% | -0.1% | -3.3% | -1.0% | -0.2% | -0.4%
What’s Next

• Trump Infrastructure Package:
  • Proposes to shift costs to state and local governments
• Higher Education Act reauthorization: **Timing TBD**
• Fiscal Year 2019 budget process:
  • First package considered in House: **June 8th**
• Farm Bill
  • First, partisan attempt failed in House: **May 18th**
Leading in Congress
Congressional Actions

11 initiatives enacted into law, including efforts to:

- Secure funding for autonomous vehicle testing at GoMentum
- Streamline Head Start and protect after school programs
- Prevent student concussions

23 legislative efforts passed the House and Committee including efforts to:

- Expand John Muir National Historic Site (expected to become law this month)
- Make our air travel system safer and more efficient

Caucuses & Initiatives:

- Future of Work Wages and Labor
- Bipartisan Cancer Survivors Caucus, Founder & Co-Chair
- Urban Regional Studies Caucus, Founder
DeSaulnier Efforts on Cancer

- Co-founder of the bipartisan Cancer Survivors Caucus
- Introducing bipartisan Cancer Care Planning and Communications Act next week with Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX) to improve doctor-patient communication by enabling access for more patients to cancer treatment plans
- Hosted Cancer Moonshot Event – 250 people attended
- Held a roundtable with the President of the Biden Cancer Initiative – Greg Simon to discuss cancer care in America
- Upcoming Member meeting with the Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) – Dr. Ned Sharpless to discuss the future of cancer care
- Upcoming Member trip to University of California San Francisco Comprehensive Cancer Center
Inequality

Wage Vs. Profit Share of GDP

Shaded areas indicate US recessions.
2014 research.stlouisfed.org

CP/GDP (Left)
WASCUR/GDP (Right)
The 2016 election cycle was the most expensive election on record, with over $6.9 billion spent on the Presidential and Congressional elections combined, a 120% increase over the 2000 elections.

The cost of Congressional elections has spiked even further, with over $4.2 billion spent in 2016, a 155% increase from the 2000 elections.

The Government by the People Act would encourage public financing of political campaigns to:

- Provide citizens with a campaign contribution credit to let their voice be heard and
- Gives candidates an incentive to seek out small donors.
Campaign Finance

Outside Spending by Cycle, Excluding Party Committees

- Independent Expenditures
- Communication Costs
- Electioneering Communications
Our Office
“Rep. DeSaulnier and his staff are to be congratulated for not only being a model for colleagues in Congress, but for helping to restore trust and faith that our democratic institutions can work.”

– Bradford Fitch, President and CEO of the Congressional Management Foundation

*DeSaulnier’s office was one out of six in Congress (3 Democrats, 3 Republicans) selected for this award.
Congressman DeSaulnier's Constituent Services By the Numbers

**Assisted** 3,300+
Constituents in navigating problems with a federal agency

**Hosted** 64
Town Halls & Mobile District Office Hours

**Responded to** 235,650+
Constituent inquiries

**Attended** 525+
Community events & meetings

**34 Bills & Amendments**
23 Bills Authored
11 Amendments Enacted

**Helped** 2,400+
Constituents secure tours of the Washington, D.C. area

**445,000+**
Miles flown between California & Washington, D.C.
Performance Standards

• The private sector uses performance metrics and standards to gauge businesses’ efficiency and effectiveness, using collected data to hold leaders accountable and perfect their business model over time.

• Performance measures in the public sector are critical to ensuring that hard-earned taxpayer dollars are spent in the most effective manner.
  - Metropolitan Planning Enhancement Act (H.R. 3787)
  - Transportation Megaprojects Accountability and Oversight Act (H.R. 4228)

• Internal office performance metrics include:
  - Meeting Requests: If you request a meeting, expect to receive a response within 24-hours.
  - Correspondence: Emails and letters received in our office will be sent a response within 5 business days of receipt.
  - Casework: Requests for assistance through our website or by phone will receive a phone call within 24-hours.
  - Tours & Flags: Requests submitted through our website will receive a phone call within 24-hours.
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