

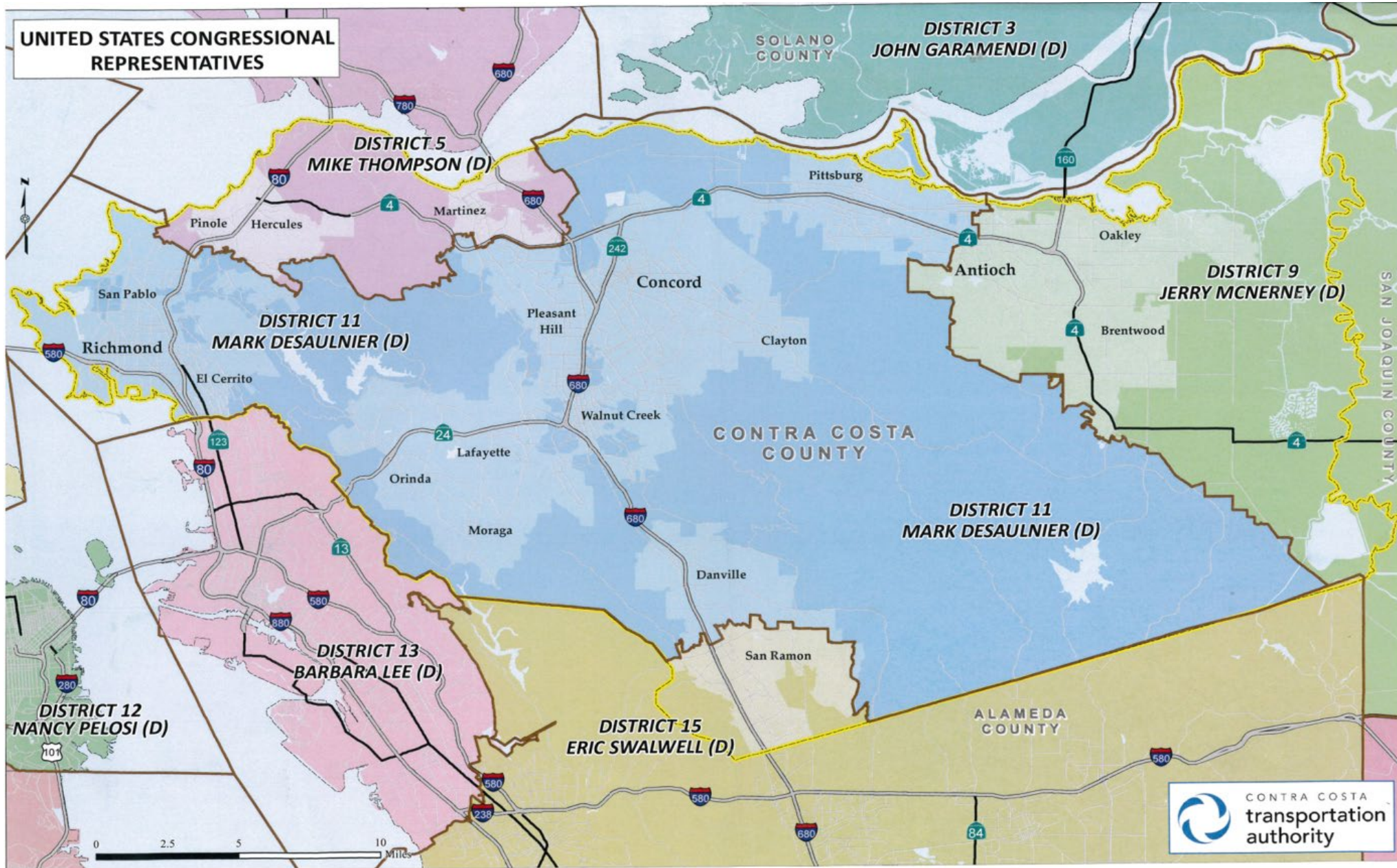


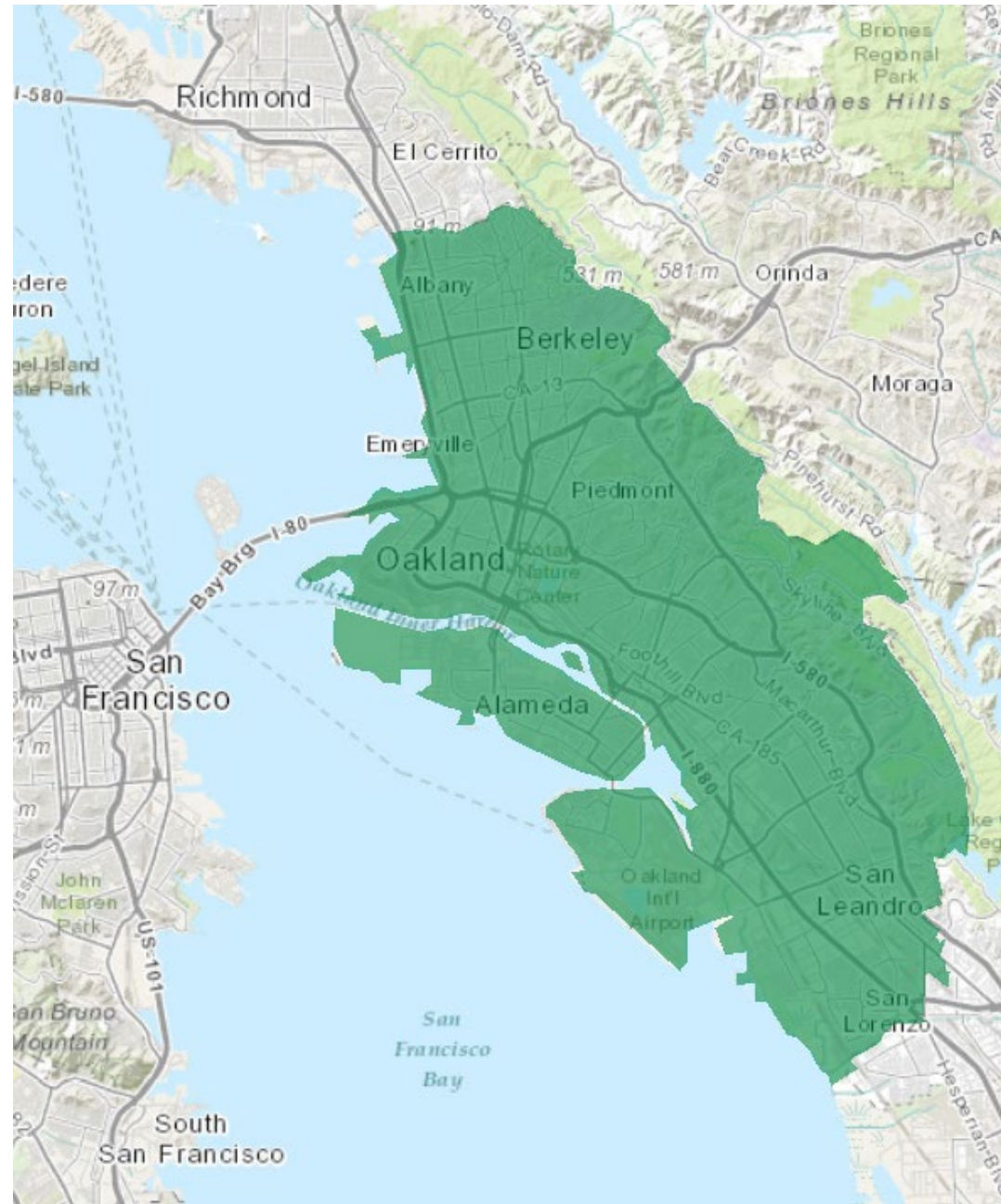
Build Back Better

with Rep. Barbara Lee

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What Is Build Back Better?

- ▶ **The care economy** for families who need child care, paid leave, and home care, and for the largely women and people of color who do these jobs
- ▶ **Climate action** for communities like the Bay area that desperately need us to take on the crisis of climate change, for our children, grandkids, and for our planet.
- ▶ **Affordable housing** for people across the country who desperately need safe, affordable housing in the richest country in the world.
- ▶ **Health care** for those across America, including seniors by lowering the Medicare eligibility age, expanding benefits, and cutting the cost of prescription drugs.

Why Is It Needed?

- ▶ UNICEF **ranks the U.S. last on indicators for family-friendly policies** like paid leave and child care among 41 high- and middle-income countries .
- ▶ “We have reached a tipping point on the need for climate action. **The disruption to our climate and our planet is already worse than we thought**, and it is moving faster than predicted.” - UN Secretary General António Guterres
- ▶ **To afford a one-bedroom rental unit in Contra Costa County making minimum wage, a person would need to work 109 hours per week.**
- ▶ Inequality in the U.S. has never been greater. CBO data indicates that **the top 1% earns 93x as much as the bottom 20%**. It is long past time for the wealthy to pay their fair share.
- ▶ Compared among 11 top high-income countries, **the United States ranks last overall in health care system performance**, despite spending far more of its gross domestic product on health care. The U.S. ranks last on access to care, administrative efficiency, equity, and health care outcomes.

What's Next?

- ▶ 13 Committees in the U.S. House met to create a \$3.5 trillion package over 10 years
- ▶ Negotiations are ongoing with the White House, the Senate, and the House about which programs will remain in the package and whether to cut down on how long the money will be spent
- ▶ It is the hope that the Build Back Better Act can be passed along with the infrastructure bill
- ▶ President Biden: “It doesn’t matter whether it’s in six minutes, six days or six weeks, we’re going to get it done”

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