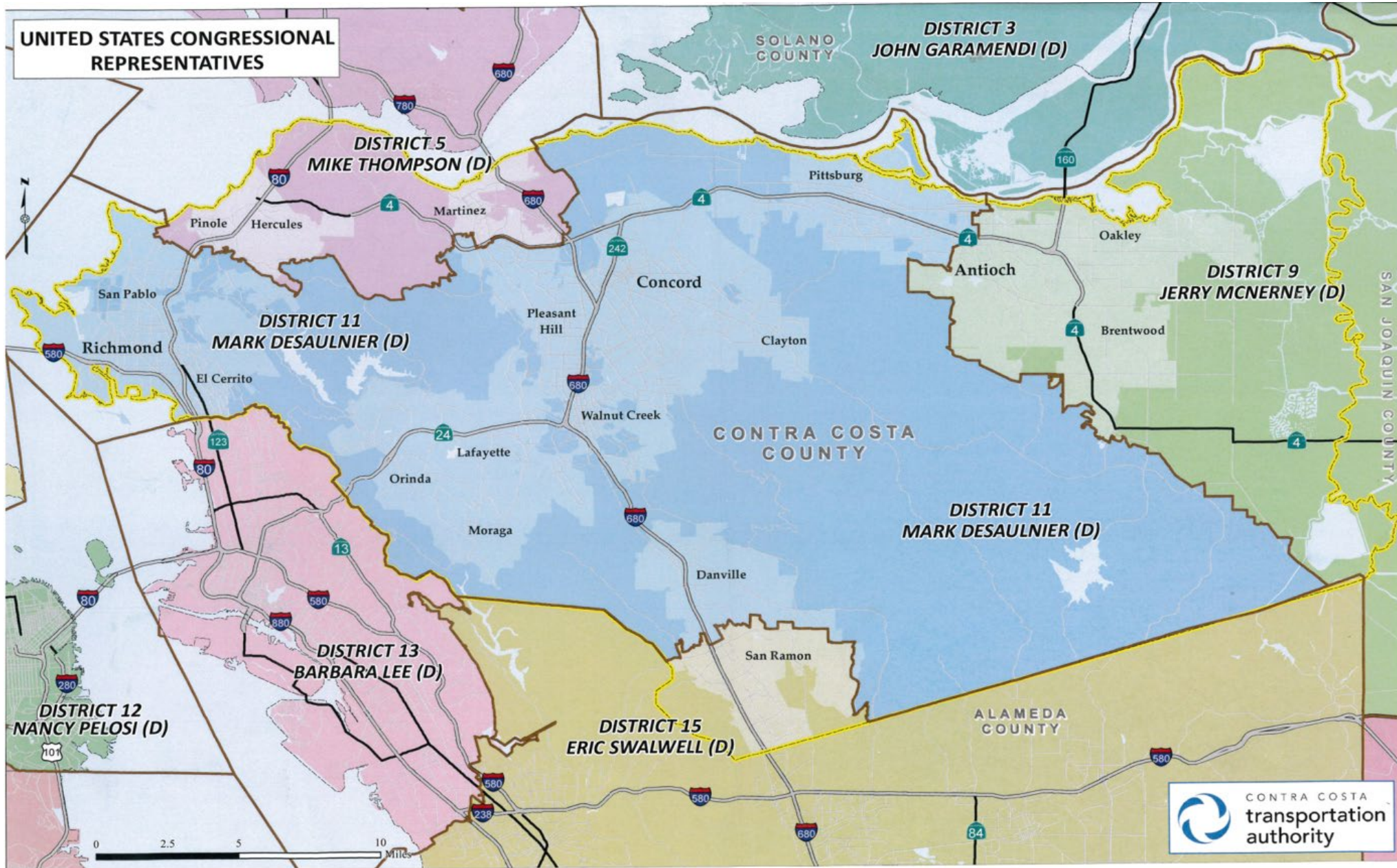


# Conversation on Race Town Hall on Protecting and Supporting the AAPI Community

with Special Guest Congressman Ted Lieu

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# Contra Costa County Demographics

Race	1950	1980	2010	2020
White	85.1%	82.1%	65.9%	65.1%
African American	7.4%	9.2%	9.5%	9.5%
Asian	1.1%	4.8%	17.7%	18.3%
Latino	5%	8.6%	25.7%	26%

# A Spike in Anti-Asian Hate

**“As ex-President Trump and other US officials last year referred to the coronavirus as the “Chinese virus,” the “Kung Flu,” and other incendiary nicknames, a chorus of commentators warned that their rhetoric would lead to an increase in harassment and hateful speech.” - Kevin Shalvey, Insider Reporter**

- ▶ A compilation of hate crime data, published by the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism, revealed that **anti-Asian hate crime increased by 339% last year** compared to the year before, with New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities surpassing their record numbers in 2020.
- ▶ **Women reported nearly 65% of anti-Asian hate incidents** nationally between March 2020 and March 2021.
- ▶ **Physical assaults increased from 10.2% of the total hate incidents in 2020 to 16.7% in 2021.**
- ▶ Most of the **incidents took place at a business (32.2%)** or on a **public street or sidewalk (29.4%)**.

# Congress Acts on Anti-Asian Hate

Recently, Congress passed and President Biden signed into law the **COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act** to address the rising rate of anti-Asian attacks.

- ▶ The bill designates an official at the US Justice Department to expedite reviews of violence and hate crimes related to Covid-19.
- ▶ It provides grants for state and local governments to improve their own reporting systems.
- ▶ It includes the **Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act**, which will help increase hate crimes reporting and response. This bill was named for Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer who were both killed in hate crimes.

The House also passed a resolution condemning the shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 2021, and **reaffirming the House of Representative's commitment to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community** (H.Res. 275).

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