

AMERICA 250 TOWN HALL

Hosted by Congressman DeSaulnier

With Special Guest Jeffrey Rosen,
Professor of Law at George
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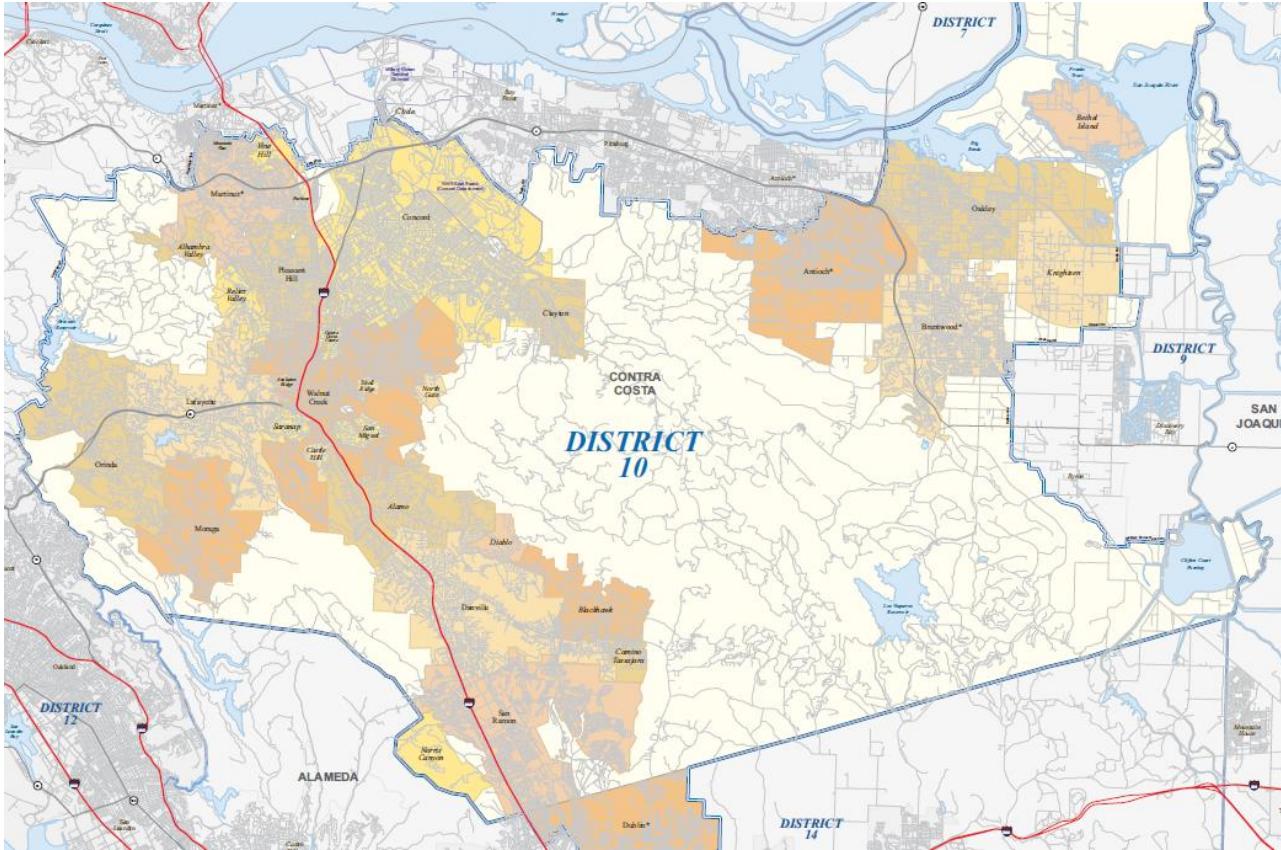
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- Members of Congress are governed by the House Code of Official Conduct, which includes standards for whether, how, when, and where Members may engage in campaign activity.
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 - Making political endorsements.
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*CALIFORNIA'S 10TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT*



CA-10 includes
most of Contra
Costa and part of
Alameda County

COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES

COMMITTEES:

- Ethics Committee – Ranking Member
- Education & Workforce Committee
 - Ranking Member of the Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee
 - Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development
- Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
 - Subcommittees on Highways, Aviation, Water Resources and Environment, and Railroads

CAUCUSES:

- Congressional Progressive Caucus
- Bipartisan Cancer Survivors Caucus – Co-Chair
- Urban Regional Studies Caucus – Co-Chair
- Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition
 - Climate Jobs Task Force – Co-Chair
- Gun Violence Prevention Task Force
- Reproductive Freedom Caucus

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUST IN GOVERNMENT

Americans should be able to have confidence that their government has the public's best interest in mind. That confidence has been lacking in recent years.

- A 2024 survey found that **just 22% of Americans trust the federal government** to do what's right most or all of the time. This is down from highs of 77% in 1964.
- In the 2024 presidential election, around **36% of eligible voters did not vote**. While this represents relatively high turnout compared with the last 50 years of presidential elections, **turnout is still low compared to other democracies around the world**.
- Low trust in government can manifest as civic disengagement, leading people to believe that their vote doesn't matter. The consequences of this are real—**just 37.9% of eligible voters cast a ballot in this month's primary election**.
- Trust in government doesn't mean blind faith—the public can demand transparency and accountability from elected officials while still believing in institutions.

THANK YOU!

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