

TOWN HALL

Hosted by Congressman DeSaulnier



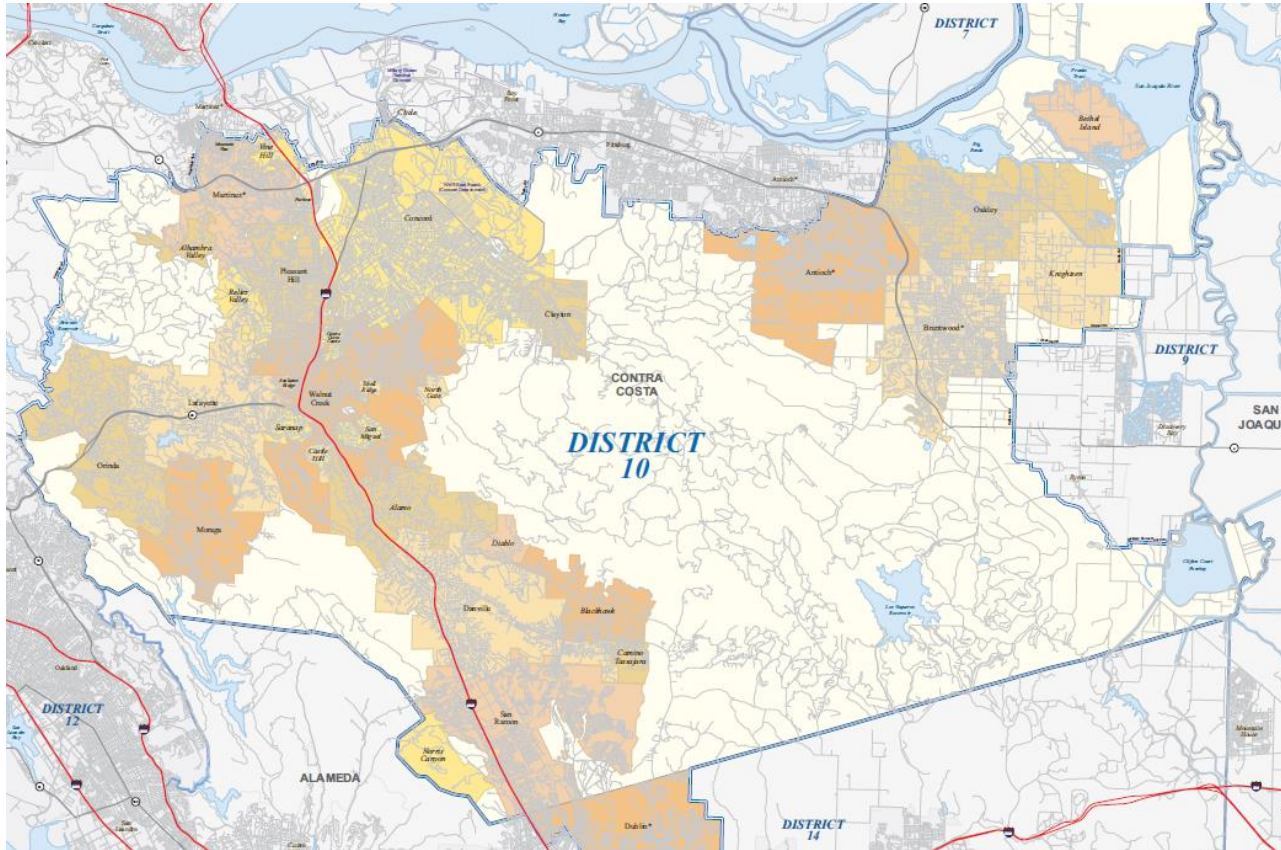
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CALIFORNIA'S 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



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

DONALD TRUMP'S WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Illegal War with Iran

- The war has cost U.S. taxpayers at least \$29 billion so far, and the Administration is expected to request billions in additional funding
- Gas prices in California have gone up about \$1.50 per gallon on average since the war began.

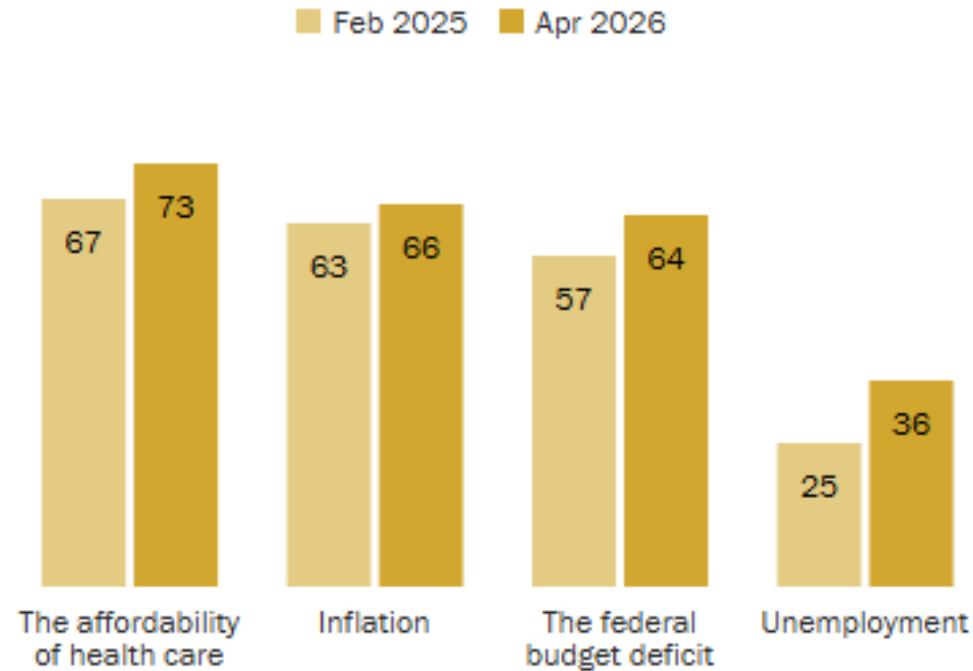
The Big Ugly Bill

- The Big Ugly Bill ballooned ICE's budget to more than \$100 billion through 2029.
- The bill **cut Medicaid by \$1 trillion** over 10 years and has **kicked over 3 million people off SNAP**. The worst of the SNAP cuts have yet to go into effect.
- Despite cuts to social programs, Trump's budget is projected to add \$4.1 trillion to the national debt.

Large – and growing – shares see key economic issues as very big problems

*% who say ___ is a **very big problem** for the country today*

Donald Trump is using these issues to **distract Americans from his disastrous economic policies** and his inability to focus on the issue Americans care most about: **AFFORDABILITY.**



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 20-26, 2026.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

USING TAXPAYER MONEY FOR VANITY PROJECTS



\$13.1 million - awarded to company that repairs his golf clubs' pools - to repaint the reflecting pool blue.



Using America's 250th birthday as an excuse to plaster D.C. and federal documents **with his name and photos at taxpayers' expense.**



\$400 million for ballroom construction and requesting an **additional \$1 billion** in taxpayer funding for security of the ballroom.

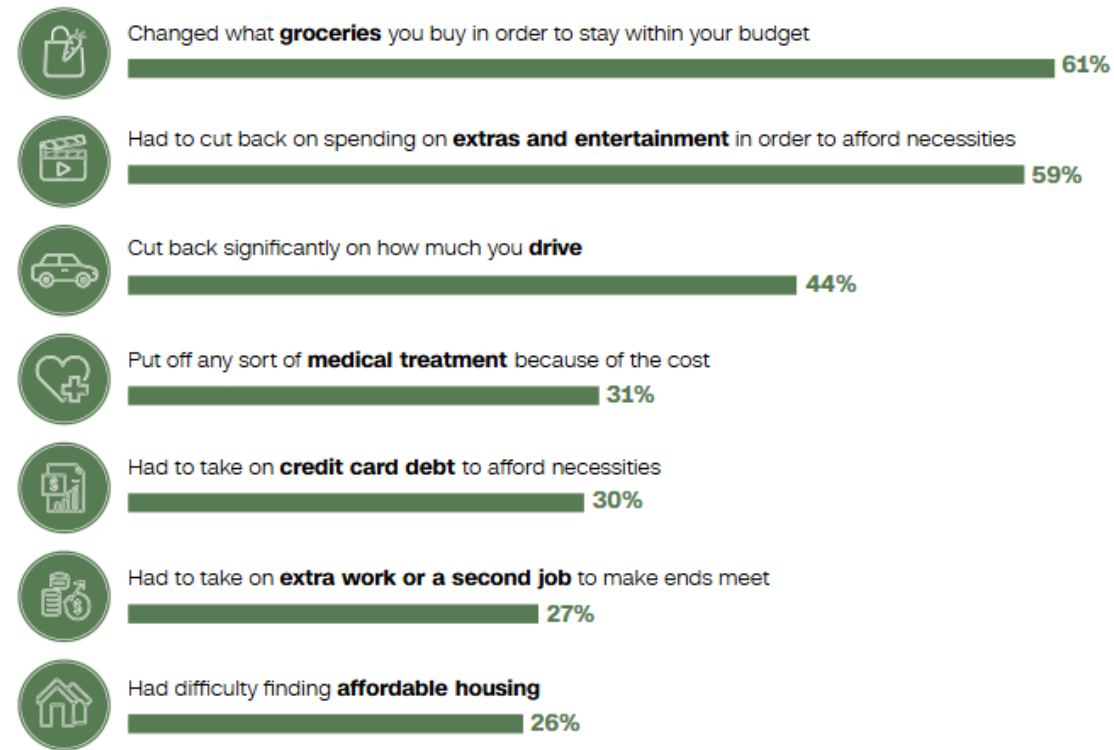
DONALD TRUMP'S SLUSH FUND

- In January, President Trump announced he would sue the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for \$10 billion over his leaked tax information.
- Earlier this month, the Administration announced a settlement which included a \$1.8 billion “Anti-Weaponization Fund” for his political allies to seek redress for perceived acts of political targeting.
 - This settlement would open the door for individuals including those who stormed the Capitol on January 6th, 2021, to receive pay outs.
- Congressman DeSaulnier joined a Congressional Amicus Brief along with 92 House Democrats in an attempt to block this settlement and slush fund.

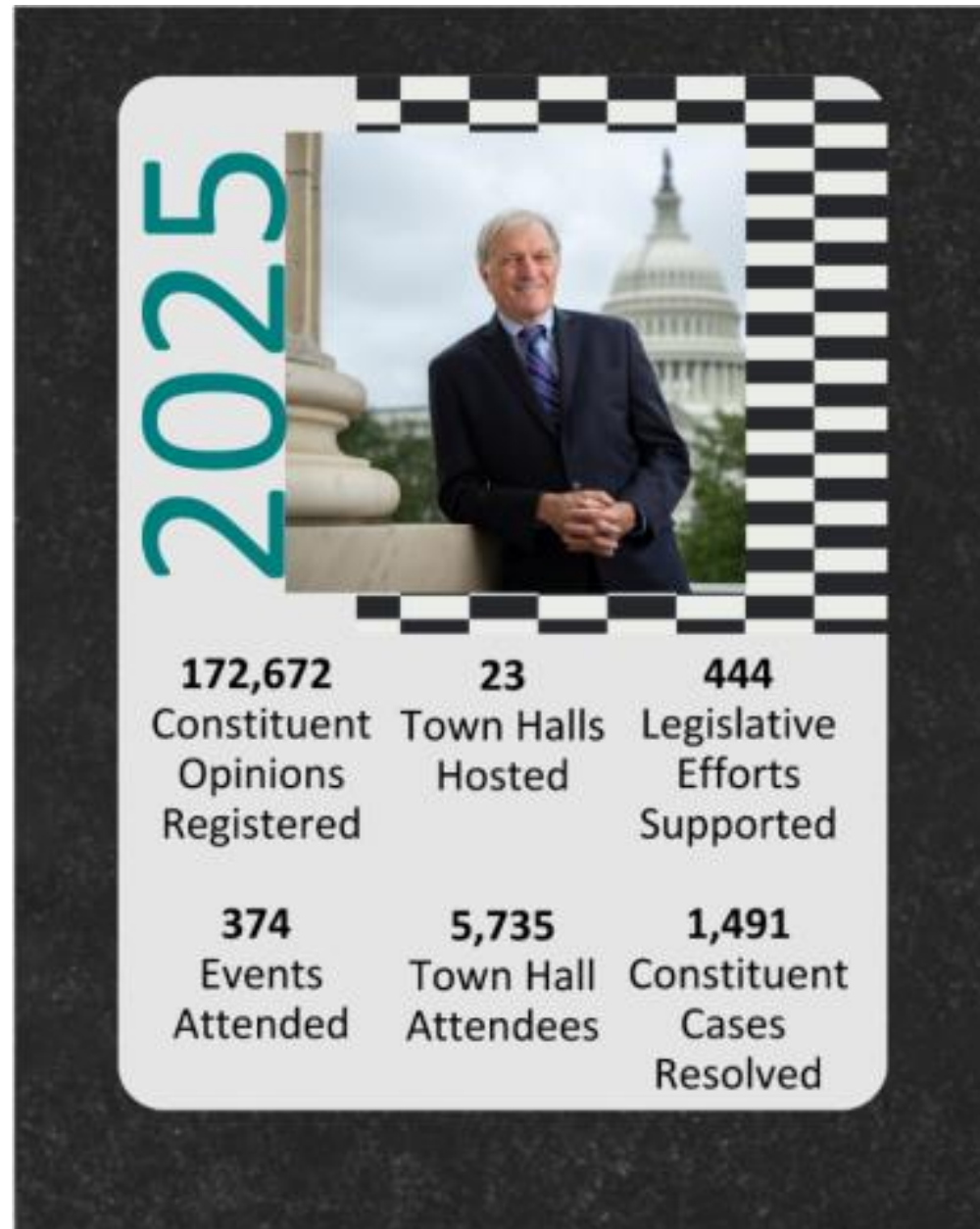
MEANWHILE, AMERICANS ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET

From skimping at the grocery store to taking on second jobs, here's what Americans are doing to get by

Q: As a result of recent economic conditions, have you, personally, experienced any of the following in the past few months?



The Bottom Line: Donald Trump is making life harder for Americans by fighting wars, imposing tariffs, and gutting social programs to add to the already bloated military and immigration budgets.



Unlike President Trump, Congressman DeSaulnier is fighting in Congress to make life better and more affordable for people at a time where everything from owning a home to getting an education is more expensive than ever.

MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE IN CALIFORNIA

The cost of housing in the Bay Area is too high. **Congressman DeSaulnier supports efforts to make housing more affordable** for both renters and owners in Contra Costa County. To combat rising costs, Congressman DeSaulnier:

- Authored the Housing Innovation Act (H.R. 855) to create an Office of Housing Innovation at the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Sponsored the Energy Bills Relief Act (H.R. 7977) to lower the cost of energy bills for homes and businesses.
- Urged the Department of Housing and Urban Development to abandon its proposed rule that would eliminate its longstanding policy for mixed-status families. Under the proposal, entire households would lose housing assistance if just one member lacks eligible immigration status.
- Co-founded the Congressional Caucus on Urban Regional Studies to help tackle the challenges facing urban metropolitan regions.

SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN DREAM

First- and second-generation Americans are responsible for more than one-third of U.S. business formation and are 80% more likely to start businesses. **To support immigrant communities and small business owners, Congressman DeSaulnier:**

- Cosigned a letter to the Department of Homeland Security to oppose delays in processing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewal applications.
- Sponsored the Investing in the American Dream Act (H.R. 8563) to roll back a Trump Administration policy that discriminates against immigrant-owned small businesses seeking Small Business Administration (SBA) loans.
- Sponsored the Health Care Affordability Act (H.R. 247) to restore expired Affordable Care Act enhanced premium tax credits that help small business owners and self-employed individuals afford health care.
- Voted in favor of a resolution (H.J.Res 72) to terminate Trump's tariffs on Canada, which hurt small businesses by raising costs and creating uncertainty for owners.

MAKING EDUCATION AFFORDABLE

As the only Bay Area Member on the Committee on Education and Workforce as well as a member of the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, **Congressman DeSaulnier is fighting to make college more affordable.**

- Sponsored the College for All Act (H.R. 3543) to make college more accessible by eliminating tuition and fees at community colleges, eliminating tuition and fees for four-year public colleges for working families, and doubling the Pell Grant.
- Sponsored the TRAIN For a Better America Act (H.R.1132) to award grants to community colleges for high-quality workforce development programs.
- Sponsored the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (H.R. 2355) to alleviate the student housing shortage by allowing nonprofit student housing entities (like fraternities and sororities) to use donations to build and maintain housing.

THANK YOU!

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