

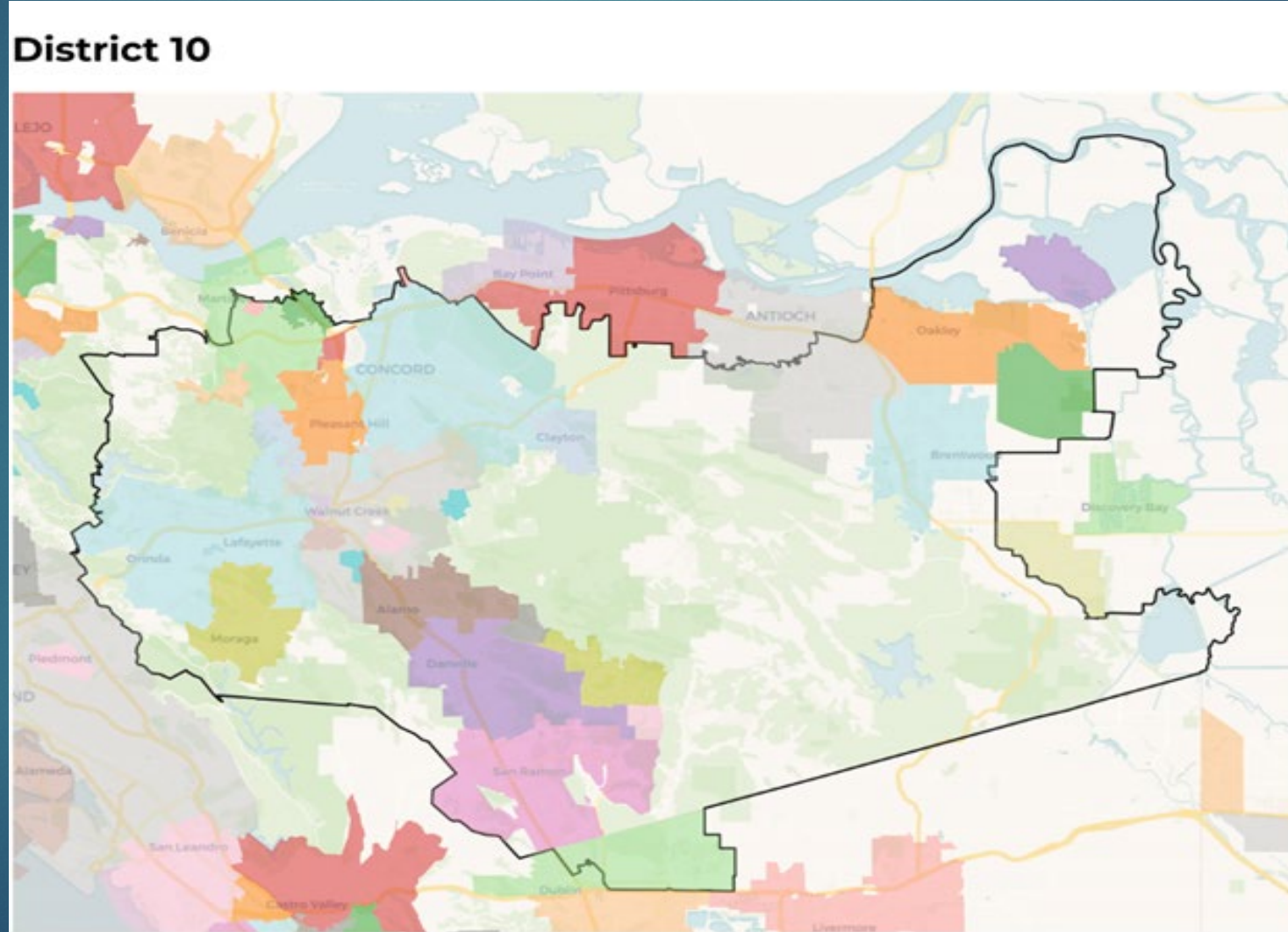


Congressman Mark DeSaulnier Town Hall

APRIL 4, 2024

California's 10th District

- ▶ Includes most of Contra Costa County and a part of Alameda County.



Serving the 10th District

- ▶ Following redistricting, Congressman DeSaulnier now represents more of Antioch as well as Brentwood, Oakley, San Ramon, and parts of Dublin.
- ▶ Since coming to Congress, Mark has:
 - ▶ Hosted 208 town halls and mobile district office hours;
 - ▶ Assisted over 11,750 constituents with federal issues; and
 - ▶ Responded to over 854,000 constituent inquiries.

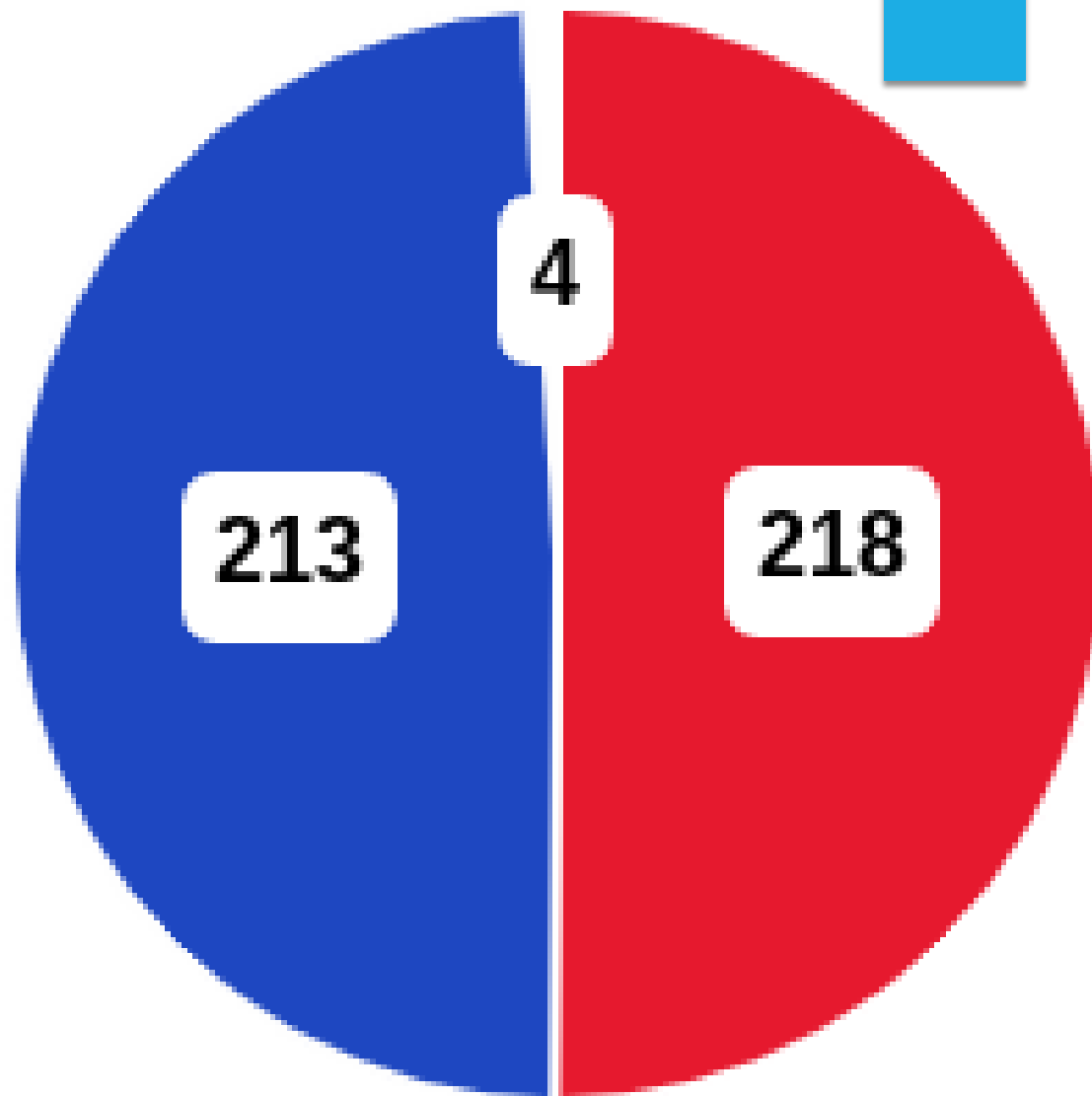
Mark's Committee Assignments

- ▶ Committee on Education and the Workforce
 - ▶ Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions
 - ▶ Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education
- ▶ Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
 - ▶ Subcommittee on Aviation
 - ▶ Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
 - ▶ Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
 - ▶ Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials
- ▶ Committee on Ethics

Current Makeup of House

- ▶ 218 Republicans
- ▶ 213 Democrats
- ▶ 4 vacancies
 - ▶ CO-04 (formerly Rep. Buck (R))
 - ▶ NY-26 (formerly Rep. Higgins (R))
 - ▶ OH-06 (formerly Rep. B. Johnson (R))
 - ▶ CA-20 (formerly Rep. McCarthy (R))

Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) will also step down April 19th



Community Project Funding

- ▶ Since coming to Congress, **Mark has secured \$46 million in funding for 40 projects in our District**, including for:
 - ▶ Contra Costa County's Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime initiative to provide timely and appropriate mental and behavioral health crisis services;
 - ▶ Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) to create cost-free textbooks;
 - ▶ Zone 7 Water Agency to construct a PFAS treatment facility for the Tri-Valley;
 - ▶ Technology upgrades for police departments in Dublin and Antioch;
 - ▶ Smart traffic signal upgrades in Concord, Danville, Lamorinda, Pittsburg, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek.

Democratic Successes: *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*

- ▶ A once-in-a-generation investment of \$1.2 trillion in our nation's infrastructure and global competitiveness to:
 - ▶ Repair roads and bridges;
 - ▶ Improve public transportation;
 - ▶ Create good-paying jobs in a clean energy economy;
 - ▶ Expand the EV charging network; and
 - ▶ Bolster water infrastructure, passenger and freight rail, and airport infrastructure.
- ▶ Over \$20 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is headed to California, including \$15.2 billion for transportation and \$2 billion for clean water.
- ▶ **Congressman DeSaulnier authored several initiatives that were included:**
 - ▶ Clean Corridors Act – Grant program for alternative fuel corridors, including EVs and more carbon intensive fueling infrastructure.
 - ▶ COMMUTE Act – Pilot program to improve planning and decision making in transportation projects.

Democratic Successes: Inflation Reduction Act and the CHIPS and Science Act

- ▶ ***Inflation Reduction Act*** invests \$370 billion to lower prescription drug costs, health care costs, and energy costs for American families while protecting the planet, requiring the ultra-wealthy and big corporations to pay their fair share, and reducing the deficit.
- ▶ The ***CHIPS and Science Act*** made historic investments to strengthen American manufacturing, supply chains, and national security, and to invest in research and development, science and technology, and the workforces in the industries of tomorrow.
- ▶ Similar provisions to Mark's *Protecting Workers for a Clean Future Act* were included in both the *Inflation Reduction Act* and the *CHIPS and Science Act*.
 - ▶ Provisions to better train workers and assist communities with significant levels of fossil fuel employment.

Gun Violence Prevention and “Not Here” Initiative

- ▶ Introduced the *Local Gun Violence Reduction Act* (H.R. 9227):
 - ▶ Would **create a local gun violence prevention effort database** at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sharing evidence of policies that work.
 - ▶ Using evidence-based policies, Congressman DeSaulnier piloted this work by compiling and organizing successful gun violence prevention efforts from local governments in Contra Costa County.
- ▶ Introduced the *Gun Safety Board and Research Act* (H.R. 5273):
 - ▶ Would **establish a board of experts at the Department of Health and Human Services** responsible for conducting research, evaluating federal and state policy proposals, and recommending best practices for reducing firearm deaths.
- ▶ Congressman DeSaulnier has **authored several bills to reduce gun thefts and increase community safety** in the state legislature and in Congress.
- ▶ Member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force.
- ▶ Proud recipient of an F rating from the NRA.

Focus on Transportation

- ▶ In the 117th Congress, Mark brought millions back to Contra Costa to:
 - ▶ Reduce commute times and improve quality of life;
 - ▶ Upgrade the transportation grid to increase transit;
 - ▶ Make public trails safer and more accessible; and
 - ▶ Reduce local transportation impact on climate change.
- ▶ Increasing aviation safety following a string of near-miss aviation incidents.
 - ▶ In June, President Biden signed Mark's bill, the *Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) Act (H.R. 346)*, into law that would create a task force focused on improving the NOTAM system, which experienced a nationwide outage in early January.
 - ▶ Currently participating in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization as a Member of T&I to upgrade our aviation systems and protect the flying public.
- ▶ Preventing railway accidents like the one in East Palestine, Ohio.
 - ▶ Currently participating in the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) reauthorization to improve transportation safety.

Education Work in Congress

- ▶ Advocating for a quality education for all students, from preschool to higher education and beyond, and ensuring schools, students, and parents have the tools they need to succeed.
- ▶ Sponsor of a wide variety of education bills, including:
 - ▶ **Rebuild America's Schools Act** (H.R. 5049) – to invest \$130 billion to address physical and digital infrastructure needs in public schools.
 - ▶ **No Hungry Kids in School Act** (H.R. 3112) – to expand the federal program that helps schools provide no-cost meals to students
 - ▶ **College for All Act** (H.R. 4117) – to eliminate tuition and fees at public four-year colleges and universities for families making up to \$125,000 and make community college tuition- and fee-free for all.
 - ▶ **Student Loan Borrower Safety Net** (H.R. 644) – to direct the U.S. Department of Education to offer specific supports for borrowers as repayment of federal student loans approaches.

Ukraine Aid

- ▶ It's critical that we continue to provide funding for a robust response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine to support our ally and democracy abroad.
- ▶ Congress last passed Ukraine assistance in December 2022, and funding is running out.
- ▶ Additional funding is needed to meet Ukraine's urgent needs on the battlefield to counter Russia, ensure their long-term security and capability to deter future threats against their sovereignty and freedom.
- ▶ Then-Speaker McCarthy made a deal with House Democrats in late September 2023 that he would allow a vote on Ukraine funding, but that promise has not been fulfilled since he was voted out of office.

Upcoming Must Pass Legislation

- ▶ Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization
 - ▶ The House passed H.R. 3935, the bill to reauthorize the FAA for five years but action in the Senate has stalled.
 - ▶ 7 provisions that Rep. DeSaulnier authored, including 4 to prevent near-miss aircraft incidents, were included in the House-passed legislation.
- ▶ National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (H.R. 2670)
 - ▶ Each year, Congress must pass a bill to authorize defense spending and policies at the Department of Defense. Typically, it is passed in a bipartisan fashion.
 - ▶ Mark has regularly voted against the NDAA due to a lack of accountability and oversight – the Department of Defense has never undergone a full audit despite its exorbitant budget.
 - ▶ This year, the first draft of the bill had harmful and partisan measures, including anti-choice and anti-LGBTQ+ provisions.
 - ▶ The Senate-passed version did not include such provisions and those differences will need to be reconciled

The Israel and Gaza Conflict

- ▶ Congressman DeSaulnier is devastated by the death of 7 aid workers delivering aid to Gaza.
- ▶ To protect innocent lives, Congressman DeSaulnier has called for a negotiated ceasefire that would require the safe return of hostages taken by Hamas and allow for critical humanitarian aid into Gaza.
- ▶ We need a diplomatic and peaceful end to the situation and the U.S. should lead as a partner in peace, ally to democracy, and defender of human rights and international law.
 - ▶ In response to the death of the aid workers this week, President Biden called for an immediate ceasefire.
 - ▶ In early March, President Biden announced that the U.S. will establish a floating military port to speed up aid to Gaza, which was estimated to take 60 days to be completed.
- ▶ Congressman DeSaulnier believes that any future aid to Israel should be conditioned to ensure that U.S. funding is not used to kill innocent civilians in Gaza or perpetuate the hunger crisis.
- ▶ Congressman DeSaulnier also believes that funding should be restored to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to get assistance to Gaza immediately.

Recent Spending Bill

- ▶ To avoid an economically disastrous government shutdown, Congress passed and the President signed a **\$1.2 trillion** bill to fund remaining federal agencies through September 2024.
- ▶ **Imperative funding included in the bill:** NIH research, public health infrastructure, and reproductive health resources; Head Start, child care, and other education funding; humanitarian assistance to address global displacement and humanitarian need; 12,000 additional visas to Afghans who helped the U.S.
- ▶ **The Congressman opposed:** Unconditioned \$3.3 billion in foreign military financing to Israel and prohibition on funding to UNRWA
- ▶ This package was the only option available to avoid a shutdown, and was not the package Congressman DeSaulnier would have written or preferred to have voted on.

Mark's Priorities for 2024

- ▶ Congressman DeSaulnier and House Democrats remain committed to pushing against Republicans' extreme agenda and supporting working families by:
 - ▶ Improving transportation systems, easing commute times, and improving quality of life in the Bay Area.
 - ▶ Protecting a woman's right to choose.
 - ▶ Supporting workers and families, including by protecting the right to unionize and fighting corporate greed.
 - ▶ Increasing access to mental health services.
 - ▶ Reducing gun violence.
 - ▶ Improving education and supporting students, teachers, and families.

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