



# Congressman Mark DeSaulnier Town Hall

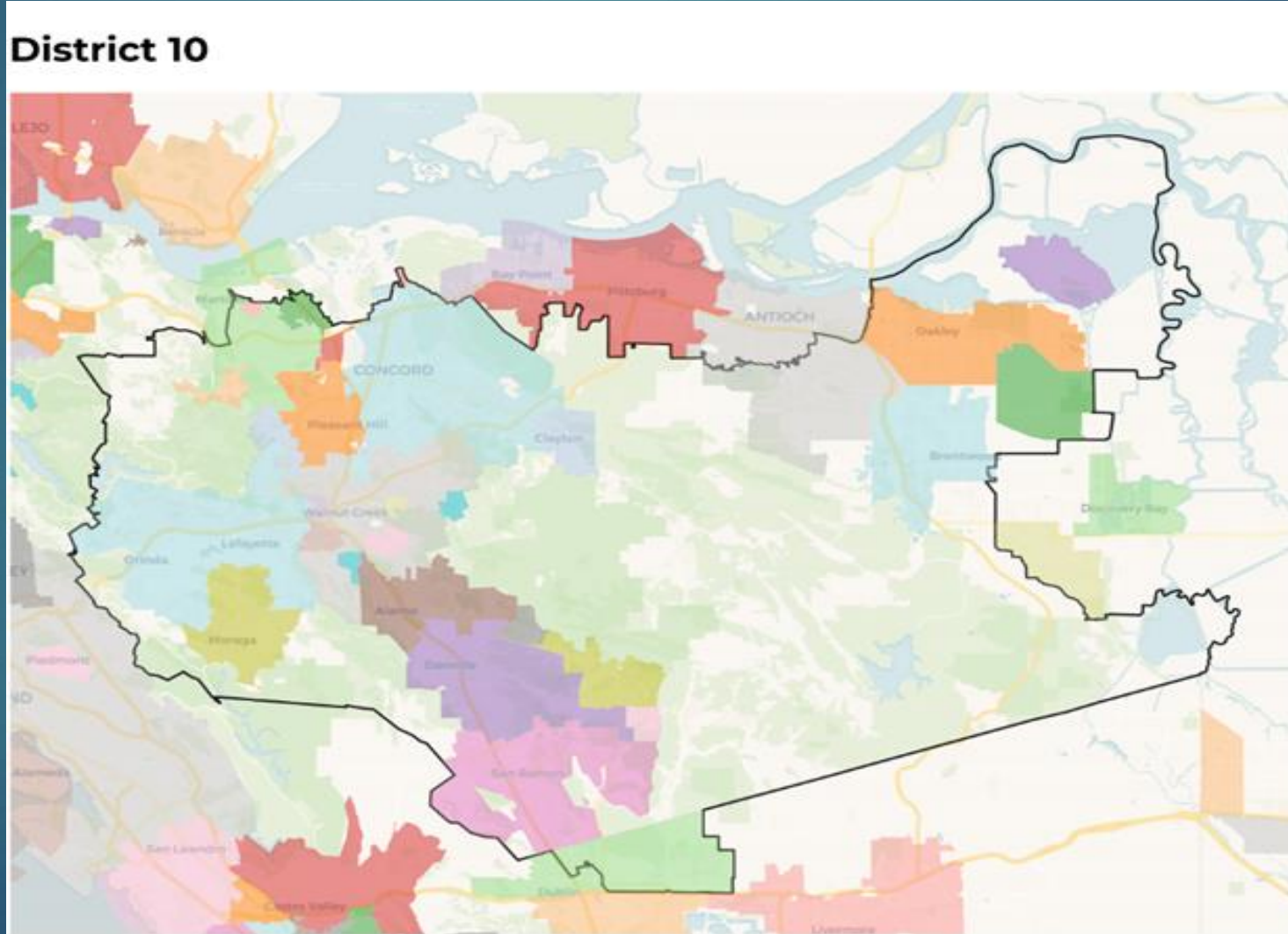
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- ▶ Mark adopted his dog, North from Contra Costa Animal Services in 2021
- ▶ This shelter was dedicated by the Board of Supervisors in 2005, during Mark's tenure

# California's 10<sup>th</sup> District

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



# Serving the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 190 town halls;
  - ▶ Assisted over 10,570 constituents with federal issues; and
  - ▶ Responded to over 803,000 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

# Animal Welfare Work in Congress

- ▶ Member of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus
- ▶ Regularly receives the Humane Advocate Award from the Humane Society for his work to protect and support animal welfare
- ▶ Cosponsor of wide variety of animal protection bills, including:
  - ▶ **Puppy Protection Act** (H.R. 1624) – to expand federal standards of care for licensed commercial dog breeders
  - ▶ **Bring Animals Relief and Kibble (BARK) Act** (H.R. 4750) – to encourage donations of pet food and supplies to animal shelters by waiving donor liability
  - ▶ **Greyhound Protection Act** (H.R. 3894) – to ban greyhound racing in the U.S.
  - ▶ **Prevent All Sorting Tactics Act** (H.R. 3090) – to expand horse soring regulation and enforcement and increase penalties for violators

# Community Project Funding

- ▶ **Since coming to Congress, Mark has secured funding for 25 community projects totaling \$30.8 million**, including:
  - ▶ Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) for creating cost-free textbooks;
  - ▶ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to expand programming for former foster youth and to connect them with mental health supports;
  - ▶ Contra Costa County Mobile Crisis Response Team expansion; and
  - ▶ Smart traffic signal upgrades in Concord, Danville, Lamorinda, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek.
- ▶ Requested funding for an additional 15 projects in 2023 totaling \$30.5 million.

# 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;
  - ▶ Expand the EV charging network; and
  - ▶ Bolster water infrastructure, passenger and freight rail, and airport infrastructure.
- ▶ As of this month, over \$20 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and headed to California, including \$15.2 billion for transportation and \$2 billion for clean water
- ▶ Congressman DeSaulnier Initiatives 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 training workers and assist communities with significant levels of fossil fuel employment.

# Democratic Priorities for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

- ▶ 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.
  - ▶ Supporting workers and families, including by prioritizing access to telecommuting, 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.

# Upcoming Must Pass Legislation

## ▶ Spending Bills

- ▶ The House must pass 12 separate appropriations bill to prevent a government shutdown
- ▶ House Republicans were only able to pass one bill before the August District Work Period, and there is still no consensus among House Republicans on a path forward to prevent a shutdown
- ▶ There are only 12 working days to pass the remaining 11 bills before Sept. 30

## ▶ 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
- ▶ This year, House Republicans added harmful and partisan measures to the bill, which is typically passed in a bipartisan fashion
- ▶ The Senate-passed version did not include such provisions and those differences will need to be reconciled before December

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