



Town Hall: Standing Up For America

Hosted by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (CA-10)

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House Ethics: Congressional vs. Campaign Activity

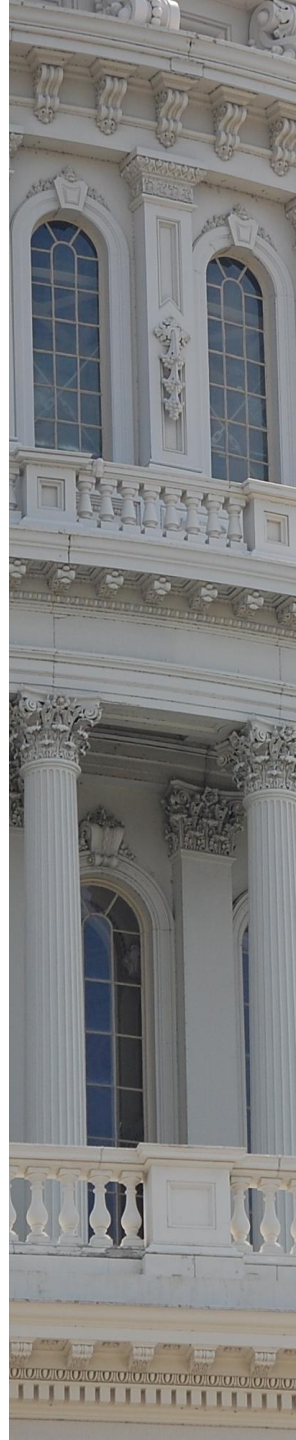
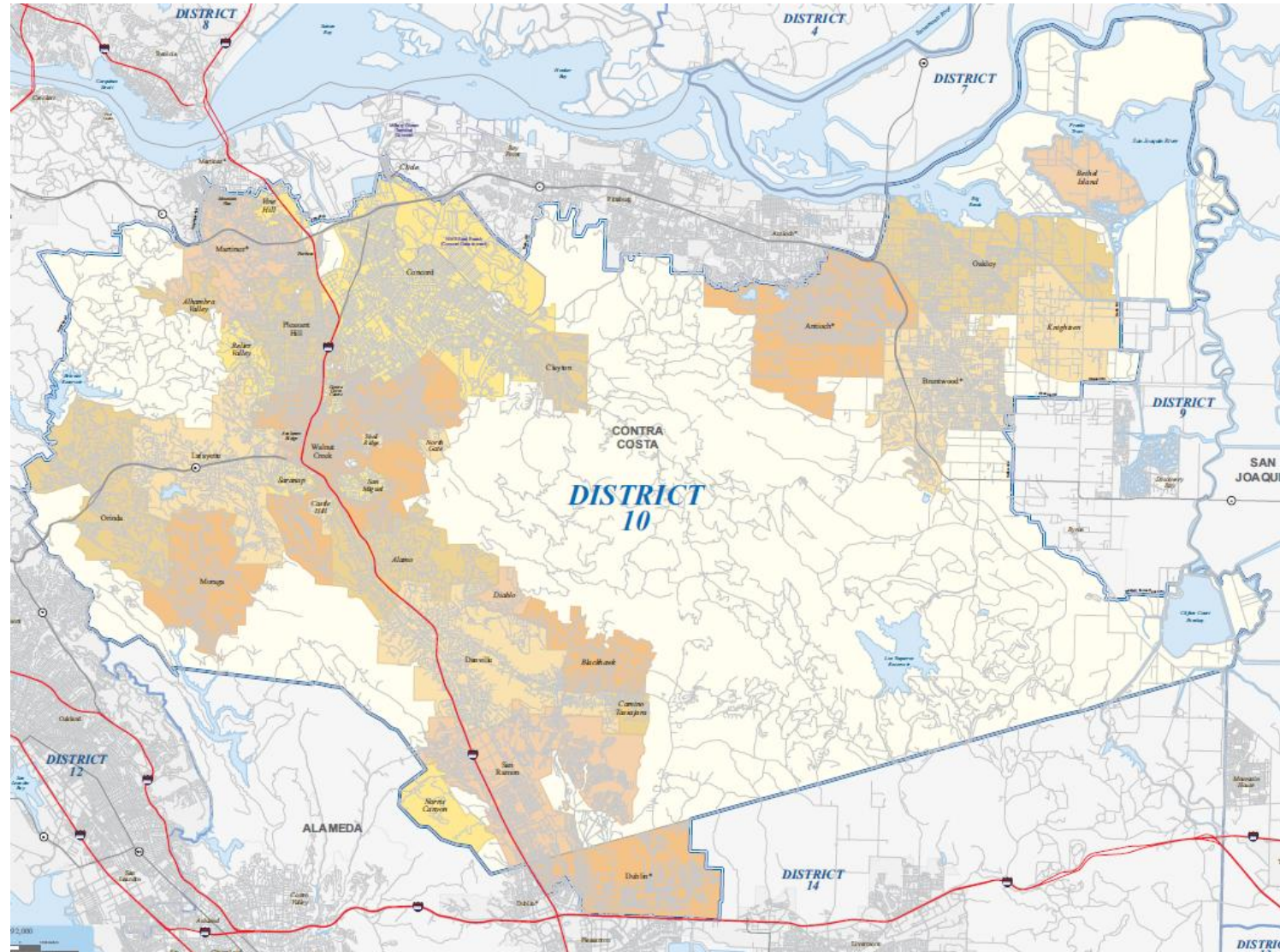
- Members of Congress are governed by the House Code of Official Conduct, which includes standards for whether, how, when, and where Members may engage in campaign activity.
 - This town hall is being hosted in my official capacity as Representative for California's 10th District, not as a candidate in a campaign. Therefore, House Rules prevent me from:
 - Solicitating, receiving, and accepting campaign contributions.
 - Making political endorsements.
 - Directing attendees to websites, resources, or events created or operated by a campaign or any campaign-related entity, including political parties and campaign committees.

You can learn more about the House Code of Official Conduct and how it relates to this event here:



California's 10th Congressional District

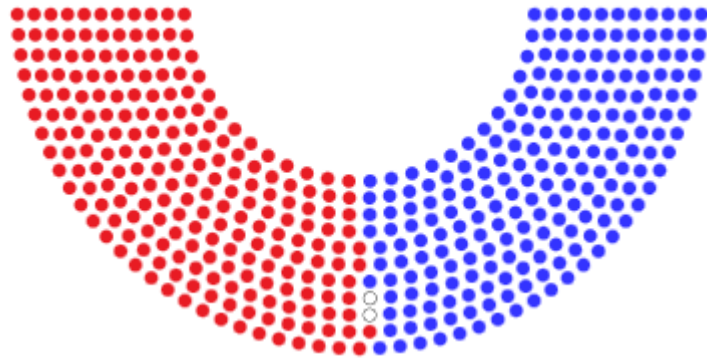
CA-10 includes most of Contra Costa and part of Alameda County



Republicans Hold Majorities in Both Chambers of Congress

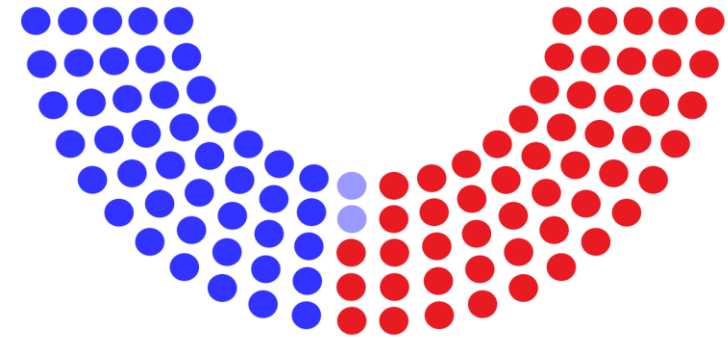
U.S. House

220 **Republicans**, 213 **Democrats**, and
2 vacancies (TX-18,
and AZ-07)



U.S. Senate

53 **Republicans**, 45 **Democrats**, and
two **Independents**



Being in the minority means Democrats do not have the power
to decide which bills are voted on or debated, or to call hearings.

But that doesn't mean we aren't taking action.

Standing Up For America

- Since the start of the second Trump Administration, I've supported over 120 efforts to stand up and fight back, including:
 - Signed 6 Amicus Briefs opposing unconstitutional actions of the Administration.
 - Sponsored 9 bills that directly fight against Trump actions.
 - Bill to prevent the dismantling of the Department of Education.
 - Bill to stop DOGE's access to sensitive information.



Fighting the Extreme Trump Agenda

- The Administration has so far issued 129 Executive Orders.
- The judicial process is the most effective tool to stop Trump.
- Over 190 pending lawsuits have been filed, and 86 court orders have been issued blocking Trump's actions.
- Trump lost 78% of court cases related to actions in his first Administration.



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What the Judges Are Saying

“An American President is not a king – not even an ‘elected’ one – and his power to remove federal officers and honest civil servants...is not absolute, but may be constrained in appropriate circumstances, as are present here”

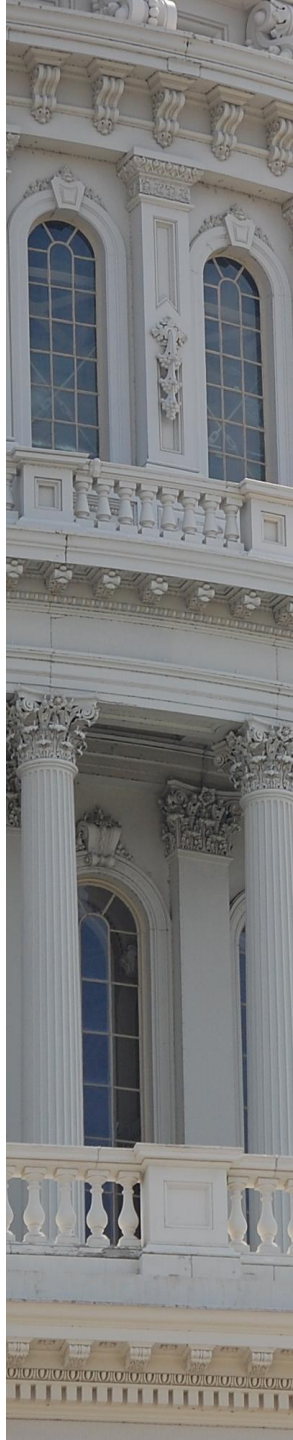
-- U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell

“[The Justice Department’s filings had] the kind of intemperate and disrespectful language I’m not used to hearing from the United States”

-- U.S. District Judge James Boasberg

“Agencies do not have unlimited authority to further a President’s agenda, not do they have unfettered power to hamstring in perpetuity to statutes passed by Congress”

-- U.S. District Judge Mary McElroy



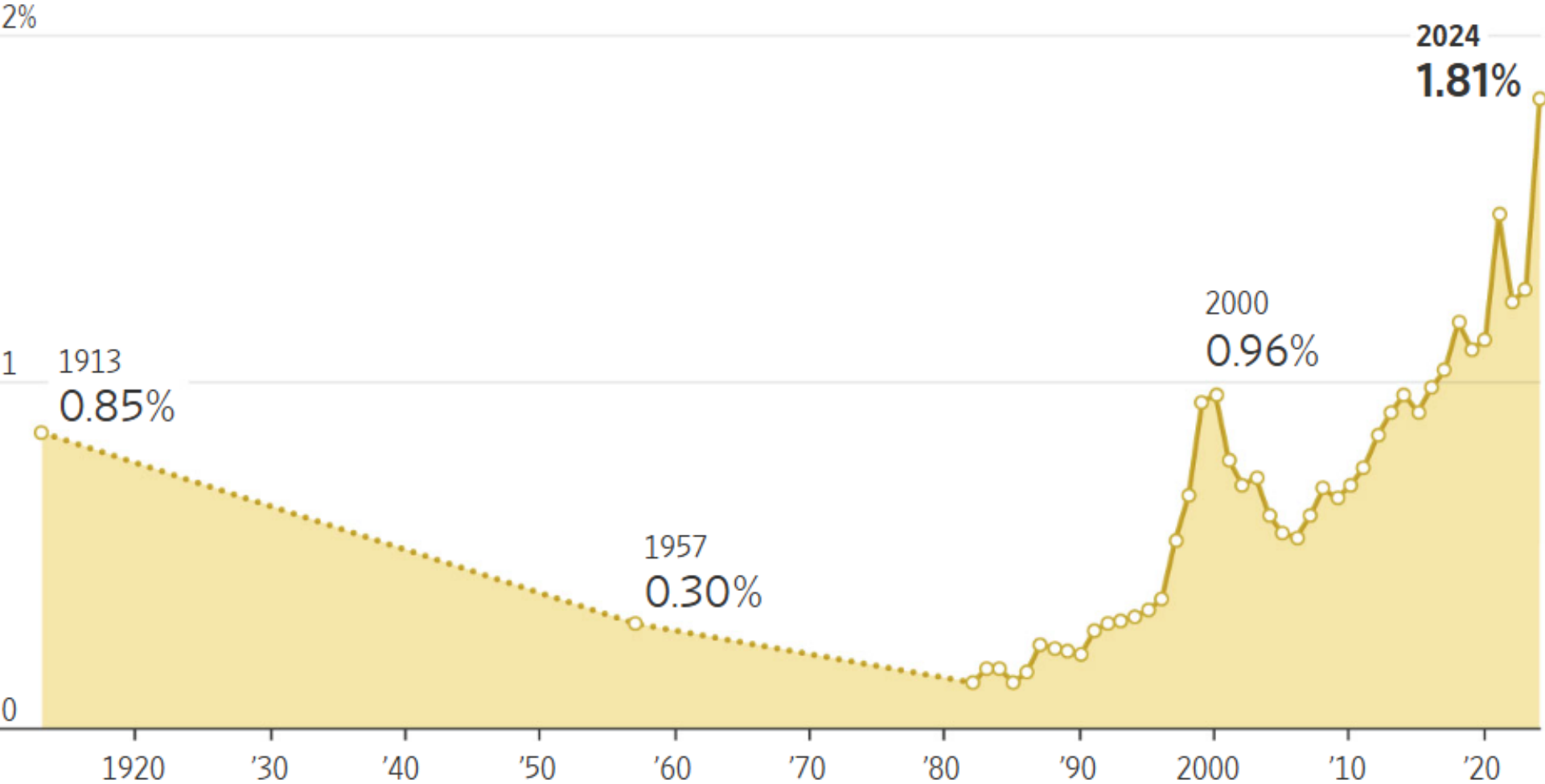
Learn More About How We're Taking Action and Make Your Voice Heard

Sign up for [Mark's newsletter](#) for weekly updates.

- Democrats have created a [Rapid Response Task Force and Litigation Working Group](#) to fight for constituents.
- Oversight Committee: [Exposing DOGE's Dealings](#)
- [Share your personal stories](#) about the harms of the Administration with House Leadership.
- [Report Potential Wrongdoing](#) Under the Trump Administration with House Oversight Committee.
- You can also report illegal/harmful actions to the [California Attorney General](#).



Wealth of the top 0.00001% in the U.S. as a share of total U.S. household wealth



Source: Gabriel Zucman, analysis of Forbes, Fortune and Federal Reserve data

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