



2025 End of Year Town Hall

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House Ethics: Congressional vs. Campaign Activity

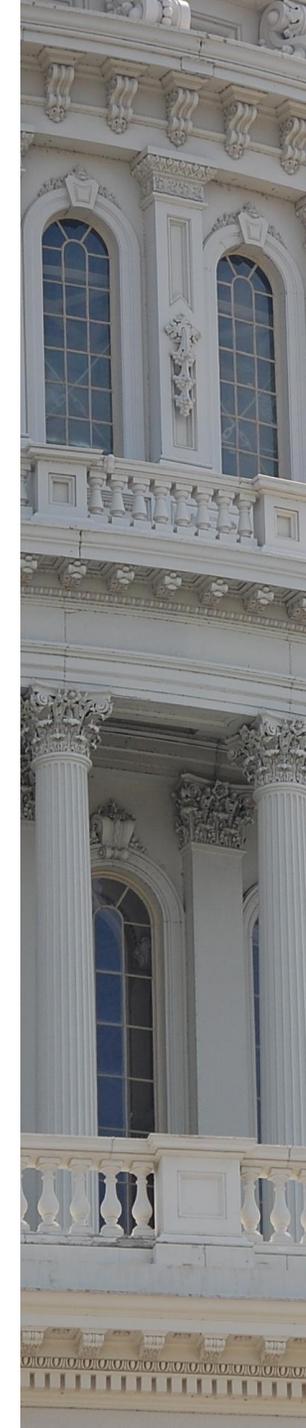
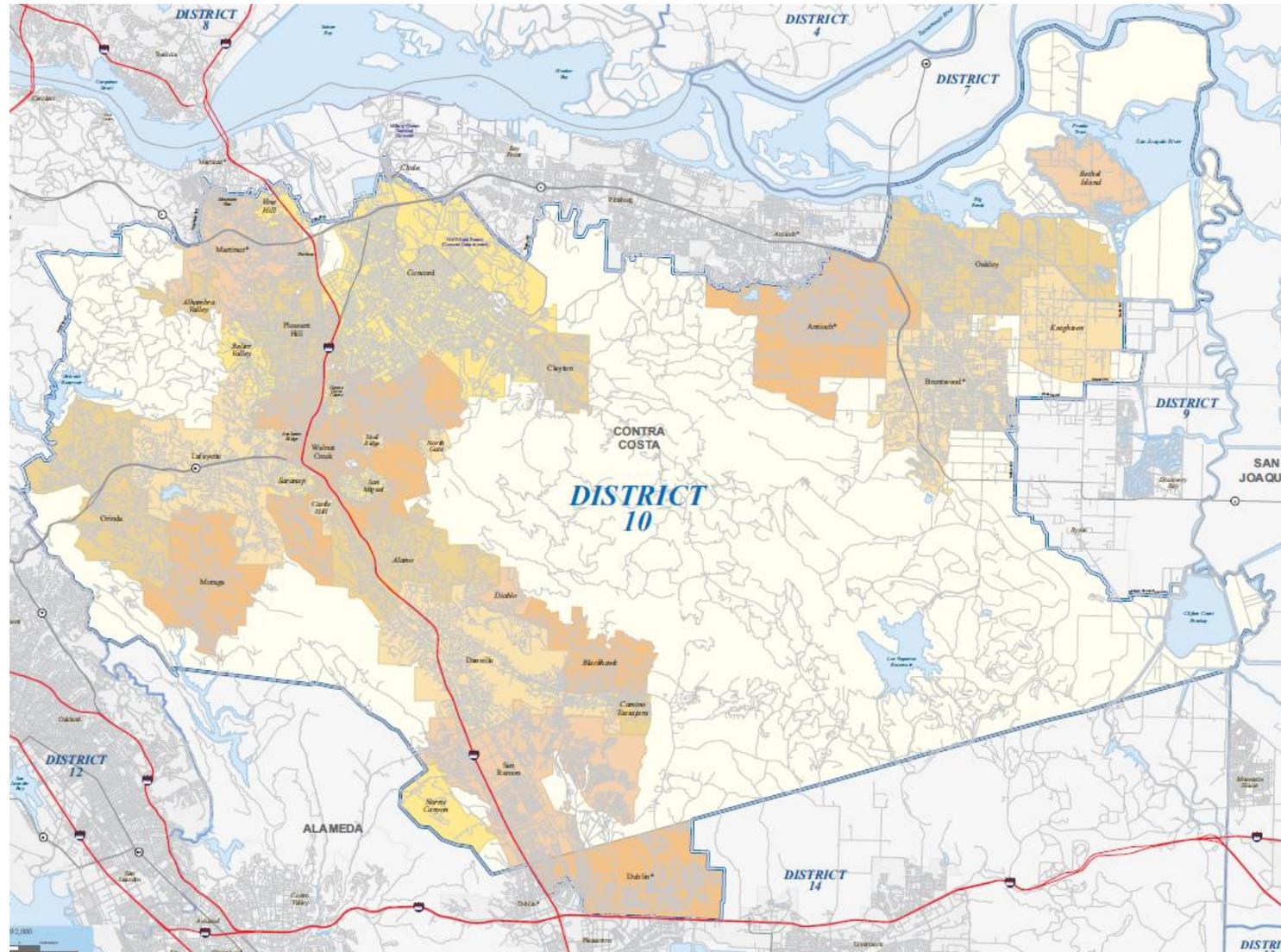
- Members of Congress are governed by the House Code of Official Conduct, which includes standards for whether, how, when, and where Members may engage in campaign activity.
 - This town hall is being hosted in my official capacity as Representative for California's 10th District, not as a candidate 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



Since coming to Congress, Mark has:

Hosted
255
town halls

Helped
13,896
constituents

Responded to
1,030,168
constituents

Sponsored
3,578
bills

Authored
39
bills

TOWN HALLS

CONSTITUENT CASEWORK

CONSTITUENT INQUIRIES

BILLS SPONSORED

BILLS AUTHORED

In 2025 alone, Mark has:

Hosted
33
town halls

Helped
1,345
constituents

Responded to
119,947
constituents

Sponsored
228
bills

Authored
11
bills

Community Project Funding

- Since coming to Congress, Mark has secured over **\$46 million** for projects in the East Bay, including:
 - **\$17.07 million** to deploy smart traffic signal technology and other road safety and improvement projects in Concord, Danville, Lafayette, Orinda, Pittsburg, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek.
 - **\$500,000** for constructing a new Head Start facility.
 - **\$4 million** to build affordable housing units.
 - **\$3.53 million** to improve infrastructure that helps first responders do their jobs.
 - **\$2.06 million** to support Contra Costa's mobile behavioral crisis response efforts.
- Congressman DeSaulnier has requested an additional \$35.2 million for projects in the current fiscal year.



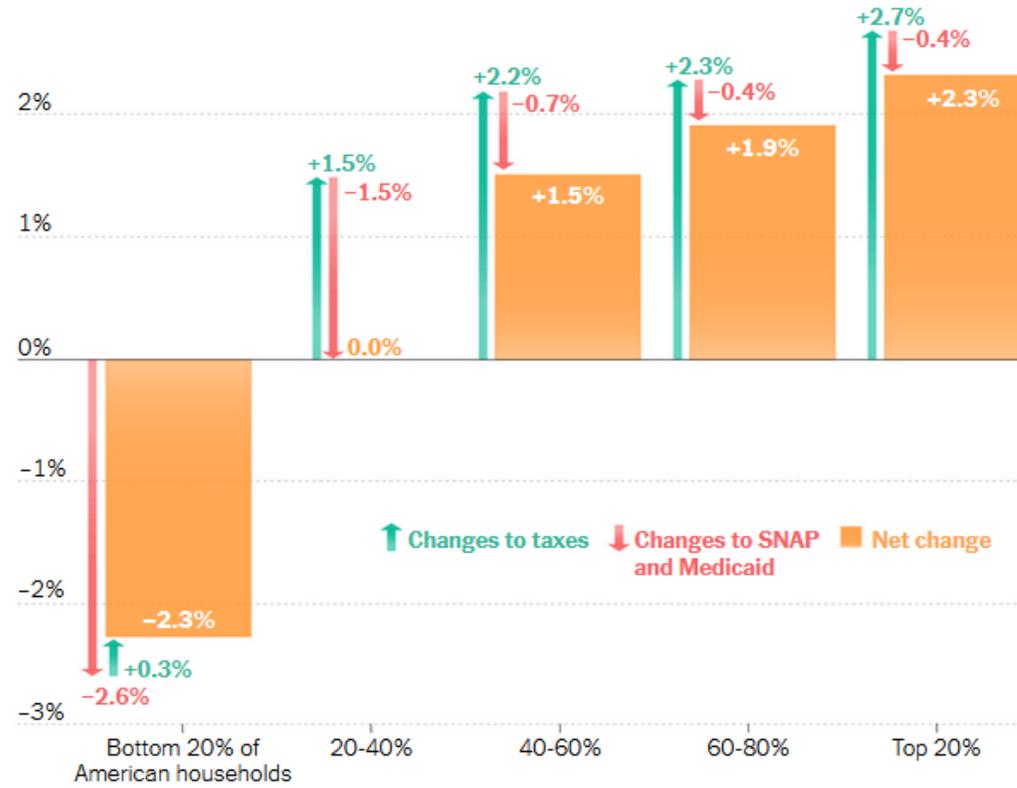
This Year in Congress

- Over unanimous opposition from House and Senate Democrats, congressional Republicans and President Trump passed their budget bill into law in July. This law will:
 - Strip health care from **10 million Americans**.
 - Take school lunches from more than **18.3 million children**.
 - Increase the national debt by **more than \$3 trillion**.
 - Give **\$1 trillion in tax cuts** to the richest Americans.

The More You Make, the More You Benefit

The bill's impact on household finances, by income quintile

3% increase in household income



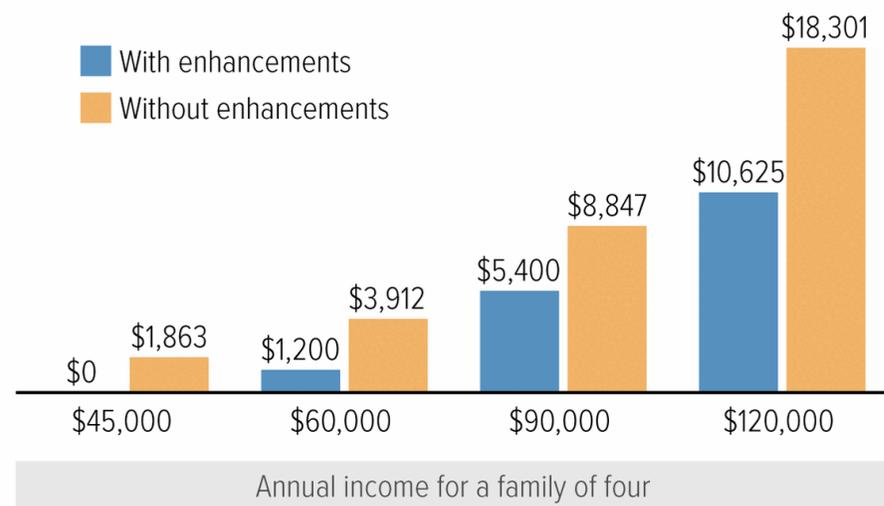
Source: The Budget Lab and C.B.O. calculations · Note: Data from estimates released June 30, 2025.

This Year in Congress (cont.)

- From October 1st through November 12th, a 43-day government shutdown occurred due to the unwillingness of congressional Republicans and President Trump to negotiate over expiring health insurance subsidies.
 - Californians who purchase their insurance through Covered California and are affected by the expiration of the subsidies will face an average premium increase in 2026 of 97%.

Families Would Face High Premium Increases if Tax Credit Enhancements Expire

Annual premium for benchmark marketplace coverage for a family of four, based on national average premium



Note: The example family includes two 40-year-old adults, a 10-year-old child, and a 5-year-old child. Premium costs differ for states with different poverty level standards than the national standard (Alaska and Hawaii) and in some cases differ for states that provide additional financial help beyond the federal subsidy.

Source: CBPP calculations

This Year in Congress – Democratic Wins

Through the use of a procedural tool known as the discharge petition, House Democrats have been able to effect change and hold the Administration accountable.

- In November, we forced a vote on the Epstein Files Transparency Act, giving the President no choice but to sign the bill into law.
 - This law requires the Administration to release all files related to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, with appropriate redactions to protect victims by December 19th.
 - Just last week, we forced a vote on a bill to undo one of Trump's executive actions and reinstate federal workers' right to collectively bargain - Protect America's Workforce Act (H.R. 2550).



Standing Up to the Extreme Trump Agenda

- The Administration has so far issued 217 Executive Orders.
- The judicial process has been the most effective tool to stop Trump.
 - Hundreds of lawsuits have been filed, and at least **149 actions have been partially or fully blocked** and rulings are pending in at least 107 cases.
 - The President had a **78% loss rate** in court cases during his first Administration.



Fighting For The American People

- House Democrats launched the Litigation and Rapid Response Task Force to fight back against the Trump Administration in court. Mark has been actively involved in the task force's work.
- He has supported over 230 efforts to stand up and fight back, including:
 - Signed 19 amicus briefs opposing unconstitutional actions of the Administration.
 - Sponsored numerous bills that directly fight against Trump actions, including:
 - Bill to prevent the dismantling of the Department of Education.
 - Bill to nullify executive orders harming clean energy leadership.
 - Bill to prevent financial conflicts of interest from influencing the President's actions.
 - Mark supports California's work to hold the Administration accountable through lawsuits challenging the deployment of the National Guard and Marines in LA, the illegal cancellation of the Clean Air Act waivers, and other harmful policies.



Legislation Authored by Mark

Since coming to Congress in 2015, Mark has authored **39 bills**. Below are some of the bills that Mark has introduced in Congress this year.

- **CEO Accountability and Responsibility Act (H.R. 5019):** Would increase corporate taxes on companies that have extreme disparities between CEO and worker pay.
- **Three pieces of commonsense gun legislation that would expand research on gun violence, create a database of local gun violence prevention efforts, and help deploy gun safety technology.**
 - **Gun Safety Board and Research Act (H.R. 4882)**
 - **Local Gun Violence Reduction Act (H.R. 4883)**
 - **Advancing Gun Safety Technology Act (H.R. 4918)**
- **HOV Lane Exemption Reauthorization Act (H.R. 4948):** Would reauthorize an expired federal program to allow the California Clean Air Vehicle Decal Program to be extended through 2031.



Democratic Priorities in Congress

- **Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 12):** Would protect access to abortion and other reproductive health care.
- **John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 14):** Would restore important provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- **Equality Act (H.R. 15):** Would prohibit discrimination against LGBTQ+ Americans in employment, housing, education, and other areas.
- **Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 17):** Would ban employers from paying unequal wages to women and men for similar work.
- **Bipartisan Background Checks Act (H.R. 18):** Would require background checks for all gun sales with no loopholes.
- **Richard L. Trumka Protecting the Right to Organize Act (H.R. 20):** Would strengthen the right of workers to form unions and bargain collectively for fair working conditions.



Mark's Priorities for 2026

- **Surface transportation reauthorization.**
 - Next year, Congress will work to pass a law to reauthorize and adjust transportation programs and policy for the next five years. This generally bipartisan process is an opportunity for Mark to weigh in on transportation issues important to our region.
- **Addressing inefficiency and affordability in health care.**
 - There may be opportunities for bipartisan work in the coming year to address high prescription drug costs and the lack of transparency in our health care system.
- **Holding the President accountable.**
 - One of Congress's most important duties is to serve as a check and balance on the Executive Branch. Mark will work with the Administration where possible while also pushing back on harmful, illegal, or corrupt actions.



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