

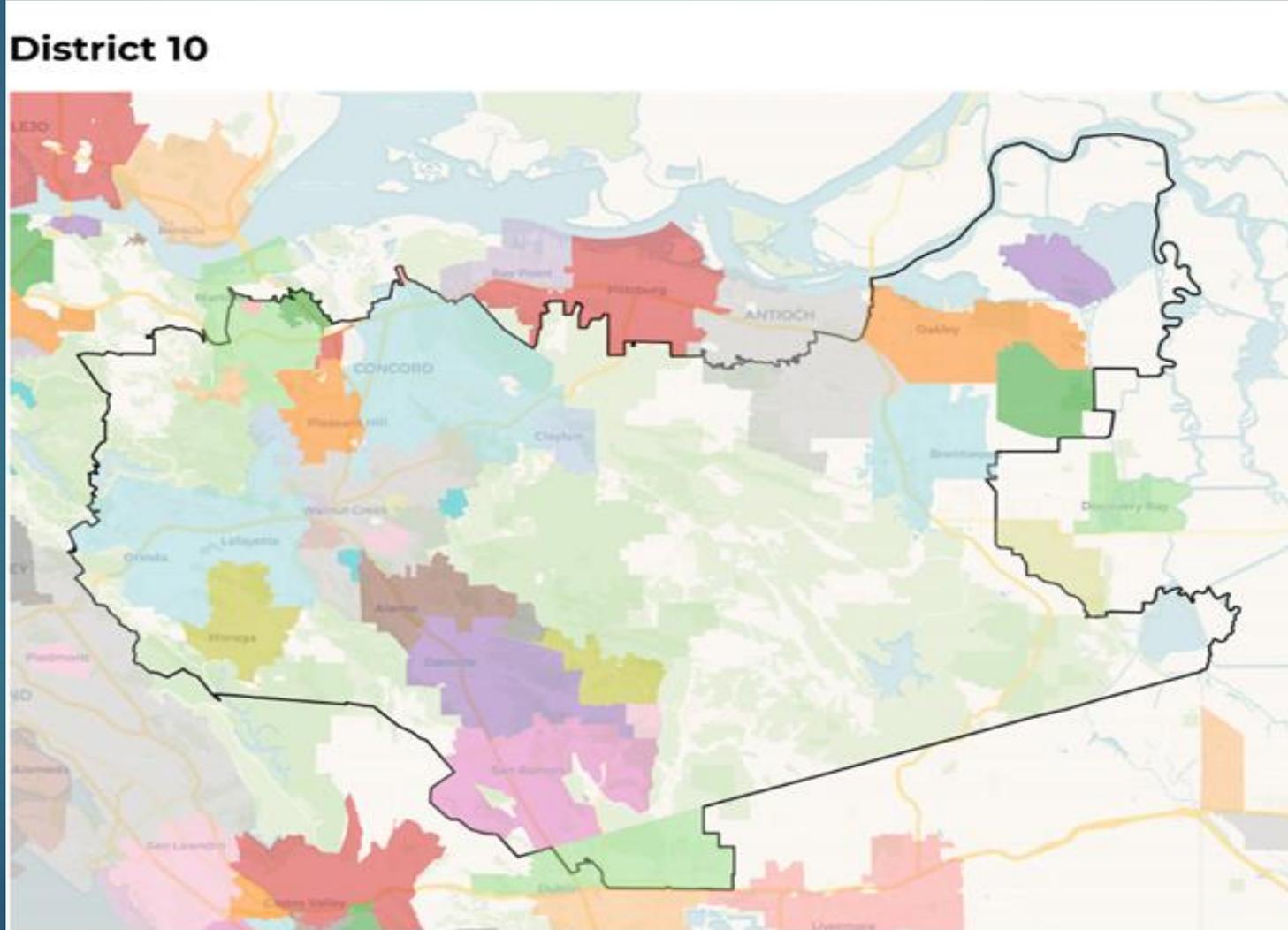


Congressman Mark DeSaulnier Town Hall

DECEMBER 9, 2023

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 200 town halls and mobile district office hours;
 - ▶ Assisted over 11,300 constituents with federal issues; and
 - ▶ Responded to over 831,600 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

Community Project Funding

- ▶ Since coming to Congress, **Mark has secured \$30.8 million in funding for 25 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;
 - ▶ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to expand programming for former foster youth and to connect them with mental health supports; 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;
 - ▶ 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.

Upcoming Spending Bills

- ▶ Congress has now passed two temporary stop gap funding measures to prevent a government shutdown, one in September and the second in November.
 - ▶ The current continuing resolution consists of two separate expiration dates. The first deadline is January 19 and the second is February 2.
- ▶ The Majority in the House has passed 7 partisan bills so far, and there needs to be agreement with the Senate on all 12 to prevent a shutdown.
 - ▶ Initial Republican drafts are pushing for severe cuts to these funding bills that would hurt American families.
- ▶ There needs to be a consensus with the Senate and the White House on a bipartisan path forward.

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

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.

The Israel and Gaza Conflict

- ▶ We stand in solidarity with the Israeli people following the despicable terrorist attack by Hamas that took the lives of over a thousand innocent civilians.
- ▶ We are committed to continuing efforts in Congress to provide appropriate aid to Israel while calling on them to abide by international law.
- ▶ 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

The Israel and Gaza Conflict

- ▶ The Congressman sponsored and voted in favor of a resolution (H.Res. 793) last month calling for the release of all hostages, and continues to call for the release of the remaining 100+ hostages
- ▶ He has also joined colleagues in:
 - ▶ Urging that any emergency aid package include robust funding for humanitarian aid in Gaza;
 - ▶ Calling for Israel to immediately restore full supply of electricity, fuel, and water to Gaza;
 - ▶ Calling for an end to settler violence in the West Bank;
 - ▶ Urging Egypt to facilitate safe zones in southern Gaza and enable a steady supply of humanitarian assistance to flow.
- ▶ Although he supports a negotiated ceasefire, Congressman DeSaulnier has not joined H.Res. 786 as a cosponsor because it does not call for the release of hostages.

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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