

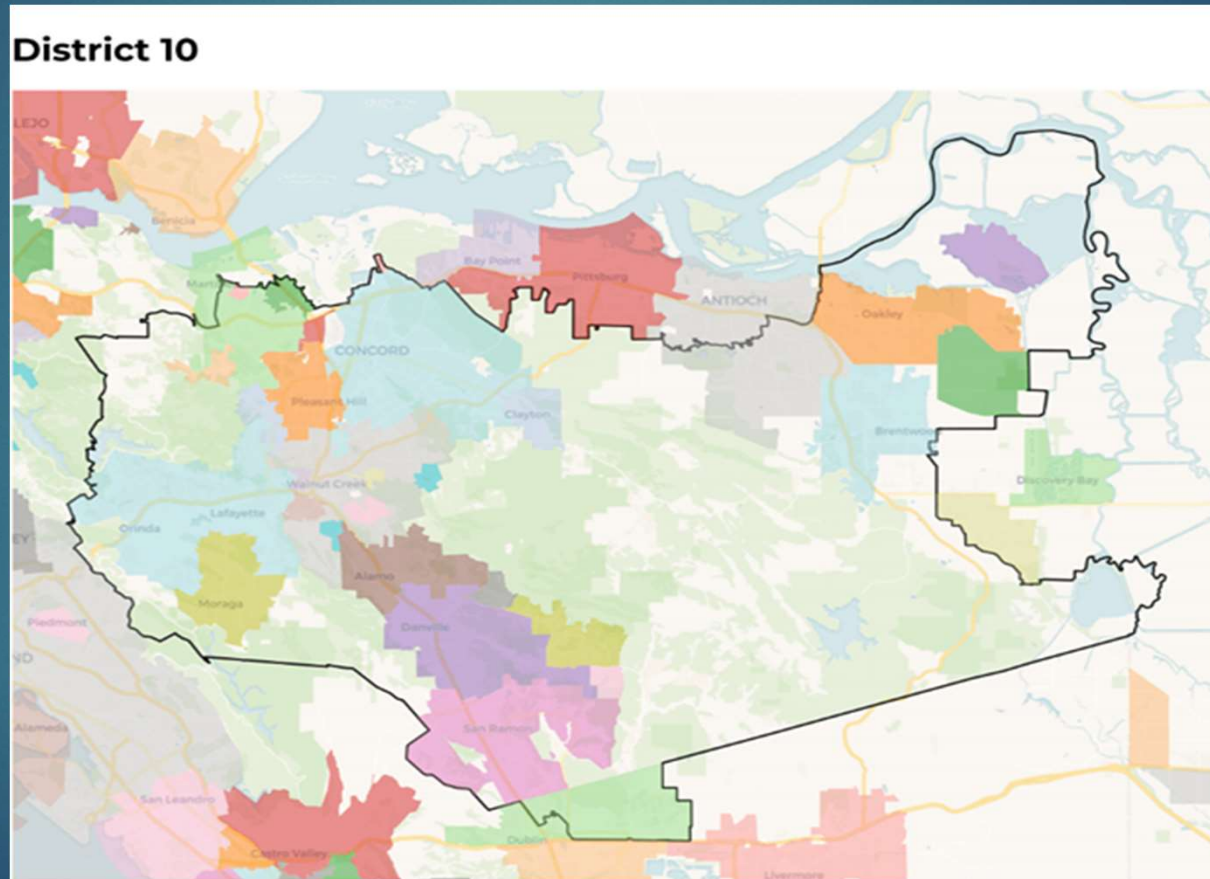


Congressman Mark DeSaulnier Town Hall

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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 181 town halls
 - ▶ Assisted over 10,150 constituents with federal issues
 - ▶ Responded to over 786,000 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

DeSaulnier Legislative Successes

- ▶ Over 60 bills passed into law, including:
 - ▶ Increased funding for electric vehicle charging stations and several other provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
 - ▶ Bipartisan legislation to expand the John Muir National Historic Site and improve access to the park and its scenic trails.
 - ▶ A measure to protect the public from faulty guardrails on roads and highways.
 - ▶ A measure to allow Head Start programs to run more efficiently.
 - ▶ Created Statewide Family Engagement Centers which allow families and communities to play an active and positive role in a child's education
 - ▶ Funding for 25 community projects totaling over \$30 million
 - ▶ Community College Funding (4CD) for creating cost-free textbooks
 - ▶ Choice in Aging to support its work increasing access to community –based alternatives to nursing homes.
 - ▶ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to expand programming for former foster youth and connect them with mental health supports.

DeSaulnier- Gun Violence “Not Here”

- ▶ Introduced *Local Gun Violence Reduction Act (H.R. 9227)*, which 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 in Contra Costa County. The efforts were shared statewide, turning California from a state that was #3 for rate of gun homicides to becoming a leader on gun safety.
- ▶ Introduced the Gun Safety Board and Research Act (H.R. 5273), a bill he introduced to 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.
- ▶ Longtime advocate for gun violence prevention, Congressman DeSaulnier has authored several bills to reduce gun thefts and increase community safety and is a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force.
- ▶ Proud recipient of an F rating from the NRA

Democratic Successes in the 117th Congress

- ▶ When Democrats held the majority last Congress, they passed the following bills on behalf of the American people:
 - ▶ Inflation Reduction Act to lower everyday costs.
 - ▶ Respect for Marriage Act to protect the rights of LGBTQ+ and interracial couples.
 - ▶ Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to help end gun violence.
 - ▶ Legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs and insulin.

Debt Ceiling

- ▶ Raising the debt ceiling allows the U.S. to pay the bills we already owe, including Social Security and Medicare benefits and military salaries.
- ▶ If the debt ceiling is not raised, the U.S. would default – an unprecedented event in U.S. history – which would precipitate another financial crisis, cause a recession.
 - ▶ A default would spike interest rates for credit cards, student loans, mortgages, and car loans; cost millions of jobs, and lead to major losses in the value of stocks and retirement accounts.
- ▶ The Republicans' plan would raise the debt ceiling by \$1.5 trillion dollars in exchange for slashing funding that include:
 - ▶ 200,000 fewer kids in Head Start;
 - ▶ 2-hour additional TSA wait times at major airports;
 - ▶ Unsafe food due to loss of 1800 food inspectors; and
 - ▶ Less food assistance for hungry children.
- ▶ Their threat to default on our debt is a political weapon used to extract spending cuts at the expense of working Americans, a reckless game they have been playing since 1995.

Democratic Priorities for the 118th Congress

- ▶ Congressman DeSaulnier and House Democrats remain committed to pushing against Republicans' 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 and teachers.

Protecting Water Quality and Access

- ▶ Submitted a \$2 million project for Contra Costa County Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta One Water Initiative: Knightsen Wetland Restoration Project
- ▶ With more of the Delta now in his District, Mark is continuing his long history of:
 - ▶ Working to protect water quality from polluters
 - ▶ Voted against the *Waters of the United States CRA* and [H.R. 1152](#) (included in H.R. 1)
- ▶ Keeping Delta water in the Delta/Northern California
 - ▶ Co-led the [Stop the Delta Tunnel Act \(H.R. 924\)](#), which would prohibit the Army Corps of Engineers from issuing a permit for the Delta Conveyance Project.
- ▶ Supported passage of the *Inflation Reduction Act*, which delivered \$4 billion for drought mitigation projects, including:
 - ▶ Compensation for voluntary reductions in water use.
 - ▶ Conservation projects that reduce water demand.
 - ▶ Ecosystem restoration projects that address drought issues.

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.
 - ▶ Reduce local transportation impact on climate change.
- ▶ Increasing aviation safety following a string of near-miss aviation incidents.
 - ▶ In January, the House passed a bipartisan bill that Congressman DeSaulnier co-led that would create a task force focused on improving the Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) system, which experienced a nationwide outage in early January ([H.R. 346](#)).
 - ▶ Will participate in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization as a Member of T&I to upgrade our aviation systems.
- ▶ Preventing railway accidents like the one in East Palestine, Ohio.
 - ▶ Will participate in the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) reauthorization to improve transportation safety.

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Protecting Women and Girls in Sports Act (H.R. 734)

- ▶ Legislation that would define “sex” solely by the reproductive organs a person is born with and would pull all federal funding for a school that allows a transgender female to participate in any athletic program or activity designated to women or girls.
- ▶ Violates the civil rights of transgender students, who already experience depression and suicidal ideation at disproportionate rates from their peers.
- ▶ Researchers estimate that fewer than 100 transgender athletes are competing in K-12 sports, and even opponents of the legislation could point to no more than 5 athletes who have been competing – without incident.
- ▶ **There is no evidence to suggest that transgender athletes’ participation in sports is less fair or less safe.**