

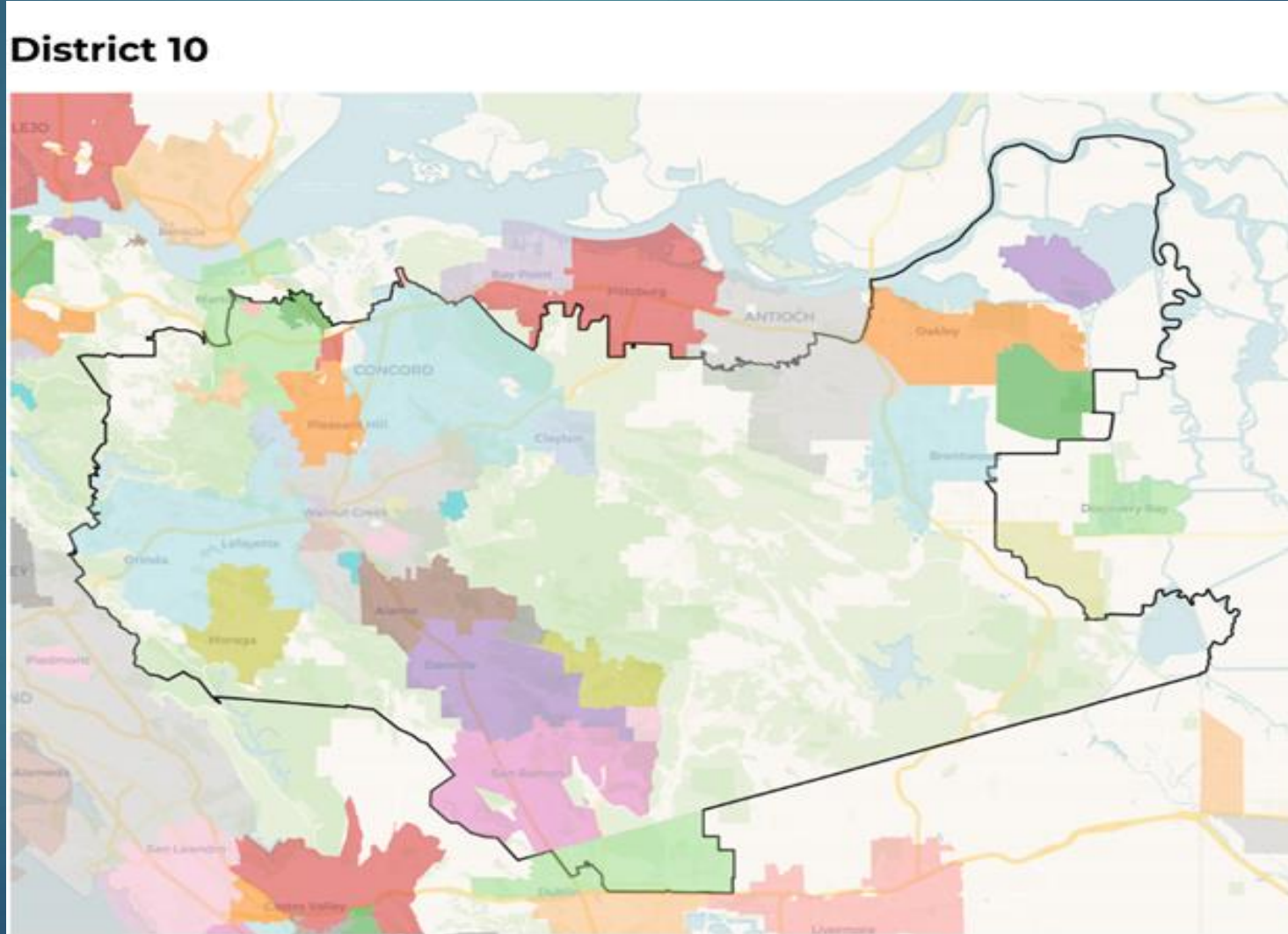


Congressman Mark DeSaulnier Town Hall

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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 185 town halls;
 - ▶ Assisted over 10,570 constituents with federal issues; and
 - ▶ Responded to over 795,800 constituent inquiries.

Office Performance Standards

- ▶ **Meeting Requests:** If you request a meeting, expect to receive a response within 24-hours.
- ▶ **Correspondence:** Emails and letters received in our office will be sent a response within 5 business days of receipt.
- ▶ **Casework:** Requests for assistance through our website or by phone will receive a response within 24-hours.
- ▶ **Tours & Flags:** Requests submitted through our website will receive a phone call within 24-hours.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 had not been raised, the U.S. would have defaulted – an unprecedented event in U.S. history – which would have precipitated a recession.
 - ▶ A default would have spiked interest rates for credit cards, student loans, mortgages, and car loans; cost millions of jobs, and led to major losses in the value of stocks and retirement accounts.
- ▶ The Republicans threatened to default on our debt as a political weapon used to extract spending cuts at the expense of working Americans, a reckless game they have been playing since 1995.
 - ▶ In the debt limit deal, Republicans got spending caps, environmental permitting changes, cuts to the IRS, work requirements on social safety net programs, and more.
- ▶ While defaulting on our debt is not an option, Mark voted against this plan as a stand against rewarding the political extortion of the extreme faction of the Republican Party.

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, teachers, and families.

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.
- ▶ 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.

Concord Naval Weapons Station

- ▶ Plan to transfer the land from the Navy to the City of Concord to develop 2,275 acres of land.
 - ▶ 2,600 will go to East Bay Regional Park District for the Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50.
- ▶ The Navy ceased use of the property in 1999, and it was closed in 2005. In 2006, the Department of Defense designated the City of Concord as the Local Reuse Authority.
- ▶ Planned development includes 13,000 units of housing and millions of square feet in commercial space.
- ▶ Current status: The City opted not to renew its contract with the most recent Master Developer, and will move forward with soliciting and selecting a new Master Developer.

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