

Senator Mark DeSaulnier (DE-SOWN-YEA) was elected to the Senate in November 2008, representing the 7th Senate District, which includes most of Contra Costa County.

Prior to his election to the Senate, DeSaulnier served in the Assembly. There he chaired the Assembly Transportation Committee as well as the Select Committees on Growth Management and Air Quality. DeSaulnier lent his expertise in local government and state regulation to the Assembly Committees on Appropriations, Human Services, and Labor and Employment.

DeSaulnier authored forty bills and coauthored numerous others for the 2007-2008 Legislative Session. His bills address the need to fight truancy among school children, to push back sea-level rise on our coastline, to remove unsafe guns from the hands of children and thieves, to improve indoor air quality in our schools, to better manage state-wide growth and to create opportunities for at-risk youth.

Senator Desaulnier is passionate about issues such as Transportation, Air quality, Heath Care, Smart Growth and Children and Family issues. Mark has been a long time advocate for these issues, has sponsored legislation and crafted programs to benefit Contra Costa County.

For Example, recognizing the great need for women's health services, DeSaulnier introduced a comprehensive Women's Health Program that would serve the health care needs of all women in Contra Costa County. The plan included construction of four new Women's Health Centers featuring a "one-stop shopping" approach to women's health needs. The Women's Health Centers are located in Bay Point, Pittsburg, Brentwood, Concord and Richmond.

The welfare and needs of children have also been DeSaulnier's major concern throughout his service. He has sponsored numerous initiatives on their behalf including the Contra Costa Children's Report Card and the Children's Accountability Act, both tools for evaluating children's issues and the impact of county programs on children. He also established the annual Children and Families' Budget, a separate County budget that reviews and measures the effectiveness of County programs in these areas. His other projects for children include AfterSchool4All, the Future Fund and the Children and Families Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

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