



CONGRESSMAN KEVIN MULLIN

SERVING CALIFORNIA'S 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FIRST TERM IN CONGRESS

REPRESENTING CALIFORNIA'S 15TH DISTRICT

My first term in Congress has been eventful and I remain incredibly honored that I represent communities across California's 15th Congressional District in our nation's capital.

I am proud to be raising my family here in the Bay Area where I grew up and continue to live in the district because it's important to me to stay in touch with the needs of my constituents.

Before we look ahead to the 119th Congress, I'd like to take a moment to share with you the work that I've been doing and encourage you to stay engaged with my office during the coming term.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office if there is anything I can do to be of service to you. Learn more and visit us at kevinmullin.house.gov.

Kevin Mullin

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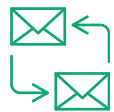
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MY WORK AT A GLANCE



75,647

Responses to your letters, emails, & calls



3,102

Constituent cases solved



\$2.1

Million returned to constituents



91

Community events and town halls attended



184

Meetings with stakeholders



43

Site visits to businesses throughout the district

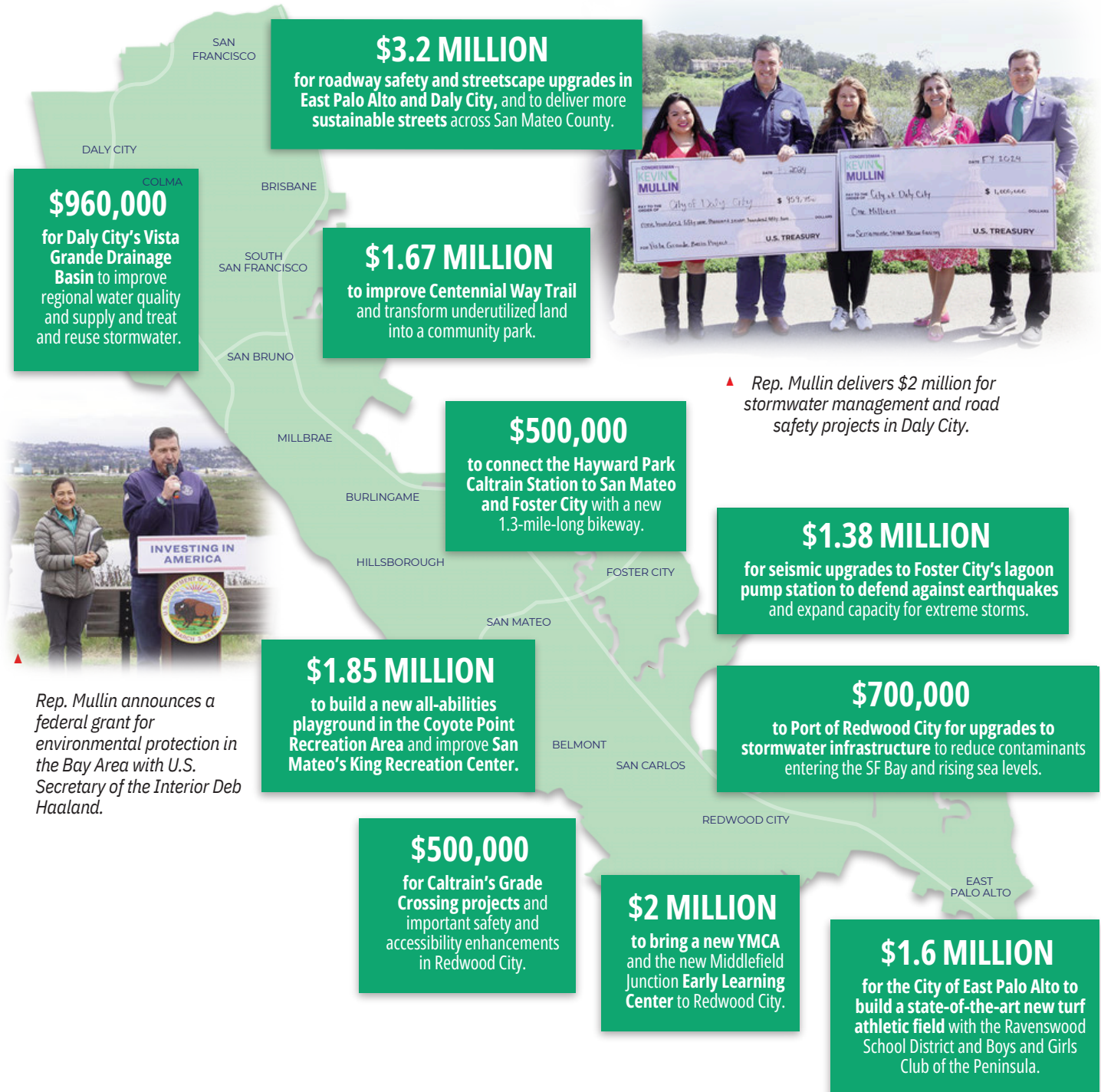


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Days spent in D.C. advocating for my constituents

DELIVERING FOR THE DISTRICT

An important part of the annual budget process is when members of Congress advocate for federal funding to support community projects run by nonprofits and state or local governments. I successfully brought home **\$14.36 million for 15 community projects throughout the district for Fiscal Year 2024, and am advocating for more support for the 2025 cycle.**

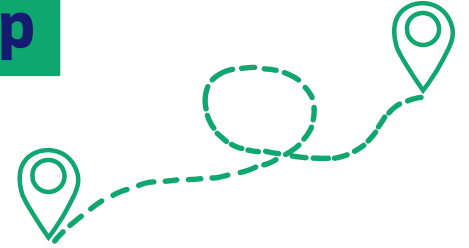


DELIVERING FOR THE DISTRICT

While the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations bills haven't yet passed, I am advocating for another **14 new projects** that would have transformative impacts for the community:

- **Belmont** – Twin Pines Park Stormwater Capture Project
- **Brisbane** – Glen Park Pump Station Replacement
- **Burlingame/Caltrain** – Broadway Grade Separation Project
- **Daly City** – Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project
- **East Palo Alto** – Woodland Avenue Safety Improvements
- **Millbrae** – Trail to Bay Connections
- **Redwood City** – SR 84-US 101 Interchange Reimagined
- **San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)** – Bus Stop Amenity Improvements
- **San Bruno** – Huntington Ave Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
- **San Carlos** – US 101/Holly Street Interchange & Overcrossing
- **San Francisco** – Crocker Amazon Playground – Purple Playground Project
- **San Francisco** – Visitacion Valley Family Center Improvements
- **City of San Mateo** – Lakeshore Community Day Care Center
- **South San Francisco** – Westborough Early Childhood Education Center

Constituent Services Spotlight: Last Minute Passport for Community Service Trip



Paul McCann reached out to my Congressional Office for assistance obtaining a **last-minute passport to chaperone a group of local high school students on a community service trip** to Costa Rica through Social Voyagers, a nonprofit based in Redwood City. One of the parent chaperones fell ill and Paul was asked to step in the day before their flight.

My casework team scheduled an appointment at the San Francisco Passport Office immediately and he received his passport the next morning. The students were able to make their trip to Samara, Costa Rica where they painted a community building as an act of service. The students also attended a local school to interact with and learn from the people of Samara.

Paul will be making good use of his passport once again as he plans to lead a new group of 23 students to Japan in June 2025.



Constituent Services Spotlight: Cancer Patient Gets Help Navigating Medicare

Undergoing cancer treatment is stressful enough, so when an East Palo Alto resident turned 65 years old and ran into an issue with Medicare, he contacted my Congressional Office for help.

To pay for the cancer treatment drugs, he needed to use a copay assistance program through his spouse's health insurance. To qualify for the copay assistance program, he couldn't be on Medicare. When he turned 65 years old, he was automatically enrolled in Medicare and ran into an issue trying to waive coverage.

As a constituent, **the resident was assigned a caseworker from my office who helped him work with the federal agency** to stop the prescription coverage he'd been trying to waive and receive a refund on the premiums.

A caseworker from my office was able to reach out to coordinate with Medicare to waive his coverage and qualify for the copay assistance program, which helped him pay for his cancer treatment.

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“I was being treated for cancer and time was of the essence. I hadn't been able to fix my situation with Medicare directly, so I decided to reach out for help. **I am very thankful that Congressman Mullin and his district staff were able to quickly help resolve my issue,**” said the East Palo Alto resident.

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D.C. BY THE NUMBERS

6

bills introduced

560

bills cosponsored

444

letters cosigned

72

caucuses joined

25

bills cosponsored
that passed the
House

12

letters led



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Clean Energy & Environment

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of our lifetime. My constituents and communities around the country are experiencing its impacts right now. I understand the gravity and immediacy of ensuring a livable future for our children. That's why I believe we must confront the climate crisis head-on to protect our communities and the environment.

Expanding clean energy in America is vital to our economy and the environment. This year, the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2024 was passed to authorize the agency for another 5 years. This new law includes **provisions I authored that will help advance clean energy in aviation and reduce the industry's carbon footprint.**

My amendments will support research and development of hydrogen aviation fuel and better prepare America's power grid for the future of electric power in aviation.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Emergency Preparedness

We need to be prepared as we face an increasing number of climate-driven disasters, which is why I've been working on a bipartisan basis to **increase funding for the Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) System Task Forces**. This came after we led a bipartisan group of lawmakers from across the country to fight for this funding in the FY25 Appropriations process

There are 28 US&R task forces in 19 states – one of which deploys out of our own community in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

US&R task forces respond to disasters wherever they strike, yet they have been underfunded for years. While this funding increase is not yet law, I am hopeful that we can see it across the finish line this year.



US&R California Task Force 3 at The World Trade Center, 2001



US&R California Task Force 3 responding to Hurricane Katrina, 2005

Flood Protection

Our communities are all too familiar with the impacts from extreme storms and flooding. That's why I fought for changes in this year's Water Resources Development Act to help **study flood risks and stormwater management in our district**.

This will help the City of San Mateo's flood risk management efforts and increase the per-project spending limits for the Army Corps' flood mitigation programs. The House and Senate approved versions of the bill, and I expect them to become law soon.

BILLS INTRODUCED

Poverty Line Act

The current Federal Poverty Line – just \$31,200 for a family of four in 2024 – does not accurately reflect what it takes for households to meet their basic needs and have an opportunity to achieve social and economic mobility.

The Poverty Line Act would update the way the poverty line is calculated so it reflects today's cost of living and is adjusted for regional differences across the country. This is critical to helping millions of hard-working families who earn too little to make ends meet, but for whom safety net programs have been out of reach.



Earthquake Resilience Act

Nearly 75 percent of the U.S. could experience a damaging earthquake in the next century. But many communities across America are not prepared to deal with this threat, and earthquakes cost the U.S. on average \$14.7 billion annually.

To address these gaps, the Earthquake Resilience Act would require a national risk assessment of earthquake resilience and support the development of standards and guidelines to more quickly restore access to critical lifeline infrastructure following a disaster. It would also authorize the Federal government to use advanced earthquake monitoring technology.

Bay Area Leaders Mark Loma Prieta Anniversary With Push for Federal Earthquake Safety

KQED October 17, 2024



BILLS INTRODUCED

Driver Technology & Pedestrian Safety Act

Congressman explores tech's role in safety

San Mateo Daily Journal
October 29, 2024

Pedestrian injuries and fatalities from traffic accidents are at record highs. In 2022, more than **7,500 pedestrians were killed and more than 67,000 pedestrians were injured.**

This bill would direct the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the effects of driver technology – including touch screen-based systems and user interface design – and the impact of time of day and changes in traffic, weather, and the volume of commercial vehicles on the road as they relate to pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

Weatherization Resilience and Adaptation Program (WRAP) Act

Extreme weather and natural disasters driven by climate change are having the most devastating impact on those who can least afford to guard against them. Severe storms, routine flooding, extreme heat, and massive wildfires have become more common, putting Americans, especially low-income communities in low-lying and coastal regions, increasingly at risk of losing their homes and property.

The WRAP Act would **provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners and affordable housing providers to make changes to their property so they are more resilient to climate-driven natural disasters** and better adapted to withstand dramatic shifts in weather patterns.

Learn more about other bills I've introduced at <https://kevinmullin.house.gov/about/votes-and-legislation/>

INSPIRING YOUTH

Military Service Academy

Members of Congress are authorized by law to nominate candidates for appointment to four of the five U.S. service academies. I was honored to review applications for nomination during this Congress.

While the application period is currently closed, please visit <https://kevinmullin.house.gov/services/military-service-academy/> for information on the next cycle, which will be shared in mid-2025.

Internship Program

Internships at my Washington, D.C. office and my district office in San Mateo provide invaluable experiences for young people looking to make a difference and learn more about working in government.

Visit kevinmullin.house.gov/services/internships/ for more information.



INSPIRING YOUTH

Congressional Art Competition

Each year, thousands of students submit their art to the Congressional Art Competition, which highlights one high schooler's piece of art from each congressional district annually. I was pleased to announce **Agnes Qui** (left) as our district's winner for 2023, and **Lauren Cheng** (right) for 2024. Their art was displayed in the Capitol along with other outstanding art from across the country.



Congressional App Challenge

Another annual competition for students is the Congressional App Challenge. Students from each district design and submit an original app for a chance to win the challenge, inspiring them to learn to code and explore STEM careers. In 2023, I selected **Anoushka Swaminathan**, a ninth grader at Carlmont High School, for her creation of "Money Matters," a personal finance app to help users gain financial literacy.



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