



## GUN OWNERS of California

### COURT UPDATE

Prepare for the whining and gnashing of teeth to be heard in a loud chorus from Governor Newsom, Attorney General Bonta and their anti-2A sycophants in the state legislature...but not just yet.

As of this writing, Federal District Judge Roger T. Benitez has yet to release his rulings in four critical cases dealing with "so-called" assault weapons, "so-called" large capacity magazines, ammunition registration, billy clubs and other non-lethal weapons.

We have been awaiting his decisions for several months. It isn't that we are concerned that Judge Benitez will rule contrary to the pure understanding of the Second Amendment under the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) precedents set forth in the cases of Heller, McDonald, Caetano, and now NYSRPA v Bruen. It's that it takes patience to allow a thorough jurist like Benitez to make sure that every "i" is dotted and every "t" is crossed to avoid challenges based on ticky-tack procedural errors or omissions. He is most assuredly ensuring that his rulings are iron-clad with regards to the judicial process, not to mention SCOTUS precedents.

As a matter of fact, we believe that the rulings from Judge Benitez will be even stronger than his original rulings where he used text, history, and tradition as his guide even before it was mandated by SCOTUS in Bruen. He went out on a limb to cover all the bases and the fact

that the weenie 9th Circuit chose to return the cases to him when they could have resolved them themselves gives Benitez incentive to be tough as nails.

Everyone in California will know when he releases his rulings because the wail and crocodile tears from the anti-Second Amendment big mouths will be heard from one end of the state to the other.

But as they say in TV infomercials, that's not all!

The river of tears will continue when the courts issue rulings on the constitutionality of the Roster of Approved Handguns, 10-Day Waiting, microstamping, frivolous lawsuits against members of the firearms industry, CCW procedures across the state, the constitutional rights of adult 18 year olds, mandatory storage laws, gun free zones called sensitive areas, Gun Violence Restraining Orders that ignore due process, home-made guns, unelected bureaucrats having the ability to change the long-standing statutory definitions of firearms to expand their reach into our gun safes, and many more.

Currently, GOC is significantly involved in the following cases; we function either as a plaintiff, amici (friend of the court), or by actual funding efforts, often in conjunction with our partner organizations Gun Owners of America and Gun Owners Foundation as well as our 2A colleagues from CRPA and the 2A Law Center:

**NYSRPA v Bruen**  
**LANDMARK DECISION ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT**

Challenged State of New York's concealed Weapons permit policies. STATUS: SCOTUS ruled New York laws as unconstitutional. Landmark case setting standard for all future 2nd Amendment cases and the standard of review.

**Antonyuk v Negrelli (Hochol)**  
**CHALLENGES THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF NEW YORK'S CCW IMPROVEMENT ACT**

**CRPA/SAF/GOC v City of Glendale**  
**SENSITIVE PLACES (GUN FREE ZONES)**

**Arnold (GOA) v Brown**  
**CHALLENGES OREGON'S MAGAZINE BAN, PURCHASE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, REQUIRED TRAINING COURSES AND FEES**

**Texas (Paxton) v BATFE (Dettelbach)**  
**CHALLENGES ATF OVERREACH RE: PISTOL BRACES AND CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE 1934 NFA**  
Waiting for District Court ruling.

**FFL of Illinois v Pritzker**  
**CHALLENGES THE ILLINOIS FIREARMS BAN ACT (ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN)**

**South Bay Rod and Gun Club v Bonta**  
**CHALLENGES AB 1327**

**Rhode v. Becerra**  
**CHALLENGES CA'S AMMUNITION REGISTRATION LAWS**

**Boland v Bonta**  
**CHALLENGES CA'S ROSTER OF APPROVED HANDGUNS**

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**Rupp v Bonta**  
CHALLENGES CALIFORNIA'S "ASSAULT WEAPONS" LAWS

**Miller v Bonta**  
"ASSAULT WEAPON" BAN

**Jr. Sports Magazine v Bonta**  
BANS SHOOTING & HUNTING MARKETING TO YOUTH

**Duncan v Becerra / Bonta**  
CALIFORNIA'S STANDARD CAP MAGAZINES

**FFL of Illinois v Pritzger**  
ILLINOIS ASSAULT & MAGAZINE BAN

**NRA v Vullo**  
STATE OF NY THREATENS COMPANIES WHO DO BUSINESS WITH PRO/2A ORGANIZATIONS

**\*\*It's important to remember that our participation in cases outside of California is critical because the rulings have bearing on what happens in the Golden State.**

**Detailed information about each of these cases can be found on the GOC website under "COURTS".**

### IMPORTANT UPDATE: GOC'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

For over 40 years, Gun Owners of California has been at the tip of the spear in fighting for effective crime control and opposing ineffective gun control. **We do this by boldly jumping into the legislative fray to impact public policy.**

From the very moment the United States was founded, **the right of citizens to "petition" the government** has long been vital to the success of our country as a representative democracy. One of the most effective tools available to GOC has been our ability to engage in

grassroots advocacy.

#### **What is grassroots advocacy, you ask?**

This is what GOC is all about. **Grassroots advocacy is "the basic source of support from the ground up" - engaging the public to advocate, organize and mobilize for themselves.** There is a huge value in this because it is people-driven; when we join in a collective voice in support or opposition to an issue, we can be a powerful and effective force in changing public policies, whether at the local level, in Sacramento or even in Washington DC.

Just like the tugboat that leads the cargo ship out to sea, small factions can change the course of our culture – we are seeing it now in real time, and some of it is frightening. GOC believes wholeheartedly that if more people are willing to engage, we can do the same thing – a force of good for the Second Amendment.

#### **GOC'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER**

Last year, GOC launched our Legislative Action Center, having pulled from our decades of experience working in and around the Capitol. **This is our grassroots advocacy software which enables you to communicate with your elected officials on 2nd Amendment issues;** given the negative media and political bias, it is critical that the politicians in Sacramento understand how important the 2nd Amendment is to the citizens of California. This helps us to stay relevant and in the forefront of an elected official's mind and **shows our power in numbers.**

**The Legislature somehow forgets that** between 2020 and 2021, California added **412,059 NEW GUN OWNERS.** That is an increase of 32% in 2020 and 24% in 2021 – and that's using only partial data from the Department of Justice (through March 2021). Clearly, the numbers would be considerably great-

er with the inclusion of eight additional months in 2021. These are incredible numbers and we can surely use them to our advantage.

GOC encourages you to make use of our **LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER** by clicking on the QR code below - it is a streamlined and extremely effective method of communicating with those who represent you. Remember - with every waking minute, the Left is coming up with new ways to strip our ability to protect our families and our homes. Please join us to let your representative know where you stand.



### THE LEGISLATURE: OUT OF CONTROL!

The Legislature is currently in overdrive as GOC is tracking more anti-gun bills than ever. Last Summer's Bruen decision caught the Left with their pants down so the anti-gunners moved into high gear; they've been drumming up a host of new-fangled ways to mess with the 2A from one end of the country to the other.

As we move into the summer months, the following bills are the most egregious of the almost 50 pieces of legislation GOC is tracking. For additional information on the full list, visit <https://www.gunownersca.com/> and select the "Legislation" tab.

#### **AB 28**

Excise Tax: Firearms & Ammunition | Gabriel (D)

Creates an excise tax on both firearms & ammunition sold in California. This bill has passed the Assembly and has been sent to the Senate.

**AB 725**

Definition of a Firearm | Lowenthal (D)  
 Redefines the definition of firearms to include frames and receivers and precursor parts for the purpose of reporting lost or stolen firearms.

**AB 1089**

CNC Milling Machines | Gipson (D)  
 Prohibits the sale, purpose or possession of a CNC milling machine that has the primary or intended purchase of manufacturing firearms.

**AB 1133**

Concealed Carry Licenses | Schiavo (D)  
 Requires DOJ to create a state-approved and standardized curriculum for CCWs.

**AB 1483**

30-Day Ban on Gun Parts | Valencia  
 Expands the 30-day prohibition on the purchase of firearms to precursor parts as well. This bill has passed the Assembly and has been sent to the Senate.

**SB 2**

CCW Sensitive Places | Portantino (D)  
 Massively restricts the ability of CCW holders to carry in most areas of the state by establishing "sensitive places" criteria. This bill has passed the Senate and has been sent to the Assembly.

**SB 8**

Liability Insurance | Blakespear (D) / 2 year bill  
 Requires firearms owners to maintain a homeowner's, renter's, or gun liability insurance policy specifically covering losses or damages resulting from negligent or accidental firearm use.

**SB 368**

Firearm Transfers | Portantino (D)  
 Mandates temporary transfers of a firearm for storage to prevent a potential suicide to be limited to a licensed dealer. This bill has passed the Senate and has been sent to the Assembly.

**SB 452**

Microstamping | Blakespear (D)

Prohibits a licensed firearms dealer from selling, offering for sale a semiautomatic pistol unless it has been verified as microstamping-enabled. This bill has passed the Senate and has been sent to the Assembly.

**GOC EVENTS SELL OUT!**

**GREAT GUN GIVEAWAY**

It's hard to believe that the year is half over, but it is! We have three of our biggest events under our belt and if we do say so ourselves – they were terrific.

We hosted over 225 shooters (capacity crowd) at our Great Gun Giveaway at Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve – the weather was incredible, the sporting clay competition was fierce and the food was top notch. The shooting began in the early morning and the festivities continued into the evening with raffles, a spirited auction, and rubbing shoulders with some of the best people you will ever meet. We aimed high on this event and boy, did we get there!

**SACRAMENTO TRI-TIP DINNER AND CRAB FEED**

The Citrus Heights Community Center was literally busting at the seams – we SOLD OUT again and had to turn people away at the door – and we don't like doing that...we are looking into other larger event facilities for next year.

With 600 folks eager to eat, drink and win some guns, it was a high-energy evening with tons of games, raffles and the most delectable crab you can get from the cold Pacific waters. Between the crab, tri-tip, clam chowder and pasta salad, people left with full bellies and a lot of prizes. Topo Padilla had the crowd buzzing with the super competitive auction and the GOC Team had a fantastic time meeting and greeting all those who attended.

**OROVILLE BANQUET**

We wrapped up the first half of the year

with our dinner in Oroville – what a pleasure it is to hob knob with the folks from that part of the state. This event also boasted incredible food (catered by Circa 53) and top-of-the-line raffle prizes and guns galore. It was another terrific gathering of the 2A community.

GOC can't say it enough: WE HAVE THE VERY BEST SUPPORTERS IN THE STATE. The spirit of generosity, friendship and integrity you demonstrate is unmatched, and we are incredibly proud to stand with all of you in defense of the Second Amendment.

And there's more to come! Watch for details about our event in **Vacaville** on October 28, 2023.

**GOC ESTABLISHES A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH 4FREEDOM MOBILE**

*By Sam Paredes, Executive Director*

You've probably noticed in recent years that government surveillance has amped up and has stepped over the line. Thanks to these little devices called cellphones, our right to privacy as protected by the 4th Amendment is all but gone.

I don't like the NSA monitoring my phone calls, text messages, emails, location and purchases, and I am happy to report that there is something I can do about it. I'm saying goodbye to AT&T and switching to 4Freedom mobile.

After spending most of the last 30 years working in the telecommunications and high-tech industries - including many years implementing systems to help mobile operators and government agencies track people and collect data – David Sinclair realized the level of surveillance was getting to be too much – far beyond what society needs for public safety. In 2019, David left the

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**4FREEDOM...CONT.**

corporate world and 4Freedom Mobile was born.

Today 4Freedom Mobile provides secure mobile service in over 200 countries around the world, while preventing network operators, tech companies, and the government agencies that depend on them from tracking their subscribers' location, identity, communications, internet activity, social media usage, payments, and more.

4Freedom is a new mobile carrier that protects privacy, encrypts ALL communications, and cell phone data trail disappears.

GOC is partnering with 4Freedom Mobile and for \$30 a month, subscribers will get unlimited and secure talk, text and data. Plus, they will donate a full 10% of our subscriber's monthly cell phone payments back to GOC to help us protect our 2A freedoms.

For those who may have concerns about giving up on the titans of the mobile industry, their 4G and 5G coverage rivals that of T-Mobile and AT&T.

Most questions and concerns are ad-

dressed on their website 4Freedom-Mobile.com, and their support team is available 24-7 at 833-Freedom (833-373-3366). Plus, existing phones can be used (no need for a new purchase in most cases), because 4Freedom custom sim cards work in all Android and newer IOS phones.

For more information, the QR Code to help us get as many subscribers as possible. As they say, "Let Freedom Ring"



**ANOTHER GREAT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP: PAYNE-MASON CIGARS**

GOC is pleased to announce a new partnership with Payne-Mason Cigars, America's Premiere Cigar Manufacturer, and the introduction of a **custom line designed with the GOC logo**. Hand-crafted by Cuban Master Rollers, each cigar is made with rare and finely aged tobaccos from around the world, and is encased in a sealed glass tube to ensure continued freshness.

These fine products can be purchased on the Gun Owners of California website under the **SHOP** tab. There is even an option to join the **GOC Cigar Club** which ensures a monthly supply; there is also a 10% discount if ordered online and shipping is free.

What's even more exciting is that GOC will receive a portion of every Payne-Mason **GOC banded cigar sold to our members and friends**. What a terrific way to support GOC and the Second Amendment while enjoying something that you appreciate.

**GUN OWNERS of California**



YES! I want Gun Owners of California, Inc. to continue fighting for our 2nd Amendment rights. I understand the minimum donation of \$35.00 entitles me to full membership benefits.

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