



GUN OWNERS of California

COURTS AND MORE IN 2024

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

There wasn't much time to rest during the Christmas and New Year Holidays as our staff worked straight through - the Second Amendment was at stake! Check this out...

"SB2 is sweeping, repugnant to the Second Amendment, and openly defiant of the Supreme Court."

In a stinging rebuke aimed directly at the anti-gun souls of Governor Gavin Newsom and Senator Anthony Portantino, U.S. District Judge Carney descriptively declared the "sensitive places" law (May v Bonta) as both unconstitutional and **repugnant**. This is a graphic jab that means **"arousing disgust or aversion; offensive or repulsive."**

We couldn't agree more.

What the Leftists in the California Legislature have done to the Second Amendment is just that - and they are eager to continue in a repugnant vein. Refreshed from their 3-month break, they returned to Sacramento last week and are quite literally foaming at the mouth. Not only are they angsty given their latest loss in the courts, but election season has begun in earnest. They have sharpened their political knives and their tongues. They are ready for war, so gird your loins, people!

That said, the Hefty Lefties are a few beers short of a six pack because even though they were successful in passing a hot load of anti-Bruen policy in 2023,

the majority of the ridiculous new laws are being challenged in the courts. Simply put, fantasy is not guaranteed by the Constitution.

Meanwhile, on the flip side - that which is called reality - we can celebrate the extraordinary intellect of judges such as Cormac Carney and Roger Benitez, both of whom have a keen understanding of what "constitutional" means.

Quoting Judge Carney, he began his opinion on SB 2 stating the cold, hard truth that ***"We live in dangerous times. Nearly every day we are barraged with stories about school shootings, attacks on places of worship, and other unthinkable acts of violence and cruelty."***

He continued by stating ***"SB2 requires that law-abiding citizens open themselves up for slaughter at the hands of people flaunting the law and creates numerous areas ripe for mass murder by ensuring there is no one there to protect people."***

Of course, he is 100% correct.

Carney also made note that previous Supreme Court decisions supporting the Second Amendment make it clear that ***"individuals must be able to effectuate their right to self-defense by, if they so choose, responsibly bearing arms"***. Judge Carney's initial ruling was made on December 20, 2023. On December 30, his injunction was stayed by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals but on January 6, the stay was lifted. Another hearing is scheduled for sometime in April.

Without question, gun control will be

taking center stage as we move further into 2024; even President Biden has bragged that he is making it a key campaign strategy. The Left has made it abundantly clear that this election year is do or die - and frankly - this is one area where we actually agree. Every election is important, but in case you haven't noticed, as a nation and as a state, we aren't just veering left, but we've taken a hard, catastrophic left turn and it's landed us in a treacherous ditch. The rights for the innocent and law abiding must never be determined by the bad action of lawbreakers, yet that's precisely the world in which we reside.

It is crucial that we engage in the battle against this; GOC will continue our work to make certain that 2A voters are armed and informed. The garbage that is thrown against the Second Amendment and the law-abiding is tough to stomach, but, battle it we must. We couldn't agree more with Judge Roger Benitez when he referenced California's anti-2A penchant:

"It is enough to make an angel swear."

Swear indeed! So instead of dreaming of peace on earth, good will to men, sleigh bells and hot drinks around the fireplace, these are the things that kept us up at night: **three separate lawsuits and one set of emergency regulations.**

May v Bonta - the "sensitive places" lawsuit" described above, took us on a rollercoaster ride of epic proportions

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COURT UPDATE...CONT.

– first a great ruling, then the ruling overturned, and then the great ruling restored, none of which happened by accident.

In the midst of this legal commotion, we were dealing with multiple filings, motions and briefs of another critical case that challenges the procedural wild ride it takes to secure a CCW. This includes the subjectivity of the process, the cost, the length of classes and time it takes for the government to issue a permit. This is a huge case (filed by CRPA/GOC v LA County Sheriff) and we are in it up to our knees.

If that weren't enough, we know most folks have heard about the outrageous **emergency regulations** put forward by the Attorney General during the Christmas holidays. With a stroke of some bureaucrat's pen, over 90% of existing CCW Instructors have been disqualified from teaching classes. This is so punitive and contemptible that we are likely going to amend our CRPA/GOC v LA County Sheriff case to include this issue.

And finally, we have a lot on the docket with Richards v Newsom, our lawsuit challenging the requirement that all firearms dealers video and audio record virtually EVERYTHING that happens in a gun store...even when closed. Yeah, it's dumb. But before arguments had even been uttered, the judge opined that such Orwellian surveillance it is not a violation of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendment rights. However, shortly after the preliminary oral arguments, he asked for additional briefs from the state, and more info from us (the plaintiffs) to address the impacts on home base dealers and gun shows. This is a good development!

We are proud to have a robust partnership with the California Rifle and Pistol

Association, the Second Amendment Foundation, our own incredible Gun Owners of America and Gun Owners Foundation – we know we are stronger when we work together and have thus created a veritable legal dream-team.

Even though we have a lot of legal brain power, we cannot continue to fight this war without you. Your faithful support of GOC has allowed us to get this far, and make no mistake about it - we are winning big time, but we will need your help to get us to the finish line.

GOC Candidate Ratings California Primary Elections March 5, 2022

2024 CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE— RATINGS/ENDORSEMENTS
Grades are based on a comprehensive questionnaire which was sent to each (non-incumbent) candidate. Incumbents are graded exclusively on their voting records. DNR indicates that a candidate did not respond. Incumbents are noted with an *. Candidates noted in RED have been endorsed by Gun Owners of CA Campaign Committee.

California State Senate

District/Candidates Party Rating

SD 1	Megan Dahle David Fennell	Rep Rep	A+ A
SD 3	Thom Bogue Chris Cabaldon Jackie Elward Jimih Jones Rozzana Aliga	Rep Dem Dem Rep Dem	A DNR DNR DNR DNR
SD 5	Jerry Mc Nerney Jim Shoemaker Carlos Villapudua	Dem Rep Dem	F A DNR
SD 7	Jesse Arreguin Jovanka Beckles Dan Kalb Kathryn Lybarger Jeanne Solnordal Sandr� R Swanson	Dem Dem Dem Dem Rep Dem	DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR F
SD 9	Tim Grayson	Dem	F

	Marisol Rubio	Dem	DNR
SD 11	Yvette Corkrean Cynthia Cravens Scott Wiener* Jing Chao Xiong	Rep Dem Dem NPP	A DNR F F
SD 13	Josh Becker* Alexander Glew C. Laskowski	Dem Rep Rep	F DNR DNR
SD 15	Dave Cortese* Robert Paul Howell Tony Loaiza	Dem Rep Rep	D B DNR
SD 17	John Laird* Michael Oxford Eric Tao Tony Virrueta	Dem Lib Rep Rep	F DNR DNR DNR
SD 19	R. Ochoa Bogh* Lisa Middleton	Rep Dem	A+ DNR
SD 21	S. Monique Lim�n* Elijah Mack	Dem Rep	F A
SD 23	Blanca Gomez James Hamburger Ollie M. McCaulley Kipp Mueller Suzette Valladares	Dem Rep Dem Dem Rep	DNR DNR A DNR A
SD 25	Elizabeth Ahlers Teddy Choi Sandra Armenta Sasha Ren�e P�rez Yvonne Yiu	Rep Dem Dem Dem Dem	A DNR DNR DNR DNR
SD 27	Susan A. Collins Henry Stern* Lucie Volotzky	Dem Dem Rep	A F B
SD 29	Carlos A. Garcia Kathleen Hazelton Jason O'Brien Eloise Reyes	Rep Rep Dem Dem	A A DNR DNR
SD 31	Sabrina Cervantes Angelo Farooq Cynthia Navarro	Dem Dem Rep	F DNR DNR
SD 33	Lena A. Gonzalez* Sharifah A. Hardie Mario Paz	Dem Rep Rep	F C A
SD 35	Michelle Chambers Lamar Lyons Nilo Michelin Alex Monteiro Laura Richardson Albert Robles James Spencer Jennifer Williams	Dem Dem Dem Dem Dem Dem Rep Dem	DNR C DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR
SD 37	G. Ashbaugh Steven Choi Leticia Correa Jacob Niles Creer Anthony C. Kuo Stephanie Le	Dem Rep Dem Dem Rep Dem	DNR A DNR DNR A DNR

Crystal Miles Rep A
 Alex Mohajer Dem DNR
 Josh Newman* Dem F
 Guy Selleck Rep DNR
 Jenny Suarez Dem DNR

SD 39 Bob Divine Rep DNR
 Akilah Weber Dem F

California State Assembly
District/Candidates Party Rating

AD 1 Tenessa Audette Rep C
 Heather Hadwick Rep A
 Melissa Hunt Rep A
 Mark Mezzano Rep DNR

AD 2 Cynthia A. Click Dem DNR
 Michael Greer Rep A
 Rusty Hicks Dem DNR
 Ariel Kelley Dem DNR
 Frankie Myers Dem DNR
 Chris Rogers Dem DNR
 Ted Williams Dem DNR

AD 3 Jamie Gallagher* Rep A+
 Aaron Draper DEM DNR

AD 4 C.. Aguiar-Curry* Dem F

AD 5 Aabhash Gautam Rep DNR
 Neva Parker Dem DNR
 Joe Patterson* Rep A+
 Athena Singh Dem DNR

AD 6 E. Amanfor Dem DNR
 Nikki Ellis Rep DNR
 Sean Frame Dem DNR
 Rosanna Herber Dem DNR
 Maggy Krell Dem DNR
 Carlos Marquez III Dem DNR
 Kevin Martinez P&F DNR
 Evan Minton Dem DNR
 Preston Romero Rep A
 Paula Villescasc Dem DNR

AD 7 YK Chalamcherla Dem DNR
 Josh Hoover* Rep A
 Porsche Middleton Dem DNR

AD 8 Caleb Helsel Dem DNR
 Michael Matheson NPP DNR
 G. Radanovich Rep A
 David J. Tangipa Rep A

AD 9 Heath Flora* Rep A
 Tami Nobriga AI DNR

AD 10 S. Nguyen* Dem F
 Vinaya Singh Rep DNR

AD 11 Dave Ennis Rep F
 Jeffrey Flack Dem DNR
 Wanda Wallis Rep A
 Lori D Wilson* Dem F

AD 12 Eryn Cervantes Rep DNR
 Damon Connolly* Dem F
 Andy Podshadley Rep DNR

AD 13 Denise Mendez Rep A
 Rhodesia Ransom Dem DNR
 Edith Villapudua Dem DNR

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AD 19 Nadia Flamenco Rep C
 David E. Lee Dem DNR
 Arjun G. Sodhani Rep C
 Catherine Stefani Dem DNR

AD 20 Liz Ortega* Dem F

AD 21 Mark Gilham Rep DNR
 Diane Papan* Dem F

AD 22 Juan Alanis* Rep A
 Jessica Self Dem DNR

AD 23 Marc Berman* Dem F
 Lydia Kou Dem DNR
 Allan K. Marson Rep DNR
 Gus Mattammal Rep DNR

AD 24 Bob Brunton Rep DNR
 Alex Lee* Dem F
 Marti Souza Rep DNR

AD 25 Ash Kalra* Dem F
 Lan Ngo Dem DNR
 Ted Stroll Rep A

AD 26 Patrick Ahrens Dem DNR
 Omar Din Dem DNR
 Ashish Garg NPP DNR
 Bob Goodwyn Lib A
 Sophie Yan Song Rep DNR
 Tara Sreekrishnan Dem DNR

AD 27 Joanna G. Rose Rep DNR
 Esmeralda Soria* Dem F

AD 28 Liz Lawler Rep DNR
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AD 29 J.W. Paine Rep DNR
 Robert Rivas* Dem F

AD 30 Dawn Addis* Dem F
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 Solomon Verduzco Rep DNR

AD 32 Vince Fong* Rep A

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 Ruben Macareno Dem DNR
 Alexandra Macedo Rep DNR
 Angel Ruiz Dem DNR

AD 34 Tom Lackey* Rep A
 Ricardo Ortega Dem DNR

AD 35 Jasmeet Bains* Dem F
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AD 36 Jose Acuña Jr. Dem DNR
 Waymond Fermon Dem DNR
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 Jeff Gonzalez Rep DNR
 Kalin Morse Rep DNR
 Tomas Oliva Dem DNR
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AD 37 Sari M. Domingues Rep DNR
 Gregg Hart* Dem F

AD 38 Deborah Baber Rep DNR
 Steve Bennett* Dem F

AD 39 Juan C. Ventura* Dem F
 Paul Andre Marsh Rep DNR

AD 40 Patrick Lee Gipson Rep DNR
 Pilar Schiavo* Dem F

AD 41 John Harabedian Dem DNR
 Jed Leano Dem DNR
 Michelle Martinez Rep DNR
 Phlunté Riddle Dem DNR

AD 42 Jacqui Irwin* Dem F
 Ted Nordblum Rep A

AD 43 Walter Garcia Dem DNR
 Saul Hurtado Dem DNR
 Victoria Garcia Rep DNR
 C. Minasova NPP DNR
 Felicia L. Novick Rep DNR
 Celeste Rodriguez Dem DNR

AD 44 Elen Asatryan Dem DNR
 Carmenita Helligar Dem DNR
 Ed Han Dem DNR
 Steve Pierson Dem DNR
 Adam Pryor Dem DNR
 Tony Rodriguez Rep A
 Nick Schultz Dem DNR
 Adam Summer NPP DNR

AD 45 James C. Ramos* Dem F

AD 46 Jesse Gabriel* Dem F
 Tracey Schroeder Rep DNR

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AD 47	Christy Holstege Jamie Swain Greg Wallis*	Dem Dem Rep	DNR DNR A
AD 48	Blanca Rubio* Brian C. Tabatabai Dan T. Tran	Dem Dem Rep	F DNR DNR
AD 49	Mike Fong* Long "David" Liu	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 50	Robert Garcia Adam Perez DeJonae M. Shaw	Dem Dem Dem	DNR DNR DNR
AD 51	Shiva Bagheri Stephan Hohil Rick Chavez Zbur*	Rep Rep Dem	DNR DNR F
AD 52	Jessica Caloza Franky Carrillo Genesis Coronado Anthony L. Fanara David Girón Carlos J. León Shannel Pittman Sofía G. Quinones Ari Ruiz Stephen Sills	Dem Dem Dem Dem Dem Dem Grn Dem Dem Rep	DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR
AD 53	Carlos Goytia Javier Hernandez M. Rodriguez Robert S. Torres Nick Wilson	Dem Dem Dem Dem Rep	DNR DNR DNR DNR A
AD 54	Elaine Alaniz Mark Gonzalez John K. Yi	Rep Dem Dem	A DNR DNR
AD 55	Isaac G. Bryan* Keith G. Cascio Lisa Calderon* Jessica Martinez Natasha Serrano	Dem Rep Dem Rep Rep	F DNR F DNR A
AD 57	Greg Akili Sade Elhawary Efren Martinez Tara Perry Dulce Vasquez	Dem Dem Dem Dem Dem	DNR DNR DNR DNR DNR
AD 58	Leticia Castillo Clarissa Cervantes Ronaldo Fierro	Rep Dem Dem	A DNR DNR
AD 59	Phillip Chen* Dave Obrand	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 60	Hector Diaz Nava Ron Edwards Corey A Jackson*	Rep Rep Dem	A A F
AD 61	Alfonso Hernandez Tina S. McKinnor*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 62	Maria Estrada Paul Jones Jose Luis Solache	Dem Rep Dem	DNR A DNR
AD 63	Bill Essayli* Orlando Munguia Chris Shoults	Rep NPP Dem	A+ DNR DNR
AD 64	Raul Ortiz Jr. Blanca Pacheco*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 65	Mike Gipson*	Dem	F
AD 66	George Barks Al Muratsuchi*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 67	Elizabeth Culver Jacob Woo Ho Lee S. Quirk-Silva*	Rep NPP Dem	DNR DNR F
AD 68	Mike Tardif Avelino Valencia*	Rep Dem	A F
AD 69	Josh Lowenthal* Joshua Rodriguez	Dem Rep	F A
AD 70	Jimmy D. Pham Tri Ta*	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 71	Gary Kephart Babar Khan Kate Sanchez*	Dem P&F Rep	DNR DNR A
AD 72	Diane Dixon* Dom Jones	Rep Dem	A F
AD 73	H. Abraham Scotty Peotter C. Petrie-Norris*	Rep Rep Dem	A A F
AD 74	Laurie Davies* Chris Duncan	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 75	Carl DeMaio Christie Dougherty Jack Fernandes Joy Frew Andrew Hayes Kevin Juza	Rep Dem Rep Dem Rep Dem	A DNR A DNR A DNR
AD 76	Kristie Bruce-Lane Darshana Patel Joseph C. Rocha	Rep Dem Dem	A DNR DNR
AD 77	Tasha Boerner* James Browne Henny Kupferstein	Dem Rep Dem	F C D
AD 78	Chris Ward*	Dem	F
AD 79	Colin Parent L. Sharp-Collins Racquel Vasquez	Dem Dem Dem	DNR DNR DNR
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