



GUN OWNERS of California

NO MORE LAWYER JOKES!

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

Seriously, our team of Constitution loving, no compromising, spectacularly logical and articulate lawyers are scoring victory after victory in the fight to restore the Second Amendment (2A) through the courts. What's even more spectacular is that they are even achieving partial victories from Left leaning judges because of the strength of our arguments.

We have seen the huge benefit of former President Trump appointing more judges to the bench *at all levels of the judiciary* – especially to the Supreme Court. Even with this blessing, we are finding that judges appointed by anti-2A Presidents are beginning to acknowledge and agree at times with what our Founders decreed in the Constitution. Don't get us wrong, there will always be elitist judges who don't view Americans as "We the People" but rather as "You the People", meaning they think they know what is best for us unwashed masses. These folks will consistently try to legally hammer the idea that the Constitution is a "living, breathing document that changes", and then subvert the intent of every single amendment – including the Second. Thankfully, it's getting harder for them.

We are not fighting these battles alone. That would be impossible. The GOC/GOA/GOF team has been working with our robust partners which include SAF, FPC, and CRPA. We have a strong team but Gun Owners of California needs your support to continue our epic battles.

THE COURTS

The following California cases are currently moving through the courts:

May v Bonta – A majority panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals held that CCW licensees can carry at hospitals and medical facilities, public transit and churches, but not at bars or restaurants that serve alcohol, playgrounds, parks and stadiums, zoos and libraries. Schizophrenic at best. Still a long way to go in this case.

CRPA/GOC v LASD – The Federal District court held that the LA County Sheriff and others cannot delay issuing CCWs for lengthy periods of time and that issuing authorities must accept CCW applications from out-of-state applicants. The court didn't address high-cost issues or the requirement of psychological exams. Also, quite a way to go before this is final.

Nguyen v Bonta – A 3 judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, a day after hearing arguments on California's 1-gun-a-month limit, ruled California's gun rationing law unconstitutional and set it aside. Californians are free to buy as many guns as they want, any time they want. The State, of course, has the option to appeal this to an en banc panel of the whole court (11 judge panel).

For more information on additional lawsuits that GOC is involved with or following, go to www.gunownersca.com, click on the News tab, then click on Courts.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR NATION IN THE LAST 4 YEARS IS MIND-BOGLING!

Anyone who thinks otherwise has not been paying attention. Whether it's economic or cultural devastation, or assaults on the Constitution and the Second Amendment, America is in a far different place than it was a mere four years ago. That means we have some serious choices to make – in our own backyards and at the top of the ticket: we can continue down the current road and get more of the same destructive policies, or we can shift gears and at least begin to crawl out the pit we are in.

Kamala Harris and Tim Walz represent two of the most radical anti-gun extremists that have ever appeared on a ballot together. Make no mistake: they are an extraordinary threat to every single gun owner in the country – regardless of whether you live in California or Tennessee.

Further down the ticket are other candidates who represent a threat to gun ownership as well – and the only way to stop them is by voting. **WE CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH. GOC has been beating this drum for almost 50 years and we aren't going to stop: VOTE. GET YOUR FAMILY TO VOTE. HELP THEM FILL OUT THEIR BALLOT – THEN MAIL IT!**

Sadly, millions of gun owners are not registered and we have the power to

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change that. For those who say their vote doesn't matter – they are not just wrong – they are dead wrong! We have rock-solid proof that the gun community has made the difference between electing someone who is pro-gun and someone who is not.

Be armed. Be informed. Let's vote the bad guys out and get the good guys in. If you aren't registered, you have until October 21; check it out here: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

**GOC Candidate Ratings
California
General Elections
November 5, 2024**

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	Rep Dem	A DNR
SD 5 Jerry McNerney Jim Shoemaker	Dem Rep	F A
SD 7 Jesse Arreguin Jovanka Beckles	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
SD 9 Tim Grayson Marisol Rubio	Dem Dem	F DNR
SD 11 Yvette Corkrean Scott Wiener*	Rep Dem	B F

SD 13 Josh Becker* Alexander Glew	Dem Rep	F DNR
SD 15 Dave Cortese* Robert Paul Howell	Dem Rep	D B
SD 17 John Laird* Tony Virrueta	Dem Rep	F DNR
SD 19 R. Ochoa Bogh* Lisa Middleton	Rep Dem	A+ DNR
SD 21 S. Monique Limón* Elijah Mack	Dem Rep	F A
SD 23 Kipp Mueller Suzette Valladares	Dem Rep	DNR A
SD 25 Elizabeth Ahlers Sasha Renée Pérez	Rep Dem	A DNR
SD 27 Henry Stern* Lucie Volotzky	Dem Rep	F B
SD 29 Carlos A. Garcia Eloise Reyes	Rep Dem	A- DNR
SD 31 Sabrina Cervantes Cynthia Navarro	Dem Rep	F DNR
SD 33 Lena A. Gonzalez* Mario Paz	Dem Rep	F A
SD 35 Michelle Chambers Laura Richardson	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
SD 37 Steven Choi Josh Newman*	Rep Dem	A F
SD 39 Bob Divine Akilah Weber	Rep Dem	DNR F

California State Assembly
District/Candidates Party Rating

AD 1 Tenessa Audette Heather Hadwick	Rep Rep	C A
AD 2 Michael Greer Chris Rogers	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 3 Jamie Gallagher* Aaron Draper	Rep DEM	A+ DNR
AD 4 C. Aguiar-Curry* Darren T. Ellis	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 5 Neva Parker Joe Patterson*	Dem Rep	DNR A+
AD 6 Nikki Ellis Maggy Krell	Rep Dem	DNR DNR
AD 7 Josh Hoover* Porsche Middleton	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 8 G. Radanovich David J. Tangipa	Rep Rep	A A

AD 9 Heath Flora* Tami Nobriga	Rep AI	A DNR
AD 10 S. Nguyen* Vinaya Singh	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 11 Dave Ennis Lori D Wilson*	Rep Dem	F F
AD 12 Damon Connolly* Andy Podshadley	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 13 Rhodesia Ransom D. Aguilar Mendez	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 14 Margo Smith Buffy Wicks*	Dem Dem	F F
AD 15 A. Avila Farias Sonia Ledo	Dem Rep	DNR DNR
AD 16 Rebecca B-Kahan* Joseph A. Rubay	Dem Rep	F A
AD 17 Matt Haney* Manuel N. Barrera	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 18 Mia Bonta* Andre Sandford	Dem Am Ind	F C-
AD 19 David E. Lee Catherine Stefani	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 20 Liz Ortega* S. Shanbhogue	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 21 Mark Gilham Diane Papan*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 22 Juan Alanis* Jessica Self	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 23 Marc Berman* Lydia Kou	Dem Dem	F DNR
AD 24 Bob Brunton Alex Lee*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 25 Ash Kalra* Ted Stroll	Dem Rep	F A
AD 26 Patrick Ahrens Tara Sreekrishnan	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 27 J. Garcia Rose Esmeralda Soria*	Rep Dem	A F
AD 28 Liz Lawler Gail Pellerin*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 29 J.W. Paine Robert Rivas*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 30 Dawn Addis* Dalila Epperson	Dem Rep	F A
AD 31 J. Arambula* Solomon Verduzco	Dem Rep	D DNR
AD 32 Vince Fong* Ken Weir	Rep Rep	A DNR

AD 33	Xavier Avila Alexandra Macedo	Rep Rep	A DNR
AD 34	Tom Lackey* Ricardo Ortega	Rep Dem	A+ DNR
AD 35	Jasmeet Bains* Robert Rosas	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 36	"Joey" Acuña Jr. Jeff Gonzalez	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 37	Sari M. Domingues Gregg Hart*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 38	"Deb" Baber Steve Bennett*	Rep Dem	A F
AD 39	Juan C. Ventura* Paul Andre Marsh	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 40	Patrick Lee Gipson Pilar Schiavo*	Rep Dem	A F
AD 41	John Harabedian Michelle Martinez	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 42	Jacqui Irwin* Ted Nordblum	Dem Rep	F A
AD 43	Victoria Garcia Celeste Rodriguez	Rep Dem	DNR DNR
AD 44	Tony Rodriguez Nick Schultz	Rep Dem	A- DNR
AD 45	James C. Ramos* Scott P. Olson	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 46	Jesse Gabriel* Tracey Schroeder	Dem Rep	F A-
AD 47	Christy Holstege Greg Wallis*	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 48	Blanca Rubio* Dan T. Tran	Dem Rep	F D
AD 49	Mike Fong* Long "David" Liu	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 50	Robert Garcia Adam Perez	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 51	Stephan Hohil Rick Chavez Zbur*	Rep Dem	A F
AD 52	Jessica Caloza Franky Carrillo	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 53	M. Rodriguez Nick Wilson	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 54	Mark Gonzalez John K. Yi	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 55	Isaac G. Bryan* Keith G. Cascio	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 56	Lisa Calderon* Jessica Martinez	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 57	Sade Elhawary Efren Martinez	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 58	Leticia Castillo Clarissa Cervantes	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 59	Phillip Chen* Dave Obrand	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 60	Ron Edwards Corey A Jackson*	Rep Dem	A F
AD 61	Alfonso Hernandez Tina S. McKinnor*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 62	Paul Jones Jose Luis Solache	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 63	Bill Essayli* Chris Shoults	Rep Dem	A+ DNR
AD 64	Raul Ortiz Jr. Blanca Pacheco*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 65	Mike Gipson* Lydia A Gutierrez	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 66	George Barks Al Muratsuchi*	Rep Dem	DNR F
AD 67	Beth Culver S. Quirk-Silva*	Rep Dem	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 Kate Sanchez*	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 72	Diane Dixon* Dom Jones	Rep Dem	A F
AD 73	Scotty Peotter C. Petrie-Norris*	Rep Dem	A F
AD 74	Laurie Davies* Chris Duncan	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 75	Carl DeMaio Andrew Hayes	Rep Rep	A A
AD 76	Kristie Bruce-Lane Darshana Patel	Rep Dem	A DNR
AD 77	Tasha Boerner* James Browne	Dem Rep	F C
AD 78	Chris Ward*	Dem	F
AD 79	Colin Parent L. Sharp-Collins	Dem Dem	DNR DNR

AD 80	David A. Alvarez* Michael Williams	Dem Rep	F B
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CAPITOL UPDATE

There are two words that describe the final days of the Legislature's 2023-24 session: DUMPSTER FIRE!

The end of session is always messy, with the Constitutional deadline to pass bills looming and legislators scrambling for votes at the last minute – but this year the pandemonium reached a fevered pitch. While the Senate passed a slew of awful bills, at least they behaved in a more mature manner and didn't resort to the junior high histrionics of the Assembly. KCRA reported ***"The Assembly is chaos right now."***

Democrats limited debate on each bill to 30 seconds while Republicans argued the bills they were contesting deserved debate. The Leftist leadership refused to recognize Assemblyman Bill Essayli so he loudly banged on his desk and proclaimed ***"It's not our fault ya'll procrastinated."*** With over 200 bills yet to be heard, the Assembly wandered into the chambers at 2 pm to begin work, which made no sense to those who understand time management. After the "Orange Theory" Caucus had their midmorning workout, and a few chummy group photos were taken at the dais, the voting finally began.

So yes. They ran out of time which is why they squelched debate, silenced microphones and refused to call on members the Speaker didn't like. The behavior was whiny and childish, but it also smacked of some Soviet-style dictatorship that crushed dissent. What an embarrassment.

When the Legislature finally adjourned at midnight on August 31, a host of

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progressive junk was sent to Governor Newsom, including the final three bills GOC opposed all year. Although they belonged in the trash bin, we can report that last minute changes to each bill made them less awful than when they were introduced.

SB 53 | Portantino (D)

SB 53 prohibits anyone from keeping a firearm in their home unless it is stored in a Department of Justice approved firearm safety device; penalties were reduced in late session amendments.

AB 2917 | Zbur (D)

AB 2917 expands the conditions under which a Gun Violence Restraining Order can be issued to include highly subjective criteria such as what some might call "violent" speech; late amendments significantly modified the extreme nature of the original bill.

AB 3064 | Maienschein (D)

AB 3064 authorizes the Department of Justice to charge an annual fee on manufacturers who sell any firearm device listed on the Department's safety roster. This bill could put responsible gun owners at odds with the law if their firearm is not stored with an approved device.

All in all, GOC is glad this legislative session is over and we are enormously grateful for our members' participation in our GOC Legislative Action Center. Thousands of email and phone calls made their way into legislative offices and without such involvement, we believe the bills we opposed would have been even more egregious. Thank you!

And on a positive closing note, GOC is pleased to inform you that Senator Anthony Portantino – an arrogant and zealous anti-gun politician, has been officially termed out of his Senate seat. What's more, his bid for Congress failed in spectacular fashion. The Capitol will be a far healthier place once Senator Portantino makes his final exit.



Get Your Tickets **NOW!** We have officially opened up sales for our highly popular **2025 GOC 52 Guns in 52 Weeks Raffle!** We draw a winning ticket for 1 Gun **Every Week for 52 Weeks!**

Tickets are \$50 and there are only 1,500 raffle tickets sold – which means the odds are terrific.

The great news is that the purchase of a ticket also includes a one year GOC membership – it's the best "two-fer" around! PLUS, they make terrific STOCKING STUFFERS for Christmas. They go fast, so get yours NOW!

California law prohibits online raffle sales; thus, all tickets are sold over the phone, through the mail, or in person. Cash, check, and credit cards accepted.

SAVE THE DATES!

GOC's fundraising events are a great way to have fun with fellow pro-2A friends, all the while supporting GOC's continuing efforts to fight for our future and defend the Second Amendment at the capitol, in the courts, and through the elections!

**Friday, March 1, 2025:
Gold Country Kids, Placerville**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025:
Great Gun Giveaway, Camanche Hills, Lone**

**Saturday, May 2, 2025:
Sacramento Crab Feed, Citrus Heights**

**Friday, June 20, 2025:
Oroville Fundraising Dinner, Oroville**

And be on the look-out for our dinner in San Jose (TBA) – and if you want to be on that terrific dinner committee, give us a call!

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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