



GUN OWNERS of California

A STINGING DEFEAT

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

The Left was handed a stinging defeat last month and make no bones about it – **the Second Amendment was on the national ballot and we won – big time!** Californians can join the rest of the nation in a victory dance, because we will absolutely reap the benefits of the Trump win and crushing red wave.

It's always good to report the wins and we had some huge ones in the Golden State: **First and foremost, California voters got it right and said NO MORE to rampant crime and passed Proposition 36** – which rolls back some of the most controversial and disastrous soft-on-crime policies on the books. It cannot be overstated just how big this is and what it says about California – the Left pushed us to the brink ten years ago with the disastrous Proposition 47, which was nothing more than a “get out of jail free” card for criminals and smash and grab mobs. No more! In fact, every single one of California's 58 counties voted to be tougher on crime and supported Prop 36.

Plus, **voters in Los Angeles gave a swift boot to District Attorney George Gascon**, who faced an intense and welcomed backlash against his pro-criminal-extremist policies. He was singlehandedly responsible for the sharp uptick in LA County crime, and the majority of Angelinos had had enough of Gascon's progressive policies. **Liberal Alameda County has apparently recalled their Leftist district**

attorney and even San Francisco got into the game and has ousted Mayor London Breed. The ground is usually the only thing that shifts in the San Francisco Bay area, but this time, there was a political shift as well.

GOC has been very vocal – particularly in the past few years – that our greatest victories have come at the federal level and that **these wins land square on the shores of California!** With control of the U.S. Senate, the confirmation of numerous federal judges who will support and defend the Second Amendment is all but assured – and this means our precedent-setting legal wins will increase, whether in the Golden State or elsewhere. **GOC goes where we are needed, where we can have the most impact and sometimes this means out of state.**

Barack Obama, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris have each generated a spike in gun sales – and even though we resoundingly defeated their anti-gun policies, this is **NOT the time for GOC to slow down. We must put the peddle to the metal** – and move our pro-2A message forward.

We believe a message has been delivered loud and clear, from one end of the country to the other: **hands off the Second Amendment and no more spineless, zero accountability free rides for criminals - especially here in California.**

Had Kamala Harris won the presidency, she would have continued to weaponize the power of government against our Second Amendment rights. **THANK YOU FOR STOPPING HER!**

Now we must be prepared for what's sure to come: after a short period of mourning, and blaming everybody but themselves, the Left will regroup and prepare for their next battle against us. And we will be ready.

THE RESULTS ARE IN

We have every reason to celebrate the results of the national elections. Pro-gunners have won the White House, the U.S. Senate, and the House of Representatives. Make no mistake about it: we will be asking much of these federal leaders when it comes to overturning nationwide gun control. Period.

But what about California? 40% of California voters supported former President Trump this go-around, which is roughly 8% more than in 2020. In doing so, 10 counties that formerly voted blue flipped and voted red this time. **This is very significant and has a lot of Leftists wondering what the heck happened (a common occurrence since November 5).**

GOC wants to be perfectly clear: even though gun control was not specifically on the ballot, crime control was, nationally and in the Golden State. People want to feel safe in their communities and in their homes, and Leftist policies had folks feeling defenseless and frightened – which led to a historic gun-buying spree for Californians. Voting red was a clear way out of this mess.

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Newsom Strikes Back

Governor Newsom is so worried about the obvious shift in California's voting that he decided to call for a Special Session of the Legislature. Why? To fight the incoming Trump Administration and the devastation he thinks will befall the state.

The session will focus on "bolstering California legal resources to protect California values, civil rights (**read that gun control**), reproductive freedom, climate action, and immigrant families."

California values? The dude has got to be kidding – especially with him at the helm!

The California Globe put a good spotlight on Newsom's vision: *"Look around you – you see drug addicted vagrants living in parks, on city streets, along rivers and bike trails. You see brazen retail theft when you shop at Target, Macy's, your neighborhood pharmacy, and convenience stores..."*

*Do you feel safe in your neighborhood park? Do you feel safe in the parking lot at your grocery store? Is it safe for your child to walk to school? Can you afford the home or apartment you are renting? How about your PG&E, SCE or SDGE electric and gas bills? How about filling your car with gas – too expensive for a full tank? What about those grocery bills that have more than doubled? And if you have growing kids, you can't scrimp on food. **What are California's politicians doing about any of this?"***

Nothing. But these are the "values" that Newsom wants to protect.

It's clear the election has rattled a lot of folks, which is a good thing. The Leftist lawmakers are scurrying around like a bunch of starved mice - even before

President Trump has been inaugurated. They don't even know specifically what they will be fighting, but they are donning their cardboard swords and paper mâché armor to battle windmills wearing MAGA hats.

The Results

Below you will find a list of GOC's endorsed winners in the Senate, Assembly and Congressional races (given the most recent published results). Don't let anyone ever tell you that your vote doesn't matter, because many of the closely contested races have come down to a difference of **less than a hundred votes**.

GOC Endorsed/A Rated 2024 General Election Winners*** Incumbent**

District Name

Senate

- SD 1 Megan Dahle (R)
- SD 19 R. Ochoa Bogh* (R)
- SD 23 Suzette M. Valladares (R)
- SD 37 Steven Choi (R)

Assembly

- AD 1 Heather Hadwick (R)
- AD 3 James Gallagher* (R)
- AD 5 Joe Patterson* (R)
- AD 7 Josh Hoover* (R)
- AD 8 David J. Tangipa (R)
- AD 9 Heath Flora* (R)
- AD 22 Juan Alanis* (R)
- AD 32 Vince Fong* (R)
- AD 34 Tom Lackey* (R)
- AD 36 Jeff Gonzalez (R)
- AD 47 Greg Wallis* (R)
- AD 58 Leticia Castillo (R)
- AD 59 Phillip Chen* (R)
- AD 63 Bill Essayli* (R)
- AD 70 Tri Ta* (R)
- AD 71 Kate Sanchez* (R)
- AD 72 Diane Dixon* (R)
- AD 74 Laurie Davies* (R)
- AD 75 Carl DeMaio (R)

Congress Pro 2A Winners

- CD 1 Douglas L. LaMalfa* (R)
- CD 3 Kevin Kiley* (R)
- CD 5 Tom McClintock* (R)

- CD 13 John Duarte* (R)
- CD 20 Vince Fong (R)
- CD 22 David Valadao* (R)
- CD 23 Jay Obernolte* (R)
- CD 40 Young Kim* (R)
- CD 41 Ken Calvert* (R)
- CD 48 Darrell Issa* (R)

CELEBRATING GOC AND OUR MISSION

From the minute GOC's founder, California State Senator H.L. Richardson became aware of consistent attempts to disarm Americans, he began to mobilize individuals to fight for the Second Amendment. In 1975, the radical left introduced legislation to ban all handguns in California which generated strong support from elected officials and the media. **This prompted Richardson to marshal enraged citizens from throughout the state and Gun Owners of California was born, a direct mail attack was unleashed and the bill was defeated.** Gun Owners of America soon followed and Richardson's keen skill for activating single individuals toward a common goal launched a very effective political movement that continues to this day.

As the oldest pro-gun political action committee in the USA, GOC is proud that in 2025, we will be celebrating our 50th year of fighting for **the uncompromising defense of the 2nd Amendment, and America's extraordinary heritage of firearm ownership.** A great many changes have occurred since we opened our doors in a dilapidated warehouse on a rail line in Sacramento – but one thing that has never changed is our dedication to our founding goals.



CLOSING OUT 2024: THE LEGISLATURE AND THE COURTS

The 2023/2024 Legislative Session officially wrapped up on September 30, the Constitutional deadline for Governor Gavin Newsom to sign bills which had landed on his desk, courtesy of having been passed by both the Assembly and Senate.

GOC began the session tracking over 45 bills. The worst of the worst (annual registration and insurance reports on guns in the home) were amended to be non-substantive and the remainder were significantly watered down.

AB 2917 | Signed by Governor Gun Violence Restraining Orders | Zbur (D)

Expands highly subjective criteria in issuance of GRVO; threats of violence.

AB 3064 | Signed by Governor Firearm Safety Devices | Maienschein (D)

Mandates DOJ certify/issue fee for firearm safety devices. If device is de-certified, owner could be penalized for non-compliance.

AB 3067 | FAILED

This bill by Mike Gipson (D) initially mandated insurance companies ask about guns in the home. All firearm-related text was amended out of the bill. **This was a big win.**

SB 53 | Signed by Governor Firearm Storage | Portantino (D)

This is a duplicative bill mandating firearm storage; it clearly violates federal case law. Further, it was significantly weakened from its original, introduced version.

SB 1038 | FAILED Firearm Theft | Blakespear (D)

Limits time to 48 hours for persons to report the theft of a firearm.

SB 1160 | FAILED

This bill by Sen. Portantino initially established annual registration of firearms in CA; due to heavy opposition led by GOC, SB 1160 was amended to be an irrelevant measure and died on the Suspense File. **THIS IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WIN OF THE YEAR.**

SB 1253 | – FAILED Firearm Safety Certificates | Gonzalez (D)

This bill was significantly amended to only require those moving into CA to have a valid firearm safety certificate within 60 days.

THE COURTS

The following is a brief snap-shot of our current legal activities across the nation as the **AMICUS BRIEF WRANGLER:**

Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois et al v. Pritzker et al

<<BREAKING>> Federal District Court ruled Illinois "Assault Weapons" and "Large Capacity Magazine" bans unconstitutional.

Antonyuk v Negrelli "ASSAULT WEAPON" BAN | New York

Waiting: SCOTUS is in the process of deciding whether to hear this case.

U.S. v Rahimi THIS IS A KEY LEGAL CHALLENGE TO "RED FLAG" LAWS

SCOTUS reaffirmed the Bruen decision.

CRPA v LA Sheriff's Dept. CHALLENGES EXPENSE, TIMELINESS AND PROCESS ON CCWS

We had a *partial* victory in the District Court; the case is being continued so stay tuned.

May v Bonta CHALLENGES SB 2 "SENSITIVE PLACES" LAW FOR CCWS

We won in the District Court, but California has appealed the decision to the 9th Circuit. We have appealed for an en banc (full court) hearing.

Baird v Bonta CHALLENGES A BAN ON "OPEN CARRY" IN CALIFORNIA

A 3 judge panel of the 9th Circuit overruled the district judge; currently waiting for a potential appeal by the State.

Rupp v Becerra/Bonta CHALLENGES CALIFORNIA'S "ASSAULT WEAPONS" LAWS

The Central District Court ruled in favor of California. We have appealed to the 9th Circuit, where it is being held pending a decision in the Duncan case.

Duncan v Becerra/Bonta CALIFORNIA'S STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINES

SCOTUS sent this case back to the 9th Circuit; we are awaiting a decision.

Miller v Becerra/Bonta "ASSAULT WEAPON" BAN

The 9th Circuit is holding the case pending the result of Duncan v Bonta.

Rhode v Becerra/Bonta CA'S AMMO SALES LAWS & REGULATIONS

The 9th Circuit is holding the case pending the result of Duncan v Bonta.

GOC EVENTS IN YOUR AREA!

Gun Owners of California's last event of 2024 in Vacaville was a sold-out phenomenon! The energy was off-the-charts, we had a ton of super-happy gun-winners and the crab and tri-tip were fantastic. Don't miss this one next year!

Mark your calendars now for the fun GOC has planned for next year! Our fundraising events coming in the new year promise some authentically good times with fellow pro-2A friends, all while supporting a great cause: GOC's continuing efforts to fight for our future and defend the Second Amendment at

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EVENTS...CONT.

the Capitol, in the courts – and as we have just reported - through the elections!

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

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

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

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

October, 2025: Vacaville Crab Feed: TBD

And more locations are in the works! We are looking to expand our fantastic committees in all areas – in particular the San Jose region. We have an amazing location, but are looking for more local folks to assist so we can get our date set in stone. Call us or email Ann at ann@gunownersca.com.



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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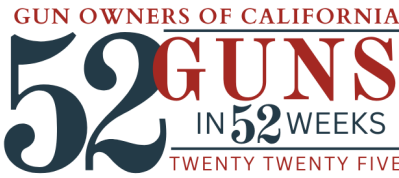
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ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW! Always in high-demand as stocking-stuffers for your favorite 2A supporters, tickets for the **2025 GOC 52 Guns in 52 Weeks Raffle** are selling fast!

We draw a winning ticket every week for 52 Weeks! That's right – a new gun is won by some lucky ticket-holder every seven days! Every single ticket you buy will stay in the pot until the end of the year – or UNTIL YOU WIN!! First drawing is Jan 4, 2025.

Tickets are \$50 and there are only 1,500 Sold!

Order before Dec. 13, 2024 to receive in time for Christmas! Call us at (916) 984-1400 to get in on the fun.

The great news is that the purchase of a ticket also includes a one-year GOC membership! This is the very best "two-fer" around.

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.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM GOC



The winds of change have once again landed on this great nation of ours, and our mission at GOC remains constant and unwavering. Our gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans is both rich and abiding, and we pledge to continue to fight in the trenches for the Second Amendment as long as there is breath in our lungs. While we gather with friends and family during this blessed Christmas season, it's a good time to recall the words of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. His wisdom is as relevant today as it was in 1865 and should resonate with each one of us:

"All this being done in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the divine teachings, that the united cry of the nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace."

May it be so. And, as always, we are deeply grateful for your support for standing with us!

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Membership Benefits*

- Regular newsletters informing members of pending legislation and issues affecting gun rights.
- Information alerts through our website, email.
- Voting records of all California Legislators.
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