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incentive to jockey the bill in the Senate for Koretz. In a sneaky move when many pro-gun members were off the Floor, Dunn brought the bill up for a vote, but in spite of eloquent arguments by Senator Tom McClintock, the bill passed and was returned to the Assembly for it's final vote.

GOC and the others quickly shifted into high gear to defeat the bill, but without the leadership of pro-gun hero Assemblyman Jay La Suer all would have been for naught. Because of his consistent, painstaking determination, and the high esteem that even liberal members of the Assembly had for him, he was able to convince some influential Democrats to stay off the bill – some of whom have never cast a pro-gun vote in their entire careers.

At one point, Koretz was only one vote shy of sending the bill to the Governor, and between the time that the original vote was taken and the gavel adjourned the 2006 session, there were numerous shifty maneuvers such as an attempt to “expunge the vote,” which would have

resurrected the bill once it had been officially declared “dead.”

Kudos go to the strong leadership exhibited by several moderate Democrats to ensure that AB 352 went down in flames. Assemblywomen Nicole Parra-D and Gloria Negrete-McCloud-D deserve our thanks; both had received strong opposition in their previous campaigns and had worked hard to develop pro-gun records. They have earned a C+ and a B respectively.

Defeat of this legislation demonstrates what members of the gun community, and the pro-gun Republican leadership along with moderate Democrats can accomplish when we work together. No doubt about it, this was hard work, but it culminated in a decisive victory for all gun owners of California.

**ACR 73 (McCarthy – R)** Asks the CA Law Review Commission to re-write the section of the penal code regarding firearms using plain and understandable language. This resolution passed and awaits implementation.

**AB 2123 (Nava – D)** A ban on hunting with lead ammo in Condor areas. Killed in the Assembly.

**AB 2714 (Torrico – D)** Puts unacceptable restrictions on ability to buy ammo via mail order or over the internet and allows local governments to restrict ammo sales and delivery. On the Governor's desk. Call and ask for a veto.

**AB 2728 (Klehs – D)** Freezes the Roberti-Roos assault weapons list and allows district attorneys to charge some violators of the AW laws with a civil penalty instead of a crime, a huge step in the right direction. Signed by the Governor.

**SB 59 (Lowenthal – D)** If you don't report a stolen gun within 5 days YOU are a criminal. This bill is on the Governor's desk and should be vetoed!

**SB 768 (Simitian – D)** Prohibits the government from secretly requiring the use of RFID chips (radio frequency identifier devices) in identification documents and protects privacy of personal identity information. On the Governor's desk. GOC supports this bill.

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## GOC Achieves Major Victories in 2006

By Gwen Friesen and Sam Paredes

There's no doubt about it - walking away with a stunning victory for gun owners last month was a terrific way to send the California Legislature home for the year.

The bottom line is that 2006 was the best year the gun community has had in many years – we've been able to flex some serious muscle and have walked away with some solid wins. We at Gun Owners of California are greatly pleased with our successes, although some legislative action has not yet been finalized at this writing as a few bills remain on the Governor's desk. Please visit our website for the latest information and what you can do to help [www.gunownersca.com](http://www.gunownersca.com).

Let's review Gun Owners of California's victories this year.

We had a significant role in overturning San Francisco's "Proposition H", which San Francisco voters approved last year that sought to ban all private handgun possession within the city limits. June 12, 2006 saw that ban overturned by the Superior Court.

GOC filed an amicus brief in support of the lawsuit to overturn the ordinance. The primary reason the ordinance was declared illegal was due to California's pre-emption law regarding firearms. GOC Founder and Chairman, Senator H.L. Richardson (ret.) was the author of the pre-emption law during his tenure in the Legislature; if not for his forward thinking, we would not have been able to achieve success in the court.

The more dramatic victory came in the final, frantic moments of the California Legislature, when GOC, working in cooperation with the California Rifle and Pistol Association, Safari Club International, the California Association of Firearms Retailers, NRA-ILA, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation, was successful in handing the anti-gunners a massive defeat.

For the past two years, AB 352 has been our number # 1 legislative target to defeat. The bill sought to require manufacturers of semi-automatic handguns to install microengraved serial numbers on the firing pins, so that law enforcement could track spent shell casings to registered gun owners.

This bill immediately generated controversy, not just for its content, but for the lack of integrity by the bill's author, Paul Koretz, ultra-liberal legislator from West Hollywood. During the two-year process, he not only misrepresented all number of facts about the bill, but resorted to unprofessional name-calling and blatant manipulation of the rules as well.

The bill did not garner the necessary votes during its first round in 2005, but in 2006, the bill reared it's ugly head again, and Koretz amended it to open the wrongheaded door for the Department of Justice to require bullet serialization (putting serial numbers on every single bullet) through the regulatory process instead of the legislative process. This move provided State Senator Joe Dunn - D (author of the earlier defeated SB 357 Bullet Serialization bill) the

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# 2006 Gubernatorial General Election—November 7, 2006

The following election rating guide is based on a variety of information sources including candidate questionnaires, voting records, published statements and direct interviews. A note to all of our friends and supporters from other parties, we have chosen to list only the major party candidates because they are the only candidates with a possibility of winning. No disrespect is intended but our goal is to offer our members the best options toward achieving a pro-gun majority in the California Legislature. \* denotes an incumbent and + and - is given to candidates who have taken a leadership position either in defense or opposition to the Second Amendment. Information regarding a limited number of local races and the Statewide Initiatives will be available on our website [www.gunownersca.com](http://www.gunownersca.com).

Candidate	Party	Rating	Candidate	Party	Rating	Candidate	Party	Rating
<i>Governor</i>			<i>District 8</i>			Walden, David K. Rep		
Phil Angelides	Dem	F	Skipakevich, Michael	Rep		<i>State Assembly Candidates</i>		
Arnold Schwarzenegger*	Rep	D+	Yee, Leland Y.	Dem	D			
<i>Lt. Governor</i>			<i>District 10</i>			<i>District 1</i>		
John Garamendi	Dem	F	Corbett, Ellen*	Dem	F	Berg, Patty*	Dem	F
Tom McClintock	Rep	A+	Filipovich, Lou	Rep		Tyrone, Ray	Rep	
<i>Secretary of State</i>			<i>District 12</i>			<i>District 2</i>		
Debra Bowen	Dem	F	Denham, Jeff*	Rep	A	La Malfa, Doug*	Rep	A+
Bruce McPherson*	Rep	C+	Nickel, Wiley	Dem		Smith, Mel	Dem	
<i>Controller</i>			<i>District 14</i>			<i>District 3</i>		
John Chiang	Dem		Cogdill, Dave	Rep	A	Harrington, Michael	Dem	A+
Tony Strickland	Rep	A+	Firch, Wesley W.	Dem		Keene, Rick*	Rep	A+
<i>Treasurer</i>			<i>District 16</i>			<i>District 4</i>		
Bill Lockyer	Dem	F-	Florez, Dean*	Dem	C	Gaines, Ted	Rep	A
Claude Parrish	Rep	A	<i>District 18</i>			Haswell, Robert Dem		
<i>Attorney General</i>			<i>District 20</i>			<i>District 5</i>		
Jerry Brown	Dem	F	Ashburn, Roy*	Rep	A	Bell, Brandon	Dem	
Chuck Poochigian	Rep	A+	Davis, Fred B.	Dem		Niello, Roger*	Rep	A
<i>Insurance Commissioner</i>			<i>District 22</i>			<i>District 6</i>		
Cruz Bustamante	Dem	F	Padilla, Alex	Dem	A	Hartnett, Michael	Rep	
Steve Poizner	Rep		Cedillo, Gilbert*	Dem	F	Huffman, Jared	Dem	
<i>Board of Equalization</i>			<i>District 24</i>			<i>District 7</i>		
<i>District #1</i>			<i>District 26</i>			Evans, Noreen M.* Dem F		
Betty Yee*	Dem		Carver, Robert	Rep		Gould, John	Rep	
David Neighbors	Rep		Romero, Gloria*	Dem	F	Wolk, Lois* Dem D+		
<i>District #2</i>			<i>District 28</i>			<i>District 8</i>		
Tim Raboy	Dem		Ridley-Thomas, Mark	Dem	F-	Jones, Dave Dem F		
Bill Leonard*	Rep	A	<i>District 30</i>			<i>District 9</i>		
<i>District #3</i>			<i>District 32</i>			Chan, William C. Rep Dem F		
Mary Christian-Heising	Dem		Liddle, Cheryl	Rep		<i>District 10</i>		
Michelle Steel	Rep	A	Oropeza, Jenny*	Dem	F	Cook, Jim Dem Rep A		
<i>District #4</i>			<i>District 34</i>			<i>District 11</i>		
Judy Chu	Dem	F	Calderon, Ron	Dem	D	Nakanishi, Alan* Dem Rep A		
Glen Forsch	Rep		Minerd, Selma H.	Rep		<i>District 12</i>		
<i>State Senate Candidates</i>			<i>District 36</i>			Epstein, Howard Rep Dem C		
<i>District 2</i>			<i>District 38</i>			Ma, Fiona Dem Rep A		
Wiesner, Lawrence R.	Rep		Correa, Lou	Dem	C	<i>District 13</i>		
Wiggins, Patricia "Pat"*	Dem	F	Daucher, Lynn	Rep	A	<i>District 14</i>		
<i>District 4</i>			<i>District 40</i>			Leno, Mark* Dem F-		
Aanestad, Samuel*	Rep	A	Hanson, Mark	Dem		<i>District 15</i>		
Singh, Paul	Dem		Hollingsworth, Dennis*	Rep	A+	Maldonado, Jr., Ramiro Rep Rep A		
<i>District 6</i>			<i>District 42</i>			<i>District 16</i>		
Green, Jr., Paul R.	Rep		Wyland, Mark	Rep	A	Hancock, Loni* Dem F		
Steinberg, Darrell	Dem	F	Ducheny, Denise*	Dem	C	Wolf, Leigh N. Rep Rep A		
						Coleman, Terry Dem		

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Houston, Guy S.*	Rep	A	Strickland, Audra*	Rep	A	<i>District 60</i>		
<i>District 16</i>			<i>District 38</i>			Huff, Robert "Bob"* Rep A		
Swanson, Sandre R.	Dem		Shaw, Lyn	Dem		Tamom, Van Dem		
<i>District 17</i>			<i>District 61</i>					
Galgiani, Cathleen	Dem		Smyth, Cameron	Rep	A	<i>District 62</i>		
Machado, Gerard	Rep	A	<i>District 39</i>			Lopez, Benjamin Rep		
<i>District 18</i>			<i>District 40</i>			Soto, Nell* Dem F		
Buck, Jill	Rep		Levine, Lloyd E.*	Dem	F	<i>District 63</i>		
Hayashi, Mary	Dem		Montaine, Rick	Rep		Carter, Wilmer Amina Dem		
<i>District 19</i>			<i>District 41</i>			Mendoza-Ware, Marge Rep		
Gufner, Elsie	Rep		Brownley, Julia	Dem		<i>District 64</i>		
Mullin, Gene*	Dem	F	Dolz, Tony	Rep		Emmerson, Bill* Rep A		
<i>District 20</i>			<i>District 42</i>			Westwood, Mark David Dem		
Nishimura, Ken	Rep		Feuer, Mike	Dem	F	<i>District 65</i>		
Torrico, Alberto*	Dem	F	Sion, Steven Mark	Rep		Benoit, John J.* Rep A		
<i>District 21</i>			<i>District 43</i>			Rasso, Paul M. Dem		
Kiraly, Virginia Chang	Rep		Agbaba, Michael M.	Rep		<i>District 66</i>		
Ruskin, Ira*	Dem	F	Krekorian, Paul	Dem		Jeffries, Kevin D. Rep A		
<i>District 22</i>			<i>District 44</i>			Nicholson, Laurel Dem		
Lieber, Sally*	Dem	F	Carwile, Scott	Rep		<i>District 67</i>		
Riffenburgh, Roger	Rep		Portantino, Anthony	Dem		Roberts, Ray. Dem		
<i>District 23</i>			<i>District 45</i>			Silva, Jim Rep A		
Coto, Joe	Dem		Allen-Newman, Samantha E.	Rep		<i>District 68</i>		
Patrosso, Mark	Rep		De Leon, Kevin	Dem		Lucas, Paul Dem		
<i>District 24</i>			<i>District 46</i>			Tran, Van* Rep A		
Beall, Jim	Dem		Nunez, Fabian*	Dem	F-	<i>District 69</i>		
Hileman, Lawrence R.	Rep		Bass, Karen*	Dem	F	Solorio, Jose Dem		
<i>District 25</i>			<i>District 47</i>			Williams, Ryan Gene Rep		
Berryhill, Tom	Rep	A	Dodge, Jeffers MacArthur	Rep		<i>District 70</i>		
Bufford, James Lex	Dem		<i>District 48</i>			DeVore, Chuck* Rep A		
<i>District 26</i>			<i>District 49</i>			Glover, Michael G. Dem		
Aghazarian, Greg*	Rep	A	Eng, Mike	Dem		<i>District 71</i>		
Goeken, Kenneth J.	Dem		Siegrist, Esthela G.	Rep		LaChance, Irene Dem		
<i>District 27</i>			<i>District 50</i>			Spitzer, Todd* Rep A		
Laird, John*	Dem	F	De La Torre, Hector*	Dem	D+	<i>District 72</i>		
Morrison, Michael	Rep		Miller, Gladys O.	Rep		Duvall, Michael D. Rep A		
<i>District 28</i>			<i>District 51</i>			MacMurray, John Dem		
Caballero, Anna	Dem		Moen, Ross	Rep		<i>District 73</i>		
Velasquez, Ignacio	Rep		Price, Curren D.	Dem		Walters, Mimi* Rep A		
<i>District 29</i>			<i>District 52</i>			<i>District 74</i>		
Avila, Benjamin	Dem		Dymally, Mervyn M.*	Dem	F	Folescu, Roxana Dem		
Villines, Mike*	Rep	A	<i>District 53</i>			Garrick, Martin Rep A		
<i>District 30</i>			<i>District 54</i>			<i>District 75</i>		
Gilmore, Danny D.	Rep		Ford, Mary Jo	Rep		Meyer, Scott Dem		
Parra, Nicole*	Dem	C+	Lieu, Ted W.*	Dem	F	Plescia, George A.* Rep A		
<i>District 31</i>			<i>District 55</i>			<i>District 76</i>		
Arambula, Juan*	Dem	D+	Jackson, Michael A.	Rep		Denney, Ralph Rep F		
<i>District 32</i>			<i>District 56</i>			<i>District 77</i>		
Fuller, Jean	Rep	A	Karnette, Betty	Dem	F	Saldana, Lori R.* Dem F		
Vega, Maribel	Dem		<i>District 57</i>			<i>District 78</i>		
<i>District 33</i>			<i>District 58</i>			Anderson, Joel Rep A		
Blakeslee, Sam*	Rep	A	Richardson, Laura	Dem		Larkin, Christopher R. Dem		
Cuthbert, Robert Evan	Dem		Underhill, Margherita P.	Rep		<i>District 79</i>		
<i>District 34</i>			<i>District 59</i>			Horton, Shirley* Rep A		
Farrelly, Desmond	Dem		Hu, Grace	Rep		Sherard, Maxine Dem		
Maze, Bill	Rep	A+	<i>District 79</i>			<i>District 80</i>		
<i>District 35</i>			<i>District 80</i>			Clute, Steve Dem F		
Martin, Cristina C.	Rep		Carver, Holly	Rep		<i>District 59</i>		
Nava, Pedro*	Dem	F	Hernandez, Ed	Dem		Adams, Anthony Rep A		
<i>District 36</i>			<i>District 81</i>			<i>District 81</i>		
Bynum, Robert "Bo"	Dem		Roesch, Jean	Rep		Barkan, Elliot Robert Dem		
Runner, Sharon*	Rep	A	Salas, Mary	Dem				
<i>District 37</i>			<i>District 82</i>					
Masry, Ferial	Dem		Kleinpell, Jim	Rep				
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