

## Ways to Give

Everyone knows someone who **wants** to be involved, but they don't have the time. Maybe they are interested in charitable giving, but they don't know who or what to trust. This is where you come in – to introduce Gun Owners to friends and family – especially those who might want some options as to how they can help with their wallets. We know people across the state are tapped out, but we also know there are people who are eager to give – whether it's a straight contribution or a donation (bequest) through a will or trust....**they simply don't know where and how to do it but we can help with that!**

We have not one, not two but **THREE** ways people can be involved – go to our website and get the specifics (there are different rules for each) on how you can help:

### **POLITICALLY: GUN OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**

This is the exclusive political arm of Gun Owners, and funds raised for the campaign committee permit us to contribute directly into a campaign.

**To give:** Make checks payable to GOCCC, 1831 Iron Point Suite 120, Folsom, CA 95630 (contributions to the PAC must be done by mail, and not online)

### **LEGISLATIVELY: GUN OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.**

All funds – membership and otherwise are used in California to fight anti-gun legislation. These monies support activities at the Capitol, plus basic operating expenses.

**To give:** Makes checks payable to GOC, Inc., 1831 Iron Point Suite 120, Folsom, CA 95630, or online at [www.gunownersca.com](http://www.gunownersca.com)

### **LEGALLY: GUN OWNERS FOUNDATION**

In 2014 alone, GOF was active in more than two dozen major cases, and our attorneys filed briefs in eight cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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### **TO: SENATOR H. L. RICHARDSON, (ret.)**

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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## Gun Owners of California 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.
- Access to all Legislators through our website.

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## THE NEWSOM INITIATIVE

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

By now, most individuals who follow what's happening in the 2nd Amendment world are well aware of Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom's zealous ploy to put an anti-gun initiative on the November 2016 ballot. Emboldened by national news stories, Newsom is the latest public official to exploit senseless tragedies for political gain. Although the main stream media is literally gushing at this wrong-headed attempt to curb gun violence, GOC stands ready to shoot holes in the propaganda that is sure to come our way.

GOC will be front and center in opposition to the "Safety for All" Act of 2016, which is likely the most misleading and deceptive name imaginable. To summarize, the initiative seeks to:

- Require background checks for ammunition purchases
- Require licenses for ammunition dealers
- Prohibit possession of all magazines capable of holding more than 10 bullets (so-called "high capacity" magazines)
- Mandate gun owners to report lost or stolen firearms to police, and requires that California share its list of

people barred from owning firearms with the U.S. Justice Department.

As of October 27, 2015, the language for the proposed ballot initiative was made public and the **30 day public comment** period began.

When the public comment period has ended on November 26, 2015, the proponents will have five days to amend the language. The Attorney General will then prepare a circulating title and summary, which will be the official summary of the proposed initiative measure. A copy will be provided to the Secretary of State and the proponent(s) within 15 days after receipt of the fiscal estimate (prepared by the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst, which is required to be completed within 50 days of the initial submission to the Attorney General).

The date the copy of the summary is delivered to the proponents is the "official summary date." THIS STARTS THE CLOCK TICKING FOR CIRCULATION OF THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE.

Once the clock starts, proponents have 180 days to collect a minimum of 365,880 signatures.

**GOC has put together an informative graphic that provides an updated status and step-by-step guide on where the initiative is in the process.**

[www.gunownersca.com](http://www.gunownersca.com)  
Click on:  
"Newsom Anti-Gun Initiative"



See Inside . . .

## Governor Brown – He Threw Us a Bone... But Some Garbage, too

By GOC Legislative Staff

The Legislature thankfully departed Sacramento in September and the Governor had until mid-October to make his decisions on the three gun bills on his desk – what got a thumbs up – and what got his veto. Unfortunately for the gun owners of California, his action was pretty much par for the course – throwing us a bone, while demonstrating an overall disdain for 2nd Amendment community.

Governor Brown got it right when he vetoed Hannah Beth Jackson's **SB 347**, which sought to add unlawful penalties to non-violent misdemeanor offenders. This bill would have increased the list of persons prohibited from purchasing firearms for a 10-year period to include those convicted of specified firearm-related misdemeanors.

His veto messages cited the vast expansion of California's criminal code and the creation of new crimes, which is "usually by finding a novel way to characterize and criminalize conduct that is already proscribed. This multiplication and particularization of criminal behavior creates increasing complexity without commensurate benefit."

Although GOC usually stands in stark opposition to Governor Brown, it was appropriate to express our support for this veto. GOC Executive Director Sam Paredes stated "We applaud this decision - it's absurd to think anyone in possession of a single shotgun shell while on school grounds should lose their gun rights for ten years." In his testimony before the Legislature, Paredes commented "Let's be real - carrying ammo without a gun is like carrying a rock."

Unfortunately, the Governor went sideways when it came to **SB 707** by Senator Lois Wolk and **AB 1134** by Assemblyman Mark Stone. **SB 707** bans legally authorized

concealed weapons licensees from carrying on any campus and **AB 1134** changes the authority regarding the issuance of concealed weapons permits, thus creating an unnecessary burden for applicants. He signed both.

"Governor Brown seems to think that school administrators are better judges than the local sheriff in determining who is a safety risk and who is not - amending the Gun-Free School Zone Act with further exceptions is nothing more than a problem in search of a solution – especially since no CCW holder has ever committed a crime on a California campus," said Paredes.

As we have reported since the bill moved through the legislative process, once law enforcement was fully exempted from the bill's provisions, they moved their opposition to support. "It's always a battle going up against our friends in blue on any issue, and this was no exception," said Paredes. "Legislators faced an intense, full court press to support the bill from local police and educators, and we are sincerely appreciative of those who withstood the pressure."

And, Governor Brown's signature of **AB 1134** was like adding a spoiled cherry to an already bad sundae. This bill changes the authority regarding the issuance of concealed weapons permits by adding another useless layer to the current and convoluted bureaucracy. "It's a sad situation when the Governor goes against his own policy of signing a bill that invalidates an ongoing court case – particularly one that would go a long ways toward clarifying the unconstitutionality of California's CCW laws," said Paredes, speaking in reference to the continuing *Peruta v. Gore*.

## To Sign Or Not To Sign? Just Say No!

Why do people sign petitions to get something on the ballot? Is it because they support the particular issue the initiative would address? Is it because they yield to the pressure of an aggressive circulator? Or is it because regardless of their own personal views, they think every issue deserves to come before all voters?

Let's be clear. There is only ONE smart reason to ever sign an initiative petition and that's if you believe in what it hopes to accomplish. Otherwise?

**Just say NO.**

Petitions are an appeal for change, and affixing your name on one lends weight and an actual legitimacy for just that. The number of signatures submitted to the Secretary of State demonstrates where support is – or isn't – on a particular issue. Yes, it is one of the best ways to jump into the political process, but that said, why would anyone want to lend their name to a cause they oppose? It serves no reasonable purpose at all, but does, however, skew the reality of public opinion.

This is not "democracy" in action as some would argue – but rather a voluntary move to put your political views at a *disadvantage*.

When you are confronted outside of Wal-Mart, Target, or your local Safeway – resist the temptation to sign the "Safety for All" Act of 2016 – even if you hear "this is only to get it on the ballot." We don't want to hand them a pass to get this shady initiative anywhere but in the compost heap!

## The Courts

Judge Rejects Request to Temporarily Suspend L.A. City Ordinance That Bans Standard Capacity Magazines Holding More Than 10 Rounds.

Although there have been no significant updates on any of the cases in which GOC has been involved, the Los Angeles City Council recently passed a local ordinance that bans the possession of standard capacity magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds.

In the wake of this ill-conceived effort, a majority of County Sheriffs, various law enforcement organizations and the California Rifle and Pistol Association made good on their promise to fight this in court, seeking to nullify this unconstitutional public policy.

The *Bosenko v. City of Los Angeles* lawsuit has challenged the magazine possession ban on legal "preemption" grounds. Currently, California statute authorizes the possession of these magazines, and specifically permits such under specified situations. Los Angeles, however has blanketly banned possession. Unfortunately, on November 12, 2015, the trial court denied a preliminary emergency request that sought to provisionally stop the city from implementing the ordinance while the case moves forward.

Believe it or not, the Court ruled it is perfectly reasonable for individuals to store magazines outside city limits while the case is litigated (or simply not travel into Los Angeles while in possession of said magazines), and therefore cited an absence of "irreparable harm." Although the court agreed to expedite the case, there was no decision on whether the prohibition is actually preempted by California's current statutory regulation of standard-capacity magazines.

We anticipate a final ruling to come down within the first six months of 2016.

## Ways to Help Defend Your Rights in 2016

2016 is just around the corner, and we have quite a year ahead of us!

With the end of a 2-year legislative cycle, the 2016 elections, multiple court cases, and an initiative campaign to fight, we have A LOT going on this next year, and we need everyone to step up!

How can you help?!

Get your tickets to the 2016 52 Guns in 52 Weeks Raffle! If you've already purchased your ticket, would you consider doubling-up? Will you get your friends to buy in, as well? For just \$50, you can get your 2016 membership, which will keep you up-to-date and informed; AND you are entered into a drawing to win a gun! We give a gun away, every week for a year!

Purchase your tickets and help defend the Second Amendment today!

## The Events

### Yuba Sutter Banquet to Kick Off 2016 Fundraising Events

Our faithful friends and committee members in Marysville and Yuba City are putting together another great event on Friday, January 15, 2016! It will be an awesome start to fundraising events for the year and we are excited to get together with our friends and patriots in the Yuba Sutter area! If you haven't joined us for an event near you, this is the year! For more information on our 2016 events or to join a committee near you, contact Julie Benson at: [julie@gunownersca.com](mailto:julie@gunownersca.com).

(More event locations and dates to come!)

**Yuba Sutter Banquet  
Friday, January 15, 2016**

**Sacramento Crab Feed  
Friday, April 22, 2016**

**Sporting Clay Shoot & Competition (Ione)  
Saturday, June 4, 2016**

**Oroville Banquet  
Friday, June 17, 2016**

## Merry Christmas From GOC



GOC sends our warmest greetings and best wishes to all this Christmas. In a world that seems weary with both despair and fear, it is our sincere prayer that this season of hope will bring just that – a sense of renewed anticipation, optimism and gratitude for what we enjoy as Americans. Let us honor the spirit of Christmas and do our best to keep it throughout 2016.

*"I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

*"And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!  
The Wrong shall fail,  
the Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**"Christmas is not a time or a  
season but a state of mind.  
To cherish peace and good  
will, to be plenteous in mercy,  
is to have the real spirit of  
Christmas."**

~ Calvin Coolidge  
In his Presidential message  
December 25, 1927