



GUN OWNERS of California

REVERSING OUR NEW AMERICAN NORMAL

It goes without saying that these past few weeks have been rough – there’s been another heartbreaking slaughter of innocents on our soil, and we can either look for real solutions to reverse this “new American normal” or we can surrender to media and anti-gun group lies. We are at a crossroads. We can put a Band-Aid on a gaping, festering wound or we can have a frank discussion on what many are too afraid to approach.

The tragedy of the school shooting in Florida is a wretched example of how the left will squeeze every bit of pain out of a tragedy, not willing that any of it goes to waste. It’s also an example of why acting in haste in the aftermath of disaster is risky. Striking while the political iron is hot may be popular, but knee-jerk policies fail, which has been a pretty significant theme lately. Whether it’s been the failure to protect those most vulnerable among us, **the failure of an anti-gun sheriff, a failure of the FBI, the failure of our government** to pursue policies to protect us (rather than disarm us), we’ve seen some pretty epic failures.

GOC is not interested in failure or pushing zeros. It’s not in our DNA. That’s why we are constantly out in front in the media, at the Capitol and

in the elections, fighting with every ounce of our energy to protect the 2nd Amendment, and by extension – every citizen out there. We are **armed**, both figuratively and literally – but we are also **informed**, because it’s just not smart to enter a battle with no intel. That’s why our EARS are to the ground with the news (both fake and the real stuff) and our EYES are on the politics of it all. Executive Director Sam Paredes continues to be the media’s go-to guy for pro-gun commentary. We can’t let them win the battle of words – or policies.

THIS NEEDS TO BE SAID:

This Facebook post from a Florida Middle School teacher should be required reading for every politician/celebrity/leftist who opens their uninformed mouth and squawks about gun control. Thank you, Eustis Middle School Teacher of the Year Kelly Guthrie Raley. **You speak the truth:**

“Okay, I’ll be the bad guy and say what no one else is brave enough to say, but wants to say. I’ll take all the criticism and attacks from everyone because you know what? I’m a TEACHER. I live this life daily. And I wouldn’t do anything else! But I also know daily I could end up in an active shooter situation.

Until we, as a country, are willing to get serious and talk about mental health issues, lack of available care for the mental health issues, lack of discipline in the home, horrendous lack of parental support when the schools are trying to control horrible behavior at school (oh no! Not MY KID. What did YOU do to cause my kid to react that way?), lack of moral values, and yes, I’ll say it-violent video games that take away all sensitivity to ANY compassion for others’ lives, as well as reality TV that makes it commonplace for people to constantly scream up in each others’ faces and not value any other person but themselves, we will have a gun problem in school. Our kids don’t understand the permanency of death anymore!!!

I grew up with guns. Everyone knows that. But you know what? My parents NEVER supported any bad behavior from me. I was terrified of doing something bad at school, as I would have not had a life until I corrected the problem and straightened my ass out.

My parents invaded my life. They knew where I was ALL the time. They made me have a curfew. They made me wake them up when I got home. They made me respect their rules. They had full control of their house, and at any time could and would go through every inch of my bedroom, backpack,

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pockets, anything!

Parents: it's time to STEP UP! Be the parent that actually gives a cr**! Be the annoying mom that pries and knows what your kid is doing. STOP being their friend. They have enough "friends" at school. Be their parent. Being the "cool mom" means not a damn thing when either your kid is dead or your kid kills other people because they were allowed to have their space and privacy in YOUR HOME.

I'll say it again. My home was filled with guns growing up. For God's sake, my daddy was an 82nd Airborne Ranger who lost half his face serving our country. But you know what? I never dreamed of shooting anyone with his guns. I never dreamed of taking one! I was taught respect for human life, compassion, rules, common decency, and most of all, I was taught that until I moved out, my life and bedroom wasn't mine...it was theirs. And they were going to know what was happening because they loved me and wanted the best for me.

There. Say that I'm a horrible person. I didn't bring up gun control, and I will refuse to debate it with anyone. This post wasn't about gun control. This was me, loving the cr** out of people and wanting the best for them. This was about my school babies and knowing that God created each one for greatness, and just wanting them to reach their futures.

It's about 20 years ago this year I

started my teaching career. Violence was not this bad 20 years ago. Lack of compassion wasn't this bad 20 years ago. **And God knows 20 years ago that I wasn't afraid daily to call a parent because I KNEW that 9 out of 10 would cuss me out, tell me to go to Hell, call the news on me, call the school board on me, or post all over Facebook about me because I called to let them know what their child chose to do at school...because they are a NORMAL kid!!!!**

Those 17 lives mattered. When are we going to take our own responsibility seriously?"

**2018 LEGISLATION — WAGING
WAR UNDER THE DOME**

The second half of the 2017/2018 session is underway and predictably, the leftist legislators are well armed with a bevy of anti-gun bills. The heartbreaking school shooting in Florida has added to their rhetoric, and they have dug deep to figure out what other obstacles they can put in the path of law abiding gun owners.

We aren't just fighting the bad stuff, though – we have some terrific men and women at the Capitol who are eager to defend the 2nd Amendment. Their constructive proposals lead the pack:

AB 986 (Gallagher) SUPPORT

Requires a reduced fee for lifetime hunting and lifetime sport fishing licenses for an individual who is a Veteran.

AB 1931 (Fong) SUPPORT

Makes a license issued to carry a concealed firearm valid for any period of time not to exceed 5 years.

AB 1932 (Fong) SUPPORT

Requires the Department of Justice to furnish the background check report for a concealed firearms license to the licensing authority within 60 days of receipt of the fingerprints and fee.

AB 2067 (Gallagher) SUPPORT

Requires a school district to hire or contract with at least one armed security guard, authorized to carry a loaded firearm, at each school in the school district.

AB 2151 (Gray) SUPPORT

Provides for the issuance of a youth hunting antelope, elk, bear, and bighorn ram tag to a resident of the state for a fee of \$20, and a youth wild pig tag for a fee of \$10.

**AB 2733 (Harper) SUPPORT
*Sponsor**

Deletes the requirement that a firearm be designed and equipped with microstamping technology in order not to be listed on the roster of "unsafe" handguns.

AB 2860 (Allen) SUPPORT

Repeals requirement that the Department of Justice compile a roster listing all of the handguns that have been tested and determined to be unsafe.

AB 3064 (Baker) SUPPORT

Provides for penalty enhancements for subsequent convictions of felons in possession of a firearm.

AB 3117 (Mathis/Dahle) SUPPORT

Hunting non-lead ammo; temporary suspension if the Fish and Game Commission finds that nonlead ammunition of specific caliber is not available.

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SB 1092 (Anderson) SUPPORT

Authorizes hunting while using a lawfully possessed silencer that is attached to a firearm with a barrel measuring 16 inches or more in length.

SB 1382 (Vidak) SUPPORT

Permits the locking of a handgun in a specified toolbox or utility box to be compliant with handgun storage laws.

GOC has reviewed the following bills and will be OPPOSING:**AB 1872 (Voepel)**

Creates a “carve out” for port authority law enforcement officers; adds to the list who can purchase “off roster” guns not available to the law abiding.

AB 2103 (Gloria)

Extends course training for a license to carry a concealed firearm to at least 8 but not more than 16 hours and to include live-fire exercises conducted on a firing range.

SB 459 (Portantino)

Requires DOJ to conduct inspections of firearms dealers at least every 3 years.

SB 1100 (Portantino)

Prohibits the sale of long guns to any individual under the age of 21.

SB 1346 (Jackson)

States that the existing definition of a multiburst trigger activator includes a bump fire stock or bump fire stock attachment.

AND NOW FOR THE GOC “WATCH” LIST

GOC will be carefully monitoring the following bills. As currently drafted,

they do not represent a direct attack on our ability to own firearms, but due to their subject matter and/or section of the code the bill seeks to change, they merit added scrutiny – some we may end up opposing and others we may support. As you can tell, **we have a lot on our legislative plates** and we must be on guard because legislative shenanigans lurk around every corner!

AB 1958 (Quirk-Silva) Suppressors

AB 1639 (Garcia) CA Victim

Compensation Board

AB 1806 Budget Bill - Assembly

AB 1903 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Gun

buy-back / gift cards

AB 1964 (Maienschein) Outdoor camps

AB 2176 (Jones-Sawyer) Firearm clean-up

AB 2213 (Cooley) Ammunition clean-up bill

AB 2222 (Quirk) Informational databases

AB 2318 (Flora) Gun Free School Zone/ technical

AB 2382 (Gipson) Prohibited persons/technical

AB 2438 (Ting) Automatic withdrawal of a plea

AB 2670 (Kiley) Wildlife (placeholder)

AB 2781 (Low) Forensic ballistic firearm procedures

AB 2805 (Bigelow) Wild pig validations

AB 2817 (Santiago) Emergency transfers

AB 2823 (Nazarian) Violent felonies

AB 2963 (Kalra) Worker lead blood levels

AB 3026 (Melendez) Firearms place holder bill

AB 3064 (Baker) Felons in possession penalty enhancement

SB 405 (Mendoza) Outdoor advertising displays

SB 839 Budget bill - Senate

SB 976 (Bates) Violent felonies

SB 1146 (Stone) Aggravated assault

SB 1185 (Hill) Firearms accounting

SB 1200 (Skinner) Firearms (placeholder)

SB 1281 (Stern) Juvenile records

AB 2526 (Rubio) Gun Violence Restraining Orders

SB 746 (Portantino) Dealer storage / prohibited persons

ANTI-GUN LEGISLATORS HOLD PRESSER – AFTER “BILL INTRO” DEADLINE

The Brady Campaign recently convinced their legislative buddies to hold an anti-gun press conference billed as “Enough is enough – we’re tired of waiting.” Democrat members predictably called for even more legislation – and even though they were short on details other than wanting to “close the loopholes” for both assault weapons and ghost guns, it was just a bunch of shameless grandstanding. We are now playing the waiting game to see what proposals they actually decide to pursue.

“Gun Owners of California is in the trenches fighting for our 2nd Amendment rights in the hostile and anti-gun California legislature.” **Sheriff Tom Bosenko – Shasta County**

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT! VOTER INFO COMING!

In our 2nd Quarter Newsletter, GOC's Election Eye will give you all the information you need to make an ARMED and INFORMED decision at the polls this June. The Primary Election is just as important as the General in November, and we urge all gun owners to get out and vote. We also need you to share the information with your friends and family about who is a supporter of the 2nd Amendment, and who is an enemy of our Constitutional rights. Together, we can make a difference!

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

Gun Owners of California is at the vanguard standing up for our right to "keep and bear arms." Always has been. Always will be.

Senator Jim Nielsen (4th District / Gerber, CA)

NOT YOUR MOM'S EMAIL MESSAGE

Yeah, we know - who needs another email?
We promise we won't spam you with silly stuff or constant pleas for money. We vow to never sell your name or address. We will respect your inbox! And we don't send news reports just so you can get a glimpse of what's happening with guns across California - we want you to see what we are ALL up against. We want you to understand what is happening to our rights, **but also what is happening** to our country - because what happens to our country has a direct impact on your right to be a gun owner, whether in California or Florida. We'll highlight real solutions, shine a light on the ugliness we face, and **why it's so important to do what we do**. GOC refuses to let the garbage flow unchallenged. Sign up at www.gunownersca.com

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SACRAMENTO CRAB FEED
Citrus Heights Community Center
FRIDAY, APRIL 20

SPORTING CLAY SHOOT (IONE)
Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve
SATURDAY, JUNE 2

OROVILLE BAQUET
Southside Oroville
Community Center
FRIDAY, JUNE 15

FIRST ANNUAL PLEASANTON BANQUET
Location TBD
FRIDAY, JULY 13

VACAVILLE CRAB FEED
Ulati Community Center
Oct/Nov (TBD)



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