



## GUN OWNERS of California

### WHO IS GAVIN NEWSOM?

By Sam Paredes, GOC Executive Director

There's a lot we know about Gavin Newsom and a lot most Californians chose NOT to know. Otherwise, they likely wouldn't have elected him Governor.

Sacramento Bee columnist Marcos Breton is no conservative, yet while covering the race for the State's top job, he was able to see through the glitzy PR of Newsom's media team and wrote about it. Entitled "Why Prince Gavin's Character Fails the Test", the piece honed-in on the many deficiencies in Newsom's moral fiber. And, now that he has been elected, what some have called his "Machiavellian dexterity" has certainly proven to be true.

Breton pointedly said that if Newsom were elected governor "without so much as a speed bump on his political journey of entitlement, it may take future social scientists to explain why current California voters were so willing to give this guy a pass on all the things we know about him."

We know he is rabidly anti-gun and it's not difficult to imagine what slick anti-gun moves he has up his sleeve. He had made it his personal mission to neuter the 2nd Amendment community and the Legislature will be more than willing to help him achieve those goals with so many pro-gun seats lost in the Senate and Assembly.

We also know he has been bankrolled his entire adult life by oil heir Gordon Getty, one of the richest men in California. To quote Breton, if "A Mexican American guy or an Asian guy having a rich, white sugar daddy greasing the skids for them at every critical turn of their adult lives would be viewed with suspicion." Not so with Newsom. He was proudly labeled an "entrepreneur" by the liberal progressives who were eager to have him sitting in the Governor's chair. His opponents on the other hand – both Republican and Democrat were castigated for being in the pocket of big money donors. What a joke – Newsom's money was "clean", and everyone else's was "dirty." Breton nailed it when he wrote that "He's (Newsom) banked millions of dollars without the stain of patronage sticking to him."

Newsom's character lapses go deeper than just financial. Breton wrote "If another gubernatorial candidate, Delaine Eastin, had slept with a subordinate while she was state superintendent of public instruction, and if the subordinate had gotten thousands of public dollars in a payoff not seen before or since, would the public even accept her as a candidate?"

Of course not, but again, Newsom got a pass for his bedroom blunders. Newsom famously had an affair in 2007 with his appointments secretary who was also the wife of his best friend. Breton reports that "After the affair became public, Newsom's lover somehow landed a \$10,000 payout in public money from a fund intended for

city employees with catastrophic and life-threatening illnesses." The cash payout details are simply outrageous and should make us all terrified of what Newsom will do with the money of all Californians rather than just San Francisco! The entire article can be read on our website under "news."

The bottom line is, there is little proof that Gavin Newsom is a man of integrity, and more than enough evidence that he is an arrogant and smarmy politician. He plays fast and loose with the facts when comes to the 2nd Amendment, a supposed stint in rehab and there is that affair thing. We could have done a lot better. The saddest fact, however, is that the voters of California couldn't see through the perfectly coiffed hair and bleached toothy smile.

### OVER PLEASE ...



Merry Christmas And  
Happy New Years From  
GOC!

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of peace.





## IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

When the clock struck midnight on September 30, Governor Jerry Brown made the last legislative decisions of his political career and left his mark as a solid anti-gun politician who was willing to throw us a bone now and again. This year was no different, as he stepped firmly into the anti-gun muck with the signing of bills to prohibit the sale of firearms to anyone under 21 and increased training before anyone can get a CCW. But he vetoed some bad ones, too – he rejected banning gun shows at the Cow Palace as well as the bill to put limitations on how many long guns we can buy per month. Here's the final rundown, and what it means to the individual gun owner:

### GOVERNOR BROWN SIGNED:

**AB 2103 (Gloria – D)** – Expands the course of concealed weapons training to at least 8 hours and further requires live-fire exercises conducted on a firing range. This places yet another obstacle in the path of CCW permittees.

**SB 1100 (Portantino – D)** – Bans the legal sale of long guns to anyone under 21. We believe the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens between the ages of 18 and 21 are violated in that those citizens are recognized by the federal government as members of the militia. The militia was specifically protected in the language of the Second Amendment. **THE SIGNING OF THIS BILL OPENS A WIDE DOOR TO A LEGAL CHALLENGE.**

**SB 1200 (Skinner – D)** – Expands the duties of law enforcement when serving a gun violence restraining order.

**SB 1346 (Jackson – D)** – Bans devices such as the bump fire stock (multi-burst trigger activator). This will have little

“new” impact on Californians, because such devices have already been declared illegal by the California Attorney General.

Each bill will become effective January 1, 2019; the Governor made no specific “signing statements” on these legislative proposals.

### GOVERNOR BROWN VETOED:

**SB 221 (Wiener – D)** – This sought to ban gun shows at the Cow Palace, a premier event center that has welcomed over 50 million visitors with a near-flawless record since it opened in 1941. In his veto message, the Governor stated *“This bill has been vetoed twice over the last ten years, once by myself, and once by Governor Schwarzenegger. The decision on what kind of shows occur at the Cow Palace rests with the local board of directors which, incidentally, represents a broad cross section of the community. They are in the best position to make these decisions.”*

**SB 1177 (Portantino – D)** – This bill would have expanded the “one handgun per month” limitation to all firearms. There is no data suggesting someone who purchases more than one gun of any kind per month is a danger to society or engaging in illicit activity, which may be why the Governor said, *“I vetoed a substantially similar bill in 2016, and my views have not changed.”*

### ADDITIONAL LAWS THAT GO INTO EFFECT IN 2019:

**USE OF NON-LEAD AMMO FOR HUNTING** Effective July 1, 2019, non-lead ammunition will be required when taking ANY wildlife with a firearm anywhere in California. This does not affect target shooting either at ranges or in the woods.

**AMMUNITION PURCHASING LAWS** This one is still up in the air. Beginning on July 1, 2019, ammunition vendors

will be required to collect information from those eligible to purchase ammo, keep a copy of the info in their shop, and transmit a copy to the California Department of Justice who is required to run a background check on purchasers and create a new Ammunition Purchasers Database. To date, the DOJ has not issued any regulations regarding any of this, not who is eligible to buy, how the information is to be recorded or how long it will take to conduct background checks. Rumors abound that only Californians who are listed on the Automated Firearms System (AFS) will be eligible to buy ammo. Only people who have registered firearms are on AFS. This means that lawful owners of unregistered guns, non-residents of California and others will be unable to buy ammunition in the Golden State. A lawsuit has been filed to challenge these laws, Rhode v. Becerra. GOC will be supporting this lawsuit.

## THE COURTS

Gun Owners of California continues to believe that many of our victories will be coming out of the courts, especially now that Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a member of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). The following is a list of cases that have been filed and are making their way through the system. It's important to note that not all will be heard by SCOTUS, but some will. We also expect that any gun control ruling that is judged on the textual, historical and traditional reading of the Second Amendment as opposed to *rational basis, intermediate scrutiny or even strict scrutiny*, we will have what we need to sue to overturn virtually all gun control laws on the books, both in California as well as nationwide.

**Rhode v Becerra** – Challenge of California's ammunition sales restrictions.

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**Rupp v Becerra** – Challenge of California's assault weapons restrictions.

**Duncan v Becerra** – Challenge of California's standard capacity magazine restrictions.

**Villanueva Becerra** – Challenge of California's assault weapons registration regulations.

**Flanagan v Becerra** – Challenge of California's and Los Angeles carry restrictions prohibiting both open and concealed carry.

**Gentry v Becerra** – Challenge of DOJ use of DROS fees to fund other programs.

**Peña v Lindley** – Challenge of California handgun roster.

**NSSF v California** – Challenge of California's microstamping requirements.

**Kolby v Hogan** – Challenge of Maryland's ban on assault weapons ban and 10+ round magazines.

**GOC** (and our sister organization, Gun Owners of America) consistently review cases and coordinate with our pro-gun partners who have filed the initial lawsuits; we continue to offer support on many with crucial amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs to add depth and perspective to the principal cases.

Your continued support is crucial to providing these briefs. If our victories are going to come from the courts, we need to continue to be actively engaged.

## ELECTION WRAP UP

The General Election was over a month ago and we still don't have a full understanding of the results. Ballots are still being counted in California and in many states across the nation. Let's just say

that it could have been a lot worse, but it also could have been much, much better. Although the U.S. Senate remains firm in the hands of 2nd Amendment supporters, the House is a different story, so we have our work cut out for us nationally.

**Here in California, however, we are facing an unprecedented challenge: residents of our state made some seriously bad decisions, and whether it was out of ignorance, lack of interest or sheer stupidity, we just elected the most anti-gun candidate to lead California in the history of the state.**

Gavin Newsom makes Jerry Brown look like a choir boy in comparison, but that doesn't mean we are going to lay down and play dead. We are going to vocally - and often - call Newsom on every one of his misguided efforts to promote more gun control. We are not undaunted, nor are we naive enough to think the road ahead will be easy. What's more, we lost solid pro-gun seats to the gun-control crowd in both the Senate and the Assembly.

**The rest of the country is watching what we do, and rather than taking advice from career political party leadership, we think it's time to look for “alternative” political strategies for 2020. Something is seriously wrong when GOC is told that it's time to get off the 2nd Amendment bandwagon and instead hitch a ride on “climate change”. We will never do that.**

We need to organize differently. We must find people with good character who are willing to step out with a message that resonates – not some watered-down baloney that will appease folks who will never support us. We are going to pursue this with everything that we have, while continuing to fight in the Legislature under some seriously hostile terms. We are also putting an increased focus on our legal activities in the courts, where we expect to find our greatest victories.

Rest assured - GOC isn't going *anywhere*.

## JUSTICE BRETT KAVANAUGH: GAME CHANGER

The best news of the year for gun owners from sea to shining sea is that Brett Kavanaugh is the newest justice to the Supreme Court of the United States. To say that we are happy with the addition of such a distinguished jurist to our nation's highest court would be an understatement. This single development could be an absolute game-changer for gun rights in every state, and no one needs it more than California.

When it comes to the 2nd Amendment, Judge Kavanaugh's views have been described as “extreme”. We call his views textual, historical and traditional. In fact, his record shows that he “refrained from illogically twisting precedent to validate his preferred public policy” according to the Heritage Foundation. Further, he has been intent on the interpretation and application of the Constitution as absolute, enduring and unchanging, which are the precise principles which were envisioned by the Founders.

What Judge Kavanaugh endured at the hands of sanctimonious and leftist politicians was nothing short of despicable. We applaud his steadfast spirit in the face of a public character assassination and look forward to his long service on the Supreme Court.



## SURPRISE! ANTI-GUN RESEARCHERS AT ODDS WITH DATA

UC Davis' "Violence Prevention Research Program (VPRP)" recently reported some very interesting findings – to the great dismay of the anti-gun academics that authored the study. A "review of firearm homicide and suicide rates in the 10 years after California simultaneously mandated comprehensive background checks for nearly all firearm sales and a prohibition on gun purchase and possession for persons convicted of most violent misdemeanor crimes **found no change in the rates of either cause of death from firearms through 2000.**" (<https://health.ucdavis.edu/publish/news/newsroom/13362>)

Of course, this comes as no surprise to GOC – registration of firearms is an abysmal failure when it comes to reducing the number of deaths related to gun violence. Nor is it a surprise that rather than accepting

the conclusions, the report resorts to criticism of the quality of the data available. Why? Because it does not coincide with their anti-gun narrative, they conclude the data was flawed. This means Program Director and senior author of the study Garen Wintemute is dancing mighty fast in an effort to explain why they found no net difference between firearm-related homicide rates before and during the 10 years after policy implementation. He and his colleagues are whining about "incomplete background-check records, absence of permit-to-purchase provision, and compliance among possible explanations for findings."

GOC has never minded research; what we don't like is research with a bias and a political axe to grind, as is evidenced by the VPRP spin doctors.

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### Week #1

**Kimber Rapter II Blued in .45 ACP**

### Week #12

**Sig Sauer P238 in .380 ACP**

### Week #38

**Bergara Timber Rifle in .30-06**

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