



GUN OWNERS of California

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2019-2020 Legislative Session has come to a close and as is the norm, some nonsensical bills have made it to Governor Newsom's desk. Ultimately, when the gavel fell on August 31, we can say with certainty that it ended the way it began: an all-you-can-eat-buffet of liberal spending and a host of other Leftist garbage.

As we've reported, legislative havoc was wreaked this year by the coronavirus; **testimony was thwarted, rules circumvented, hearings were limited and the normal biases against all things 2nd Amendment seemed particularly evident.** Clogged phone lines, disconnected testimony and limited hearings are no way to run a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." When all was said and done, the following bills made it through the bungled process:

AB 2362: Muratsuchi/D

Allows DOJ to fine gun stores; places retailers in jeopardy of going out of business for minor paperwork violations.

AB 2847: Chiu/D

Forces manufacturers to use micro-stamping technology in order to have handguns on the California approved roster. Also, this bill *deletes* **three** models from the roster for every one "new" microstamped handgun.

SB 914: Portantino /D

This bill is a complex and convoluted mess that will seriously undermine youth shooting programs throughout

the state by mandating that only parents – not a relative, a school or legitimate shooting club – can provide a firearm to anyone under 18. This means that every competitive youth shooter – or kid that wants to go hunting with a grandparent – will not be able to use any firearm unless it's provided by the parents. This will literally gut high school shooting teams in the state.

GOC has communicated with Governor Newsom's office regarding our strong opposition to these bills and have thus requested his veto. The one silver lining of the COVID-19 shortened legislative session is that it forced the anti-gun legislators to focus on fewer bills. However, this hardly makes up for squelching voices throughout California that should have been heard.

SB 1175: Stern/D

We are pleased to report that some solid last minute legislative maneuvering by Senators Shannon Grove and Melissa Melendez, this bill was killed, which would have made it illegal to import or possess African species trophies (legal proof of possession required to be exempt). Regardless of whether an individual hunts out of the USA, we saw this as the camel's nose under the tent to eliminate hunting in the state.

SB 118:

This was the worst of 2020's anti-gun bills, and was signed by the Governor following passage of the Budget Bill. Deviously inserted in the 66 pages of the Senate's 2020 Public Safety Budget "trailer bill", the Legislature circumvented budget transparency with language that **significantly expands the definition of assault weapons** to

include "pifles" – firearms that are not rifles, shotguns or handguns (typically including firearms that do not have a shoulder stock). The bill also mandates a **new statewide electronic system for the sale of firearm precursor parts** that is similar to both the Dealer Record of Sales and the ammunition purchase approval systems. That means the DOJ has the authority to define what constitutes a firearm precursor part. The bill also **limits the purchases of precursor parts** to one every 30 days and accelerates the date of implementation from 2024 to July 1, 2022. **A legal challenge is likely to follow. Stay tuned.**

GOC Candidate Ratings – General Elections 2020

2020 CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATURE— RATINGS/ENDORSEMENTS

**DNR = DID NOT RESPOND,
RED PRINT = ENDORSED,
(I) = INCUMBENT**

California State Senate

District/Candidates	Party	Rating
SD1 BRIAN DAHLE (I) PAMELA SWARTZ	R D	A DNR
SD3 BILL DODD (I) C. SANTAMARIA	D R	F A-
SD5 RICHARD RIDENOUR SUSAN EGGMAN	R D	DNR F
SD7 JULIE MOBLEY STEVE GLAZER (I)	R D	DNR F
SD9 NANCY SKINNER (I) JAMIE DLUZAK	D L	F DNR

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CANDIDATE RATINGS...CONT.

SD11	JACKIE FIELDER SCOTT WIENER (I)	D D	DNR F
SD13	ALEXANDER GLEW JOSH BECKER	R D	DNR DNR
SD15	DAVE CORTESE ANNIE RAVEL	D D	DNR F
SD17	VICKI NOHRDEN JOHN LAIRD	R D	A F
SD19	GARY MICHAELS S. MONIQUE LIMON	R D	C F
SD21	SCOTT WILK (I) KIPP MUELLER	R D	B- DNR
SD23	ROSILICIE BOGH ABIGAIL MEDINA	R D	DNR DNR
SD25	A. PORTANTINO (I) K. HAZELTON	D R	F DNR
SD27	HOUMAN SALEM HENRY STERN (I)	R D	A F
SD29	LING LING CHANG (I) JOSH NEWAMN	R D	C+ C
SD31	RICHARD ROTH (I) ROD TAYLOR	D R	C DNR
SD33	LENA GONZALEZ (I) ELIZABETH CASTILLOD	D D	F DNR
SD35	S. BRADFORD (I) ANTHONY PERRY	D AI	F C-
SD37	JOHN MOORLACH (I) DAVE MIN	R D	A F
SD39	TONI ATKINS (I) LINDA ATKINS	D D	F DNR

California State Assembly
District/Candidates Party Rating

AD1	MEGAN DAHLE (I) E. BETANCOURT	R D	A DNR
AD2	CHARLOTTE SVOLOS JIM WOOD (I)	R D	DNR F
AD3	J. GALLAGHER (I) JAMES HENSON	R D	A+ DNR
AD4	MATTHEW NELSON C. AGUIAR-CURRY (I)	R D	DNR F
AD5	FRANK BIGELOW (I)	R	A+
AD6	KEVIN KILEY (I)	R	A

	JACKIE SMITH	D	DNR
AD7	KEVIN MCCARTY (I) JAMES JUST	D L	F DNR
AD8	CATHY COOK KEN COOLEY (I)	R D	A B-
AD9	ERIC RIGARD JIM COOPER (I)	R D	A F
AD10	VERONICA JACOBI MARC LEVINE (I)	D D	DNR F
AD11	JIM FRAZIER (I) DEBRA SCHWAB	D R	A- DNR
AD12	HEATH FLORA (I) PAUL AKINJO	R D	A+ DNR
AD13	KATHY MILLER CARLOS VILLAPUDUAD	D D	DNR DNR
AD14	JANELL PROCTOR TIM GRAYSON (I)	R D	DNR C-
AD15	BUFFY WICKS (I) SARA BRINK	D NPP	F DNR
AD16	JOSEPH RUBAY R. BAUER-KAHAN (I)	R D	B F
AD17	DAVID CHIU STARCHILD	D L	F DNR
AD18	STEPHEN SLAUSON ROB BONTA (I)	R D	C- F
AD19	JOHN MCDONNELL PHIL TING (I)	R D	DNR F
AD20	BILL QUIRK (I) ALEXIS VILLALOBOS	D D	F DNR
AD21	ADAM GRAY (I) JOEL CAMPOS	D R	A- DNR
AD22	MARK GILHAM KEVIN MULLIN (I)	R D	DNR F
AD23	JIM PATTERSON (I)	R	A
AD24	PETER OHTAKI MARC BERMAN (I)	R D	DNR F
AD25	BOB BRUNTON ALEX LEE	R D	A- DNR
AD26	DEVON MATHIS (I) DREW PHELPS	R D	A DNR
AD27	G. BURT LANCASTER ASH KALRA (I)	R D	B F
AD28	CARLOS CRUZ EVAN LOW (I)	R D	A F

AD29	MARK STONE (I) SHOMIR BANERJEE	D R	F DNR
AD30	GREGORY SWETT ROBERT RIVAS (I)	R D	DNR F
AD31	F. BANUELOS J. ARAMBULA (I)	R D	DNR B
AD32	TODD COTTA RUDY SALAS (I)	R D	A A-
AD33	RICK HERRICK THURSTON SMITH	R R	B- D
AD34	VINCE FONG (I) JULIE SOLIS	R D	A+ DNR
AD35	J. CUNNINGHAM (I) DAWN ADDIS	R D	A DNR
AD36	TOM LACKEY (I) STEVE FOX	R D	A A-
AD37	CHARLES COLE STEVE BENNETT	R D	A- DNR
AD38	S. VALLADARES LUCIE VOLOTZKY	R R	A C
AD39	RICARDO BENITEZ LUZ MARIA RIVAS (I)	R D	D F
AD40	JENNIFER TULLIUS JAMES RAMOS (I)	R D	A F
AD41	ROBIN HVIDSTON CHRIS HOLDEN (I)	R D	A F
AD42	ANDREW KOTYUK CHAD MAYES (I)	R NPP	DNR A
AD43	LAURA FRIEDMAN (I) MIKE GRAVES	D R	F DNR
AD44	DENISE PEDROW JACQUI IRWIN (I)	R D	A F
AD45	JESSE GABRIEL JEFFI GIRGENTI	D R	F DNR
AD46	LANIRA MURPHY ADRIN NAZARIAN (I)	D D	DNR F
AD47	MATTHEW GORDON ELOISE REYES (I)	R D	C- F
AD48	BLANCA RUBIO (I)	D	F
AD49	BURTON BRINK ED CHAU (I)	R D	A F
AD50	RICHARD BLOOM (I) WILL HESS	D D	F B

AD51	WENDY CARRILLO (I)	D	F
AD52	TONI HOLLE F. RODRIGUEZ (I)	R D	A F
AD53	GODFREY PLATA MIGUEL SANTIAGO (I)	D D	DNR F
AD54	TRACY JONES S. KAMLAGER (I)	D D	DNR F
AD55	PHILLIP CHEN (I) ANDREW RODRIGUEZ	R D	A DNR
AD56	AMERICA FIGUEROA EDUARDO GARCIA (I)	R D	DNR F
AD57	JESSICA MARTINEZ LISA CALDERON	R D	A DNR
AD58	CRISTINA GARCIA (I) MARGARET VILLA	D GRN	F DNR
AD59	EFREN MARTINEZ R. JONES-SAWYER (I)	D D	DNR F
AD60	CHRIS RAAHAUGE S. CERVANTES (I)	R D	A C-
AD61	ALI MAZAREI JOSE MEDINA (I)	R D	A F
AD62	ROBERT STEELE AUTUMN BURKE (I)	R D	DNR F
AD63	MARIA ESTRADA A. RENDON (I)	D D	DNR F
AD64	MIKE GIPSON (I) F. IQBAL-ZUBAIR	D D	F DNR
AD65	CYNTHIA THACKER S. QUIRK-SILVA (I)	R D	DNR F
AD66	ARTHUR SCHAPER AL MURATSUCHI (I)	R D	A F
AD67	KELLY SEYARTO JERRY CARLOS	R D	A DNR
AD68	STEVEN CHOI (I) MELISSA FOX	R D	A DNR
AD69	JON WHITE TOM DALY (I)	R D	DNR F
AD70	DAVID THOMAS P. O'DONNELL (I)	R D	DNR F
AD71	RANDY VOEPEL (I) E. LAVERTU	R D	A DNR
AD72	JANET NGUYEN DIEDRE NGUYEN	R D	A DNR
AD73	LAURIE DAVIES	R	B

FINALLY - GOOD NEWS FROM THE COURTS

GOC is proud to continue our role as "Friend of the Court Wrangler" and pleased to announce some good legal news, especially after being kicked in the gut by the U.S. Supreme Court when they recently rejected all gun-related lawsuits pending before them.

Just weeks ago, a panel from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling in *Duncan v. Becerra* (GOC has participated by filing an amicus brief), upholding Judge Benitez's decision striking down California's large-capacity magazine ban. The court began with a statement that *"The Second Amendment is a fundamental right rooted in both text and tradition."*

The Court further found:

- that large-capacity magazines (LCMs) are protected by the Second Amendment.
- that LCMs are not unusual and are commonly used in lawful activity.
- that the prohibition is not presumptively lawful as a long

standing regulation.

- there is no historical evidence that is persuasive that LCMs fall outside the scope of the Second Amendment's protection.

This is excellent news, although legal maneuvers are sure to follow from Attorney General Becerra, and there's been confusion regarding what can be legally purchased at this time.

In short, firearm retailers should continue to hold back from selling or shipping large cap magazines to California until the appeal is resolved or the stay is modified and or lifted, and consumers should refrain from purchasing such magazines online as well. This is different than "Freedom Week" of 2019 because Judge Benitez was forced to issue a "stay" on his own declaration that the law was unconstitutional and thus remains in place until the case is finally resolved.

We have just learned that Attorney General Becerra is appealing the ruling and has requested an en banc hearing, which means the case would be heard before the full 9th Circuit. We are once again in a position of waiting.

GOC also recently jumped into another high-profile legal fray by submitting an amicus brief in support Rhode v. Becerra, the case filed by gold medal Olympian Kim Rhode on the law requiring background checks and fees when exercising the right to purchase ammunition.

Once the Department of Justice officially launched ammo registration on July 1, 2019, GOC has been flooded with nightmare stories from throughout the state. Tens of thousands of erroneous denials have been reported yet the Department of Justice has repeatedly

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bragged about how many criminals they have nabbed in the process – a minuscule number in the face of hundreds of thousands of applications.

The California Attorney General boasts that he stopped more than 750 “prohibited persons” in the first seven months, but this ignores that over 100,000 legitimate transactions by lawful individuals were prohibited from purchasing ammunition. The impact on the rights of the non-prohibited class is made worse when the 0.12% of transactions attempted by persons that the Department deemed to be statutorily “prohibited persons” are based on information that is admittedly flawed, outdated, inaccurate. **This is a discriminatory and unconstitutional action and GOC stands ready to challenge the validity of the law.**

WE NEED YOU TO BE INFORMED – AND VOTE!

The 2020 election is fast approaching, amid choruses of the old cliché about this being the “most important election

in our lifetime.” But this time, the evidence is impossible to ignore. If those on the Left catch any sort of tailwind on Tuesday, November 3, the three branches of government will be at risk and the stage set for all-out destruction of the 2nd Amendment.

It’s long been said that telling an uninformed voter to vote is like giving a gun to someone who doesn’t know how to shoot. It’s dangerous. But we need YOU - the informed - to register to vote and make sure your fellow 2nd Amendment supporters do too. **WHY? Because we have rock-solid proof that the gun community has made the difference between electing someone who is pro-gun and someone who is not.** And, if you register to receive an absentee ballot, it makes for more efficient get-out-the-vote efforts. Your participation is needed if we are going to toss the bad guys out and get the good guys in. If you aren’t registered, you can do it online at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

Of course, all over the country there are people from every party who cherish and respect the 2nd Amendment. The point remains, however, that at the federal level, there is a bold agenda by the Left to annihilate the right to keep and bear arms.

HOW COVID HAS IMPACTED GOC

We’d be hard pressed to find anyone in the USA who has not felt the blunt force of COVID-19. The health consequences have turned the world on its head and the economic damages have been no less devastating. Given that GOC is a member-driven, non-profit organization, every penny we raise to defend your 2nd Amendment rights goes directly to fighting in the courts, the elections and lobbying on your behalf in the legislature. Operationally, we run a lean ship, and this is solely because of the respect we have for those who support us. How we spend YOUR dollars has always been – and will continue to be – a responsibility that we take very seriously.

As we reported in our last newsletter, the coronavirus shutdown forced the cancellation of our fundraising dinners, which serve as our financial bread and butter. We were, however, able to have an *absolutely incredible outdoor event* – **The Great Gun Giveaway**. The sporting clay shoot and competition **SOLD OUT** and over 200 folks came to shoot and show their support of GOC.

We are, however, looking forward to a full year of fundraising dinners in 2021, but until then we are working overtime in creatively filling that financial gap. We are fully staffed but have tightened things up by moving our offices. We’re very fortunate to have found a better space at a much better price. Our phone number will remain the same, but GOC’s offices are now located at 1190 Suncastr Lane, Suite 2, El Dorado Hills, 95762. Thank you for continuing to support our efforts!

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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