



## GUN OWNERS of California

### COURTS AND MORE IN 2024

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

There wasn't much time to rest during the Christmas and New Year Holidays as our staff worked straight through - the Second Amendment was at stake! Check this out...

***"SB2 is sweeping, repugnant to the Second Amendment, and openly defiant of the Supreme Court."***

In a stinging rebuke aimed directly at the anti-gun souls of Governor Gavin Newsom and Senator Anthony Portantino, U.S. District Judge Carney descriptively declared the "sensitive places" law (May v Bonta) as both unconstitutional and **repugnant**. This is a graphic jab that means **"arousing disgust or aversion; offensive or repulsive."**

We couldn't agree more.

What the Leftists in the California Legislature have done to the Second Amendment is just that - and they are eager to continue in a repugnant vein. Refreshed from their 3-month break, they returned to Sacramento last week and are quite literally foaming at the mouth. Not only are they angsty given their latest loss in the courts, but election season has begun in earnest. They have sharpened their political knives and their tongues. They are ready for war, so gird your loins, people!

That said, the Hefty Lefties are a few beers short of a six pack because even though they were successful in passing a hot load of anti-Bruen policy in 2023,

the majority of the ridiculous new laws are being challenged in the courts. Simply put, fantasy is not guaranteed by the Constitution.

Meanwhile, on the flip side - that which is called reality - we can celebrate the extraordinary intellect of judges such as Cormac Carney and Roger Benitez, both of whom have a keen understanding of what "constitutional" means.

Quoting Judge Carney, he began his opinion on SB 2 stating the cold, hard truth that ***"We live in dangerous times. Nearly every day we are barraged with stories about school shootings, attacks on places of worship, and other unthinkable acts of violence and cruelty."***

He continued by stating ***"SB2 requires that law-abiding citizens open themselves up for slaughter at the hands of people flaunting the law and creates numerous areas ripe for mass murder by ensuring there is no one there to protect people."***

*Of course, he is 100% correct.*

Carney also made note that previous Supreme Court decisions supporting the Second Amendment make it clear that ***"individuals must be able to effectuate their right to self-defense by, if they so choose, responsibly bearing arms"***. Judge Carney's initial ruling was made on December 20, 2023. On December 30, his injunction was stayed by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals but on January 6, the stay was lifted. Another hearing is scheduled for sometime in April.

Without question, gun control will be

taking center stage as we move further into 2024; even President Biden has bragged that he is making it a key campaign strategy. The Left has made it abundantly clear that this election year is do or die - and frankly - this is one area where we actually agree. Every election is important, but in case you haven't noticed, as a nation and as a state, we aren't just veering left, but we've taken a hard, catastrophic left turn and it's landed us in a treacherous ditch. The rights for the innocent and law abiding must never be determined by the bad action of lawbreakers, yet that's precisely the world in which we reside.

It is crucial that we engage in the battle against this; GOC will continue our work to make certain that 2A voters are armed and informed. The garbage that is thrown against the Second Amendment and the law-abiding is tough to stomach, but, battle it we must. We couldn't agree more with Judge Roger Benitez when he referenced California's anti-2A penchant:

***"It is enough to make an angel swear."***

Swear indeed! So instead of dreaming of peace on earth, good will to men, sleigh bells and hot drinks around the fireplace, these are the things that kept us up at night: **three separate lawsuits and one set of emergency regulations.**

May v Bonta - the "sensitive places" lawsuit" described above, took us on a rollercoaster ride of epic proportions

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– first a great ruling, then the ruling overturned, and then the great ruling restored, none of which happened by accident.

In the midst of this legal commotion, we were dealing with multiple filings, motions and briefs of another critical case that challenges the procedural wild ride it takes to secure a CCW. This includes the subjectivity of the process, the cost, the length of classes and time it takes for the government to issue a permit. This is a huge case (filed by CRPA/GOC v LA County Sheriff) and we are in it up to our knees.

If that weren't enough, we know most folks have heard about the outrageous **emergency regulations** put forward by the Attorney General during the Christmas holidays. With a stroke of some bureaucrat's pen, over 90% of existing CCW Instructors have been disqualified from teaching classes. This is so punitive and contemptible that we are likely going to amend our CRPA/GOC v LA County Sheriff case to include this issue.

And finally, we have a lot on the docket with Richards v Newsom, our lawsuit challenging the requirement that all firearms dealers video and audio record virtually EVERYTHING that happens in a gun store...even when closed. Yeah, it's dumb. But before arguments had even been uttered, the judge opined that such Orwellian surveillance it is not a violation of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendment rights. However, shortly after the preliminary oral arguments, he asked for additional briefs from the state, and more info from us (the plaintiffs) to address the impacts on home base dealers and gun shows. This is a good development!

We are proud to have a robust partnership with the California Rifle and Pistol

Association, the Second Amendment Foundation, our own incredible Gun Owners of America and Gun Owners Foundation – we know we are stronger when we work together and have thus created a veritable legal dream-team.

Even though we have a lot of legal brain power, we cannot continue to fight this war without you. Your faithful support of GOC has allowed us to get this far, and make no mistake about it - we are winning big time, but we will need your help to get us to the finish line.

**GOC Candidate Ratings California Primary Elections March 5, 2024**

**2024 CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE— RATINGS/ENDORSEMENTS**  
**Grades are based on a comprehensive questionnaire which was sent to each (non-incumbent) candidate. Incumbents are graded exclusively on their voting records. DNR indicates that a candidate did not respond. Incumbents are noted with an \*. Candidates noted in RED have been endorsed by Gun Owners of CA Campaign Committee.**

**California State Senate**

**District/Candidates Party Rating**

|             |   |  |                                      |
|-------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>SD 1</b> | Megan Dahle<br>David Fennell  | Rep<br>Rep                             | A+<br>A                              |
| <b>SD 3</b> | Thom Bogue<br>Chris Cabaldon<br>Jackie Elward<br>Jimih Jones<br>Rozzana Aliga                             | Rep<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem        | A<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR        |
| <b>SD 5</b> | Jerry Mc Nerney<br>Jim Shoemaker<br>Carlos Villapudua   | Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem                      | F<br>A<br>DNR                        |
| <b>SD 7</b> | Jesse Arreguín<br>Jovanka Beckles<br>Dan Kalb<br>Kathryn Lybarger<br>Jeanne Solnordal<br>Sandr  R Swanson | Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem | DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>F |
| <b>SD 9</b> | Tim Grayson   | Dem                                    | F                                    |

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|--------------|---|--|--|
|              | Marisol Rubio   | Dem  | DNR  |
| <b>SD 11</b> | Yvette Corkrean<br>Cynthia Cravens<br>Scott Wiener*<br>Jing Chao Xiong  | Rep<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>NPP                             | A<br>DNR<br>F<br>F                                 |
| <b>SD 13</b> | Josh Becker*<br>Alexander Glew<br>C. Laskowski  | Dem<br>Rep<br>Rep                                    | F<br>DNR<br>DNR                                    |
| <b>SD 15</b> | Dave Cortese*<br>Robert Paul Howell<br>Tony Loaiza  | Dem<br>Rep<br>Rep                                    | D<br>B<br>DNR                                      |
| <b>SD 17</b> | John Laird*<br>Michael Oxford<br>Eric Tao<br>Tony Virrueta  | Dem<br>Lib<br>Rep<br>Rep                             | F<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR                             |
| <b>SD 19</b> | R. Ochoa Bogh*<br>Lisa Middleton  | Rep<br>Dem   | A+<br>DNR  |
| <b>SD 21</b> | S. Monique Lim n*<br>Elijah Mack  | Dem<br>Rep   | F<br>A   |
| <b>SD 23</b> | Blanca Gomez<br>James Hamburger<br>Ollie M. McCaulley<br>Kipp Mueller<br>Suzette Valladares   | Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep                      | DNR<br>DNR<br>A<br>DNR<br>A                        |
| <b>SD 25</b> | Elizabeth Ahlers<br>Teddy Choi<br>Sandra Armenta<br>Sasha Ren e P rez<br>Yvonne Yiu   | Rep<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem                      | A<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR                      |
| <b>SD 27</b> | Susan A. Collins<br>Henry Stern*<br>Lucie Volotzky  | Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep                                    | A<br>F<br>B  |
| <b>SD 29</b> | Carlos A. Garcia<br>Kathleen Hazelton<br>Jason O'Brien<br>Eloise Reyes  | Rep<br>Rep<br>Dem<br>Dem                             | A<br>A<br>DNR<br>DNR                               |
| <b>SD 31</b> | Sabrina Cervantes<br>Angelo Farooq<br>Cynthia Navarro   | Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep                                    | F<br>DNR<br>DNR                                    |
| <b>SD 33</b> | Lena A. Gonzalez*<br>Sharifah A. Hardie<br>Mario Paz  | Dem<br>Rep<br>Rep                                    | F<br>C<br>A  |
| <b>SD 35</b> | Michelle Chambers<br>Lamar Lyons<br>Nilo Michelin<br>Alex Monteiro<br>Laura Richardson<br>Albert Robles<br>James Spencer<br>Jennifer Williams | Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem | DNR<br>C<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR |
| <b>SD 37</b> | G. Ashbaugh<br>Steven Choi<br>Leticia Correa<br>Jacob Niles Creer<br>Anthony C. Kuo<br>Stephanie Le   | Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem               | DNR<br>A<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>A<br>DNR                 |

Crystal Miles Rep A  
 Alex Mohajer Dem DNR  
 Josh Newman\* Dem F  
 Guy Selleck Rep DNR  
 Jenny Suarez Dem DNR

**SD 39** Bob Divine Rep DNR  
 Akilah Weber Dem F

**California State Assembly**  
**District/Candidates Party Rating**

**AD 1** Tenessa Audette Rep C  
 Heather Hadwick Rep A  
 Melissa Hunt Rep A  
 Mark Mezzano Rep DNR

**AD 2** Cynthia A. Click Dem DNR  
 Michael Greer Rep A  
 Rusty Hicks Dem DNR  
 Ariel Kelley Dem DNR  
 Frankie Myers Dem DNR  
 Chris Rogers Dem DNR  
 Ted Williams Dem DNR

**AD 3** Jamie Gallagher\* Rep A+  
 Aaron Draper DEM DNR

**AD 4** C.. Aguiar-Curry\* Dem F

**AD 5** Aabhash Gautam Rep DNR  
 Neva Parker Dem DNR  
 Joe Patterson\* Rep A+  
 Athena Singh Dem DNR

**AD 6** E. Amanfor Dem DNR  
 Nikki Ellis Rep DNR  
 Sean Frame Dem DNR  
 Rosanna Herber Dem DNR  
 Maggy Krell Dem DNR  
 Carlos Marquez III Dem DNR  
 Kevin Martinez P&F DNR  
 Evan Minton Dem DNR  
 Preston Romero Rep A  
 Paula Villescaz Dem DNR

**AD 7** YK Chalamcherla Dem DNR  
 Josh Hoover\* Rep A  
 Porsche Middleton Dem DNR

**AD 8** Caleb Helsel Dem DNR  
 Michael Matheson NPP DNR  
 G. Radanovich Rep A  
 David J. Tangipa Rep A

**AD 9** Heath Flora\* Rep A  
 Tami Nobriga AI DNR

**AD 10** S. Nguyen\* Dem F  
 Vinaya Singh Rep DNR

**AD 11** Dave Ennis Rep F  
 Jeffrey Flack Dem DNR  
 Wanda Wallis Rep A  
 Lori D Wilson\* Dem F

**AD 12** Eryn Cervantes Rep DNR  
 Damon Connolly\* Dem F  
 Andy Podshadley Rep DNR

**AD 13** Denise Mendez Rep A  
 Rhodesia Ransom Dem DNR  
 Edith Villapudua Dem DNR

**AD 14** Utkarsh Jain Rep DNR  
 Margot Smith Dem F  
 Buffy Wicks\* Dem F

**AD 15** Anamarie Farias Dem DNR  
 Sonia Ledo Rep DNR  
 Karen Mitchoff Dem DNR  
 Monica E. Wilson Dem DNR

**AD 16** Rebecca Kahan\* Dem F  
 Joseph A. Rubay Rep DNR

**AD 17** Otto Duke Dem DNR  
 Matt Haney\* Dem F  
 Manuel N. Barrera Rep DNR

**AD 18** Mia Bonta\* Dem F  
 Cheyenne Kenney Rep A  
 Andre Sandford Am Ind DNR

**AD 19** Nadia Flamenco Rep C  
 David E. Lee Dem DNR  
 Arjun G. Sodhani Rep C  
 Catherine Stefani Dem DNR

**AD 20** Liz Ortega\* Dem F

**AD 21** Mark Gilham Rep DNR  
 Diane Papan\* Dem F

**AD 22** Juan Alanis\* Rep A  
 Jessica Self Dem DNR

**AD 23** Marc Berman\* Dem F  
 Lydia Kou Dem DNR  
 Allan K. Marson Rep DNR  
 Gus Mattammal Rep DNR

**AD 24** Bob Brunton Rep DNR  
 Alex Lee\* Dem F  
 Marti Souza Rep DNR

**AD 25** Ash Kalra\* Dem F  
 Lan Ngo Dem DNR  
 Ted Stroll Rep A

**AD 26** Patrick Ahrens Dem DNR  
 Omar Din Dem DNR  
 Ashish Garg NPP DNR  
 Bob Goodwyn Lib A  
 Sophie Yan Song Rep DNR  
 Tara Sreekrishnan Dem DNR

**AD 27** Joanna G. Rose Rep DNR  
 Esmeralda Soria\* Dem F

**AD 28** Liz Lawler Rep DNR  
 Gail Pellerin\* Dem F

**AD 29** J.W. Paine Rep DNR  
 Robert Rivas\* Dem F

**AD 30** Dawn Addis\* Dem F  
 Dalila Epperson Rep A

**AD 31** J. Arambula\* Dem D  
 Solomon Verduzco Rep DNR

**AD 32** Vince Fong\* Rep A

**AD 33** Xavier Avila Rep A  
 Hipolito A. Cerros Dem DNR  
 Ruben Macareno Dem DNR  
 Alexandra Macedo Rep DNR  
 Angel Ruiz Dem DNR

**AD 34** Tom Lackey\* Rep A  
 Ricardo Ortega Dem DNR

**AD 35** Jasmeet Bains\* Dem F  
 Robert Rosas Rep DNR

**AD 36** Jose Acuña Jr. Dem DNR  
 Waymond Fermon Dem DNR  
 Edgard Garcia Dem DNR  
 Jeff Gonzalez Rep DNR  
 Kalin Morse Rep DNR  
 Tomas Oliva Dem DNR  
 Eric L. Rodriguez Dem C

**AD 37** Sari M. Domingues Rep DNR  
 Gregg Hart\* Dem F

**AD 38** Deborah Baber Rep A  
 Steve Bennett\* Dem F

**AD 39** Juan C. Ventura\* Dem F  
 Paul Andre Marsh Rep DNR

**AD 40** Patrick Lee Gipson Rep DNR  
 Pilar Schiavo\* Dem F

**AD 41** John Harabedian Dem DNR  
 Jed Leano Dem DNR  
 Michelle Martinez Rep DNR  
 Phlunté Riddle Dem DNR

**AD 42** Jacqui Irwin\* Dem F  
 Ted Nordblum Rep A

**AD 43** Walter Garcia Dem DNR  
 Saul Hurtado Dem DNR  
 Victoria Garcia Rep DNR  
 C. Minasova NPP DNR  
 Felicia L. Novick Rep DNR  
 Celeste Rodriguez Dem DNR

**AD 44** Elen Asatryan Dem DNR  
 Carmenita Helligar Dem DNR  
 Ed Han Dem DNR  
 Steve Pierson Dem DNR  
 Adam Pryor Dem DNR  
 Tony Rodriguez Rep A  
 Nick Schultz Dem DNR  
 Adam Summer NPP DNR

**AD 45** James C. Ramos\* Dem F

**AD 46** Jesse Gabriel\* Dem F  
 Tracey Schroeder Rep DNR

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**ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE RATINGS CONT...**

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| <b>AD 47</b> | Christy Holstege<br>Jamie Swain<br>Greg Wallis*  | Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep  | DNR<br>DNR<br>A  |
| <b>AD 48</b> | Blanca Rubio*<br>Brian C. Tabatabai<br>Dan T. Tran   | Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep  | F<br>DNR<br>DNR  |
| <b>AD 49</b> | Mike Fong*<br>Long "David" Liu   | Dem<br>Rep   | F<br>DNR   |
| <b>AD 50</b> | Robert Garcia<br>Adam Perez<br>DeJonae M. Shaw   | Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem  | DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR  |
| <b>AD 51</b> | Shiva Bagheri<br>Stephan Hohil<br>Rick Chavez Zbur*  | Rep<br>Rep<br>Dem  | DNR<br>DNR<br>F  |
| <b>AD 52</b> | Jessica Caloza<br>Franky Carrillo<br>Genesis Coronado<br>Anthony L. Fanara<br>David Girón<br>Carlos J. León<br>Shannel Pittman<br>Sofía G. Quinones<br>Ari Ruiz<br>Stephen Sills | Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Grn<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep | DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR |
| <b>AD 53</b> | Carlos Goytia<br>Javier Hernandez<br>M. Rodriguez<br>Robert S. Torres<br>Nick Wilson   | Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Rep                                    | DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>A                                      |
| <b>AD 54</b> | Elaine Alaniz<br>Mark Gonzalez<br>John K. Yi   | Rep<br>Dem<br>Dem  | A<br>DNR<br>DNR  |
| <b>AD 55</b> | Isaac G. Bryan*<br>Keith G. Cascio<br>Lisa Calderon*<br>Jessica Martinez<br>Natasha Serrano  | Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem<br>Rep<br>Rep                                    | F<br>DNR<br>F<br>DNR<br>A  |
| <b>AD 57</b> | Greg Akili<br>Sade Elhawary<br>Efren Martinez<br>Tara Perry<br>Dulce Vasquez   | Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem                                    | DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR                                    |
| <b>AD 58</b> | Leticia Castillo<br>Clarissa Cervantes<br>Ronaldo Fierro   | Rep<br>Dem<br>Dem  | A<br>DNR<br>DNR  |
| <b>AD 59</b> | Phillip Chen*<br>Dave Obrand   | Rep<br>Dem   | A<br>DNR   |
| <b>AD 60</b> | Hector Diaz Nava<br>Ron Edwards<br>Corey A Jackson*  | Rep<br>Rep<br>Dem  | A<br>A<br>F  |
| <b>AD 61</b> | Alfonso Hernandez<br>Tina S. McKinnor*   | Rep<br>Dem   | DNR<br>F   |
| <b>AD 62</b> | Maria Estrada<br>Paul Jones<br>Jose Luis Solache   | Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem  | DNR<br>A<br>DNR  |
| <b>AD 63</b> | Bill Essayli*<br>Orlando Munguia<br>Chris Shoults  | Rep<br>NPP<br>Dem  | A+<br>DNR<br>DNR   |
| <b>AD 64</b> | Raul Ortiz Jr.<br>Blanca Pacheco*  | Rep<br>Dem   | DNR<br>F   |
| <b>AD 65</b> | Mike Gipson*   | Dem  | F  |
| <b>AD 66</b> | George Barks<br>Al Muratsuchi*   | Rep<br>Dem   | DNR<br>F   |
| <b>AD 67</b> | Elizabeth Culver<br>Jacob Woo Ho Lee<br>S. Quirk-Silva*  | Rep<br>NPP<br>Dem  | DNR<br>DNR<br>F  |
| <b>AD 68</b> | Mike Tardif<br>Avelino Valencia*   | Rep<br>Dem   | A<br>F   |
| <b>AD 69</b> | Josh Lowenthal*<br>Joshua Rodriguez  | Dem<br>Rep   | F<br>A   |
| <b>AD 70</b> | Jimmy D. Pham<br>Tri Ta*   | Dem<br>Rep   | DNR<br>A   |
| <b>AD 71</b> | Gary Kephart<br>Babar Khan<br>Kate Sanchez*  | Dem<br>P&F<br>Rep  | DNR<br>DNR<br>A  |
| <b>AD 72</b> | Diane Dixon*<br>Dom Jones  | Rep<br>Dem   | A<br>F   |
| <b>AD 73</b> | H. Abraham<br>Scotty Peotter<br>C. Petrie-Norris*  | Rep<br>Rep<br>Dem  | A<br>A<br>F  |
| <b>AD 74</b> | Laurie Davies*<br>Chris Duncan   | Rep<br>Dem   | A<br>DNR   |
| <b>AD 75</b> | Carl DeMaio<br>Christie Dougherty<br>Jack Fernandes<br>Joy Frew<br>Andrew Hayes<br>Kevin Juza  | Rep<br>Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem                             | A<br>DNR<br>A<br>DNR<br>A<br>DNR                                   |
| <b>AD 76</b> | Kristie Bruce-Lane<br>Darshana Patel<br>Joseph C. Rocha  | Rep<br>Dem<br>Dem  | A<br>DNR<br>DNR  |
| <b>AD 77</b> | Tasha Boerner*<br>James Browne<br>Henny Kupferstein  | Dem<br>Rep<br>Dem  | F<br>C<br>D  |
| <b>AD 78</b> | Chris Ward*  | Dem  | F  |
| <b>AD 79</b> | Colin Parent<br>L. Sharp-Collins<br>Racquel Vasquez  | Dem<br>Dem<br>Dem  | DNR<br>DNR<br>DNR  |
| <b>AD 80</b> | David A. Alvarez*<br>Michael Williams  | Dem<br>Rep   | F<br>B   |

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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