



GUN OWNERS of California

THE SECOND AMENDMENT ROLLING THROUGH THE COURTS!

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

How would you feel if you knew you were going to get into a bloody fight with a mighty foe, and you were absolutely sure that you were going to win. Would you be encouraged – and more willing to engage? Human nature dictates that of course – we all would.

Even though GOC was a critical player in ensuring that offensive legislation regarding concealed carry weapons permits (SB 918) and an excise tax on all guns, ammo, and certain parts (AB 1227) went down to defeat this legislative session, we have been saying that most of **our major and longest lasting victories will be coming from the courts.** Now, after years of waiting, we are finally beginning to see that it's happening.

At the outset, it's important to remember that **legal challenges from other states could have a direct impact on what's happening in California and across the country.** Thanks to the US Supreme Court's (SCOTUS) decision in New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v Bruen – which was authored by Second Amendment lion Justice Clarence Thomas – we are winning key victories. We've said it before and we will say it again: the Bruen decision should serve as a landmark to overturn a signif-

icant number of anti-gun laws because the ruling literally annihilated how circuit courts can assess Second Amendment cases. The gobbledygook steps used in recent years were very effectively tossed in the dumpster and legal doors have been busted open for some terrific challenges.

The bottom line is that states will now have the burden of proving any law restricting the right to keep and bear arms is constitutional.

In the Texas case of *Andrews v McCraw*, a federal judge ruled that it is **unconstitutional** to deny 18- to 20-year-old adults their Second Amendment (2A) rights. In Colorado, an Obama appointed federal judge recently declared that a "so-called" assault weapons ban in the County of Boulder was **unconstitutional** and a lawsuit has been filed to overturn Colorado's ban on large capacity magazines. Other lawsuits have been filed in other states, including Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, California – all which are challenging **unconstitutional** gun control laws of every sort.

Here in the Golden State, we have pending lawsuits challenging the "assault weapons" ban (*Miller v Bonta* and *Rupp v Becerra*), "large capacity magazine" (*Duncan v Becerra/Bonta*), the so-called "Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale" (*Renna v Bonta* and *Boland v Bonta*), marketing of guns to minors (*Jr. Sports Magazine, Inc. v Bonta*), microstamping (*Pena v Lindley*), 10-Day waiting period (*Silvester v Becerra*), no more than 2 guns per month purchases (*Nguyen v Becerra*), and ammunition control laws (*Rhode v Bonta*). There's a

lot to be done and the Second Amendment community is stepping up.

To date, pro 2A supporters have not lost a challenge. What is happening, however, is that vindictive and stubborn gun control policy makers and yes, even judges – are doing whatever they can to slow the process. They have been frustrated that SCOTUS wisely vacated and returned existing cases to the lower courts with very clear instructions that they must be reviewed using the new standard established in *Bruen*. For more information on these cases, go to our website, www.gunownersca.com, under the News tab and click on Courts.

GOC Candidate Ratings California General Elections November 8, 2022

2022 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.

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District/Candidates	Party	Rating
SD 2 Mike McGuire* Gene Yoon	Dem Rep	F DNR
SD 4 Marie Alvarado-Gil Tim Robertson	Dem Dem	D DNR
SD 6 Paula Villescascz Roger Niello	Dem Rep	F A
SD 8 Angelique Ashby Dave Jones	Dem Dem	DNR F
SD 10 Lily Mei Aisha Wahab	Dem Dem	DNR F
SD 12 Susanne Gundy Shannon Grove*	Dem Rep	DNR A
SD 14 Anna Caballero* Amnon Shor	Dem Rep	C A
SD 16 Melissa Hurtado* David Shepard	Dem Rep	C A
SD 18 Steve Padilla Alejandro Galicia	Dem Rep	DNR DNR
SD 20 Daniel Hertzberg Caroline Menjivar	Dem Dem	F F
SD 22 Susan Rubio* Vincent Tsai	Dem Rep	C A
SD 24 Ben Allen*	Dem	F
SD 26 M. Elena Durazo* Claudia Agraz	Dem Rep	F A
SD 28 L.-Cuevas Cheryl C. Turner	Dem Dem	DNR F
SD 30 Bob Archuleta* Mitch Clemmons	Dem Rep	F A
SD 32 Brian Nash Kelly Seyarto	Dem Rep	F A
SD 34 Tom Umberg* Rhonda Shader	Dem Rep	D C
SD 36 Kim Carr Janet Nguyen	Dem Rep	F A
SD 38 C. Blakespear Matt Gunderson	Dem Rep	F DNR
SD 40 Joseph C. Rocha Brian W. Jones*	Dem Rep	F A

California State Assembly

District/Candidates	Party	Rating
AD 1 B. Sandwith Megan Dahle*	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 2 Jim Wood* Charlotte Svolos	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 3 David Leon Zink James Gallagher*	Dem Rep	F A
AD 4 Cecilia Curry Bryan Pritchard	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 5 R. Chenoweth Joe Patterson	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 6 Kevin McCarty* Cathy Cook	Dem Rep	F A
AD 7 Ken Cooley* Josh Hoover	Dem Rep	B A
AD 8 Jim Patterson*	Rep	A
AD 9 Heath Flora*	Rep	A
AD 10 Eric Guerra Stephanie Nguyen	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 11 Lori D Wilson J. Callison	Dem NPP	DNR A
AD 12 Sara Aminzadeh Damon Connolly	Dem Dem	F F
AD 13 Veronica Vargas Carlos Villapudua*	Dem Dem	DNR F
AD 14 Buffy Wicks*	Dem	F
AD 15 Tim Grayson* Janell Proctor	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 16 R. Kahan* Joseph A. Rubay	Dem Rep	F A
AD 17 David Campos Matt Haney	Dem Dem	DNR F
AD 18 Mia Bonta*	Dem	F
AD 19 Phil Ting* Karsten Weide	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 20 Shawn Kumagai Liz Ortega	Dem Dem	F DNR
AD 21 Giselle Hale Diane Papan	Dem Dem	F DNR
AD 22 Jessica Self Juan Alanis	Dem Rep	DNR C

AD 23 Marc Berman* Tim Dec	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 24 Alex Lee* Bob Brunton	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 25 Ash Kalra* Ted Stroll	Dem Rep	F C
AD 26 Evan Low* Tim Gorsulowsky	Dem Rep	F A
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AD 28 Gail Pellerin Liz Lawler	Dem Rep	F DNR
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AD 30 Dawn Addis Vicki Nohrden	Dem Rep	F A
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AD 32 Vince Fong*	Rep	A
AD 33 Jose Sigala Devon J. Mathis*	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 34 Tom Lackey* Thurston Smith*	Rep Rep	A A
AD 35 Jasmeet Bains Leticia Perez	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 36 Eduardo Garcia* Ian M. Weeks	Dem Rep	F DNR
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AD 47	Christy Holstege Greg Wallis	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 48	Blanca Rubio* Ryan Maye	Dem Rep	F A
AD 49	Mike Fong* Burton Brink	Dem Rep	F A
AD 50	Eloise Reyes* Sheela Stark	Dem Rep	F A
AD 51	Louis Abramson Rick Chavez Zbur	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 52	Wendy Carrillo* Mia Livas Porter	Dem Dem	F F
AD 53	F. Rodriguez* Toni Holle	Dem Rep	F A
AD 54	Miguel Santiago* Elaine Alaniz	Dem Rep	F A
AD 55	Isaac G. Bryan* Keith Cascio	Dem Rep	F DNR
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AD 60	Corey A Jackson Hector Diaz-Nava	Dem Rep	DNR B
AD 61	Tina McKinnor Robert Miles	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 62	Maria Estrada Anthony Rendon*	Dem Dem	DNR F
AD 63	Fauzia Rizvi Bill Essayli	Dem Rep	DNR A
AD 64	Blanca Pacheco Raul Ortiz, Jr.	Dem Rep	F A
AD 65	Mike Gipson* Fatima Zubair	Dem Dem	F F
AD 66	Al Muratsuchi* George Barks	Dem Rep	F DNR

AD 67	S. Quirk-Silva* Soo Yoo	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 68	Avelino Valencia Mike Tardif	Dem Rep	DNR B
AD 69	Al Austin II Josh Lowenthal	Dem Dem	DNR DNR
AD 70	D. Thu-Ha Nguyen Tri Ta	Dem Rep	DNR DNR
AD 71	Matt Rahn Kate Sanchez	Rep Rep	A A
AD 72	Judie Mancuso Diane Dixon	Dem Rep	F A
AD 73	C. Petrie-Norris* Steven Choi*	Dem Rep	F A
AD 74	Chris Duncan Laurie Davies*	Dem Rep	F A
AD 75	Randy Voepel* Marie Waldron*	Rep Rep	A A
AD 76	Brian Maienschein Kristie Bruce-Lane	Dem Rep	F A
AD 77	Tasha Horvath * Dan Downey	Dem Rep	F DNR
AD 78	Chris Ward* Eric E. Gonzales	Dem Rep	F A
AD 79	Akilah Weber* Corbin Sabol	Dem Rep	F C
AD 80	David Alvarez Georgette Gómez	Dem Dem	DNR F

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AB 2571 Lawsuit: Junior Sports Magazine v Bonta – This past July, this case was filed by the California Rifle and Pistol Association and Gun Owners of California in response to the passage of **AB 2571** which banned all marketing regarding firearms and related products to anyone under 18 years of age.

AB 2571 allowed virtually anyone to file a civil lawsuit against dealers, distributors, manufacturers and publishers in the firearms industry if the plaintiff felt that firearm or related product marketing was directed at or attractive to

anyone under 18. In fact, AB 2571 completely halted all youth activities including shooting and hunting camps, Boy Scout, high school and private shooting teams and firearm safety programs as well.

Because this was so outrageous, we knew we had to step in and file a lawsuit to protect both youth programs and lawful firearms and related commerce in California.

We requested the court issue an injunction to prevent the law from going into effect, and a federal judge was ready to issue a ruling. We were confident in the legal steps we had taken to shut down the entirety of the law until the judge informed us that his ruling would be delayed pending a legislative “fix” that had been introduced in the **closing hours of session**.

GOC didn’t want a “fix” – we wanted to dump the entire thing. Former Assemblyman Jay LaSuer would often say that “you can’t polish a turd” and believe us when we say that AB 2571 was a bad turd from the get-go.

Imagine our surprise when we learned, however, that “hunting” interests were pushing the supposed “fix” which “carved out” *only a portion of the law*, basically exempting any “advertising that is offering or promoting classes or events related to firearm safety, hunting, or sport shooting, or promoting membership in any organization.”

Were any of the Second Amendment organizations who were pursuing a broad legal remedy to implementation of this bill informed of the late-night maneuver? No. What’s even more troubling is that hunting groups – with whom GOC has worked cooperatively for years on many items of mutual interest – decided to carve out more

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than just language from the law at hand – they also carved out any communication with pro-2A organizations.

It's unfortunate that they seemed to forget that without 2A organizations fighting for the rights of private citizens to own firearms, it would be difficult to transport guns to go hunting, let alone go hunting at all. The two have always gone hand in hand – although there are now whispers in legislative halls that the "2A groups just don't get it...."

Oh, we get it alright. We are fighting tooth and nail for **everyone's** right to possess a firearm – hunters and non-hunters alike, because it's basic, fundamental and Constitutionally guaranteed.

The "fix" language was stuck in a budget trailer bill which the Governor signed – so ultimately, this will permit youth shooting to continue. But in doing so, people with whom we have worked for years knowingly undermined our legal strategy, thus ignoring the bigger picture and heading down a path away from the Second Amendment.

The effect of this "fix" is that the lawsuits filed by CRPA/GOC and a second one filed by a coalition including the NRA, NSSF, and others, have been significantly changed...and weakened. Our Founder, Senator H.L. Richardson, quoted an axiom that has been proven true again, "in politics, you have no real friends, only acquaintances, some better than others, but sooner or later they will all disappoint you."

**AN END OF SESSION
VICTORY!**

The 2021-2022 Legislative Session has ended, and the Leftist ideologues can do no more damage until they return in January. In spite of a wave of anti-gun muck, we ended on a stunningly positive note. No, we didn't conquer the gun control zealots that run the political kingdom in California, but we did put a dent in their armor by killing two of the most anti-2A bills to be introduced this year. **SB 918 (CCW restrictions) and AB 1227 (excise tax) both died a spectacular death in the final hours of session, and we were there to see it firsthand.** GOC's own Sam Paredes was lobbying hard against both bills long past midnight on the final day of session when finally, both bills were declared officially dead. **WE WILL HAVE**

A COMPLETE LIST OF BILLS IN THE 4TH QUARTER NEWSLETTER – or you can find details on our website at www.gunownersca.com.

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This is our biggest fundraiser, and for just **\$50**, you get a ticket to the raffle where we give one gun away, **EVERY WEEK for a YEAR!** It also comes with a yearly membership and since we only sell 1,500 tickets, the odds are certainly in your favor. State law prohibits us from selling tickets online, so call the office today at **(916) 984-1400** to get your ticket before they are gone! You can buy as many tickets as you want, and remember – they are popular stocking stuffers for Christmas, so get yours early!

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