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CRIME: EPIDEMIC OF LAWLESSNESS



Sharp Increase in Homicides and Violent Crimes

NEWSOM has failed the People of California by supporting anti-public safety laws which have created an **epidemic of lawlessness** and dramatically increased violent and property crimes. NEWSOM denies the crime spike and has neglected to address the issues.

- The 31 percent jump in homicides made 2020 the deadliest year since 2007. Violent crime disproportionately hurts minorities.
- Murders in Los Angeles County have spiked nearly 200 percent in 2021, compared to the same time in 2020.
- Black people account for 9 percent of LA's population but make up 36 percent of homicide victims.
- Latinos account for 50 percent of LA's homicide victims.
- In 2020, there were 2,202 homicides, which is 523 more than in 2019.
- Of the total homicides in 2020, 28 percent were gang related, 7 percent were related to domestic violence, and 8.5 percent were connected to rape, robbery, or burglary.
- Aggravated assault increased 8.8 percent in 2020.

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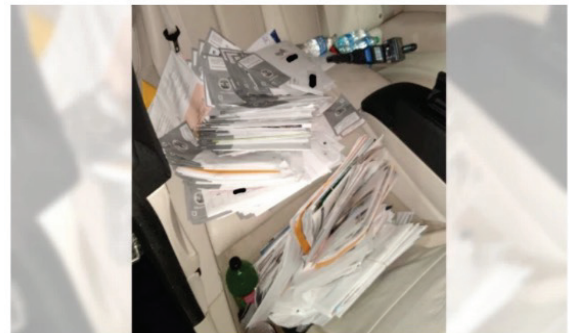


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More than 300 stolen ballots were found in a vehicle in Torrance on Monday, Aug. 16, 2021, police said. (Photo courtesy Torrance Police Department)

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EARLY RELEASE ELIGIBILITY: NEWSOM GRANTS 76,000 FELONS, INCLUDING MANY WITH SERIOUS AND/OR VIOLENT CONVICTIONS ON THEIR RECORDS, THE ABILITY TO LEAVE PRISON EARLY

- The eligible felons include murderers, carjackers, robbers, and kidnappers. 20,000 are serving life sentences, 10,000 are second strikers, and 2,900 are third strikers.
- In 2020, almost 5,000 inmates were granted parole, despite opposition from law enforcement and crime victims.
 - Some of the early released felons were Covid-19 positive, which jeopardized public health and safety.
- NEWSOM mishandled the issue of overcrowded prisons without considering the repercussions on public safety and failed to protect the victims and their families.

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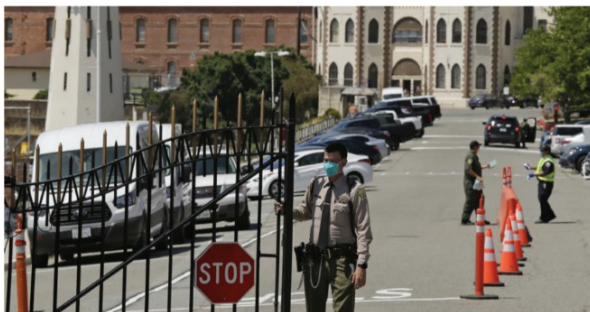
Activists call for prisoner release at a news conference by Gov. Gavin Newsom in San Quentin, Calif. It's been unclear which California prison inmates are being chosen for release and how, prompting ire among some victims' families.

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Parolee arrested in slaying of Sacramento woman found inside burning Land Park home

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A 51-year-old parolee who had been released from custody in June in an auto theft case and later failed to appear for court has been arrested in connection with the slaying and attempted rape of a [Land Park woman](#) found dead inside her burning home Friday, authorities say.

Troy Davis, a transient with a criminal history that included two felony strike convictions of assault with a deadly weapon and robbery, was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail late Saturday on a parole violation and was being held without bail.

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article254030398.html>

State Prison Approves Early Release of Inmate Serving Life Sentence for Arson and Threats to Rape and Kill, as a Result of Covid-19 Concerns

Friday, July 24th, 2020

Zero Bail Releases since April have resulted in over 157 new crimes in Yolo County

Press Release

(Woodland, CA) – (July 24, 2020) — The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has released Santiago Cruz, 65, of Sacramento, from state prison despite Cruz's 125 years-to-life sentence. He was convicted in 1997 for criminal threats and arson and was also found to be a violent three-striker under California law. CDCR notified the District Attorney's Office on July 17, 2020, that Cruz was to be released immediately as a result of the legal authority granted to a warden of a prison to release an inmate during an emergency if the life of that inmate is endangered.

In 1994, Cruz's longtime marriage ended after he physically and verbally abused his spouse. After the divorce was finalized, his ex-wife obtained a permanent restraining order. Despite the restraining order, Cruz continued to harass his ex-wife, which resulted in him being returned to prison on a parole violation. Prior to Cruz's release, his ex-wife started a new relationship. Shortly after his release from prison, Cruz began to terrorize his ex-wife's new boyfriend and his children over a six-month period from 1995-1996. In one incident, Cruz threw a Molotov cocktail at the boyfriend's home in the middle of the night while he, his ex-wife, and two children were asleep inside the home. Cruz repeatedly threatened the new boyfriend and his daughters. During one phone call to the boyfriend's 18-year-old daughter, Cruz threatened to rape her while her father watched, kill her and then kill her father.

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Terebea Williams

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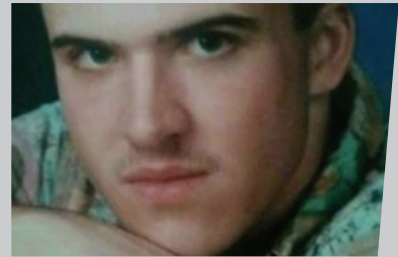
Terebea Williams (right top) shot her boyfriend, Kevin Ruska (right below), and drove 750 miles with him bleeding in the trunk of her car. She tied him to a chair in a motel, leaving one of his legs free so he could stomp for help, and left him for dead. Williams only served 22 years of an 84-year-to-life sentence.

"For her to only be behind bars for 22 years, less than the amount of time that he was alive ... Shame on you for putting these victims and their families through this trauma all over again."

- Dena Love, victim's sister

"While Corrections told us they were releasing her just a few days before, there is no transparency, and we have no other explanation for her release ... There is no reason for failing to listen to the family of a victim who suffered truly horrifically."

- Prosecutor



Santiago Cruz



CDC# K75616 Date: 04/19/2019

RELEASED

In 1997, Santiago Cruz was convicted of criminal threats and, under the three strikes law, he was sentenced to 125-years-to-life. Cruz had repeatedly harassed his ex-wife, stalked her boyfriend, threw Molotov cocktails at their house as they slept, phoned the teenage daughter of the new boyfriend, and "threatened to rape her while her father watched, kill her and then kill her father." In July of last year, Cruz was released early. As a result, Cruz's ex-wife now lives in fear and states that she feels like she's the one in prison.

David Weidert



RELEASED

In 1980, David Weidert was convicted of murdering a 20-year-old developmentally disabled man to cover up a \$500 burglary. Weidert and an accomplice lured Morganti into a car, took him to an isolated place, forced him to dig his own grave, beat him with a baseball bat and a shovel, stabbed him with a knife, choked him with a telephone wire, and buried him alive, causing Michael Morganti to die from suffocation. Last year, NEWSOM said he thought Weidert "currently poses an unreasonable danger to society if released from prison at this time."

OUT OF CONTROL: RETAIL THEFT AND VEHICLE THEFT

Under NEWSOM's "leadership" as governor, lieutenant governor, and mayor, retail theft has increased drastically. Walgreens was forced to close 17 San Francisco stores due to organized shoplifting, 10 of which closed between 2019 to today. Stores such as Target have had to shorten their store hours due to the increase in organized retail theft.

- According to the California Department of Justice, Proposition 47 caused an increase in the previously declining rate of vehicle break-in burglaries and shoplifting.

NEWSOM continues to support Proposition 47, a disastrous law that allowed thieves to commit crimes with ZERO consequences. The proposition reclassified several felonies, such as certain thefts, as misdemeanors, which has forced small business owners to take matters into their own hands to defend their businesses.

In 2020, 180,939 vehicles were stolen which has an estimated total value of \$1.6 billion. This means that a vehicle was stolen every three minutes in California.



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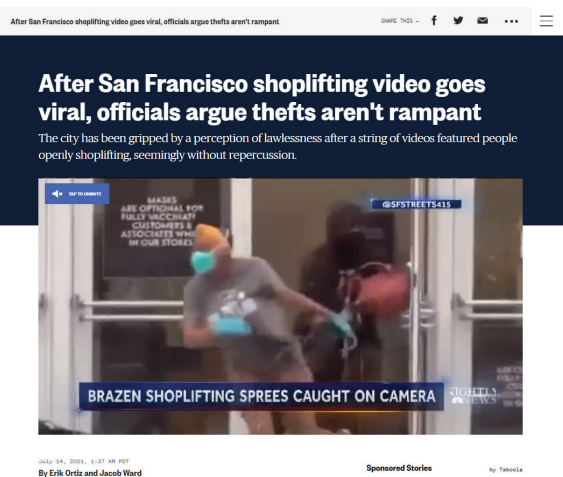
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After San Francisco shoplifting video goes viral, officials argue thefts aren't rampant

The city has been gripped by a perception of lawlessness after a string of videos featured people openly shoplifting, seemingly without repercussion.



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CALIFORNIA: #1 IN HOMELESSNESS

In 2020, California received \$316 million to address the homelessness crisis. Per the California State Auditor, NEWSOM and his administration failed to distribute the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds efficiently and promptly during the pandemic. The California Department of Housing and Community Development delayed the finalization of contracts, resulting in insufficient distribution of funds to local entities.



NEWSOM Mishandles Distribution of Federal Funds

- California has the highest homeless population in the nation.
- In 2020, California had a homeless population of 161,548 and this number is expected to increase even more throughout the year.
- **By Sept. 30, 2021, California must spend/distribute at least 20 percent (\$63 million) of its total \$316 million funds. If NEWSOM fails to do so, the federal government may reallocate up to \$63 million of those funds elsewhere.**
- As of early August 2021, the federal government reported that California had spent only \$2 million of the \$316 million it was allocated, which is less than 1 percent.
- By Sept. 30, 2022, California must spend the remaining 80 percent of the federal funds or else the state risks losing the funding to address its homelessness crisis.

NEWSOM CAN'T EVEN GIVE AWAY ALLOCATED FEDERAL MONEY

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(Sacramento, CA) — California has failed to timely distribute federal funding to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the homeless population. A new state audit finds the Department of Housing and Community Development was slow to provide local entities with access to these funds provided by the CARES Act. The federal government provided 316-million to prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Most local entities had to wait seven months to gain access to the first round of funding and eleven months to get the second, larger round of funding. State Auditor Elaine Howle says the state may not be able to use all the money to shelter and house the homeless before the September 2022 federal deadline.

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MASSIVE EXODUS: BUSINESSES LEAVING CALIFORNIA'S COLLAPSING ECONOMY

Under NEWSOM's "leadership" as governor, lieutenant governor, and mayor, many corporations have been migrating out of California, relocating their headquarters, or even their whole operation, out of state. In 2020, California experienced a population decline for the first time in over one hundred years many citing high cost of living, tax burdens, restrictive business policies, and ongoing lock downs as their main reasons. Can you blame them?

- According to the Tax Foundation, California ranks near the bottom (48th) in terms of business climate and regulatory burdens.

Reasons for the "California Exodus" for corporations include "above-average labor costs, excessive litigation costs, soaring energy and utility costs, and concerns about a declining quality of life related to California's unaffordable housing costs." When companies relocate out of California, both the state's economy and its communities are affected. Compensated employees of those companies depart, local businesses lose customers, and taxpayers decrease. In addition, "when advanced technology companies move their headquarters, centers of innovation move with it."



- Within the first six months of 2021, 74 known California businesses have relocated their headquarters to another state which is double the rate for each of the three previous years.
- According to Forbes, the monthly average of businesses leaving California has drastically increased.
 - In 2021, the monthly average of relocated businesses is 12.3
 - In 2020, the monthly average of relocated businesses was 5.2
 - In 2019, the monthly average of relocated businesses was 6.5
 - In 2018, the monthly average of relocated businesses was 4.8
- Since 2018, 265 headquarters of major corporations relocated out of California (e.g. Apple, Nestle, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Elon Musk)

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California Businesses Leave The State By The Thousands

by Lee Ohtanian
Tuesday, September 8, 2020

California businesses are leaving the state in droves. In just 2018 and 2019—economic boom years—765 commercial facilities left California. This exodus doesn't count Charles Schwab's announcement to leave San Francisco next year. Nor does it include the 13,000 estimated businesses to have left between 2009 and 2016.

The reason? Economics, plain and simple. California is too expensive, and its taxes and regulations are too high. The Tax Foundation ranks California 48th in terms of business climate. California is also ranked 48th in terms of regulatory burdens. And California's cost of living is 50 percent higher than the national average.

These statistics show why California's business and living climate have become so challenging. But the frustrations that California entrepreneurs face every day present a different way of understanding their relocation decisions.

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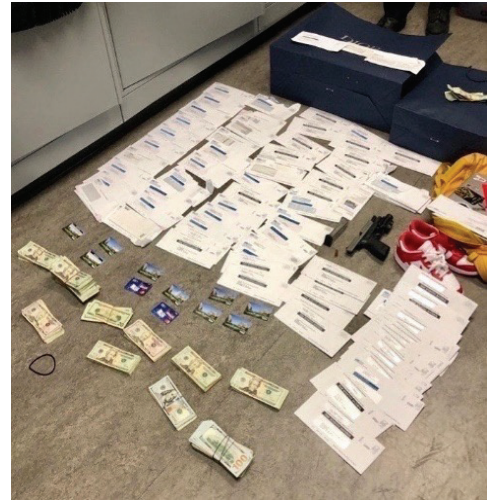
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CALIFORNIA #2 FOR UNEMPLOYMENT: FREE MONEY FOR FELONS, LEGITIMATE CLAIMS ARE DELAYED OR DENIED

- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, California has the second highest unemployment ranking in the U.S. at 7.6 percent unemployed (tied 3-way with New Mexico and New York). California is just below first ranking state Nevada at 7.7 percent unemployment.

- Under NEWSOM, Employee Development Department (EDD) failed to take precautions and heed the warnings of fraudulent claims, resulting in \$31 billion in losses.

- Unlike other states which have adopted efficient systems to mitigate fraud, California's EDD failed to adopt a system that cross-checks claims with data from state prisons and local jails. Under NEWSOM's reign, EDD overlooked thousands of fraudulent claims while delaying legitimate ones.



- In a report released in August, the California State Auditor highlights NEWSOM's mismanagement of the agency, which led to billions of dollars in losses.

- \$31 billion payouts were fraudulent claims, including \$1 billion payouts to prison inmates due to failure in cross-checking claims with names of felons.

- EDD froze 344,000 Bank of America debit cards due to fraud concerns but failed to have a plan to unfreeze accounts belonging to identified claimants, leading to a severe backlog of claims.

- By the end of 2021, California is projected to have a negative balance of \$50 billion in the state's unemployment funds. With no state unemployment funds, benefits will continue with federal loans.

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NEWSOM'S BLOOD MONEY: AFTER PG&E PLEADED GUILTY TO FELONIES FOR KILLING 84 PEOPLE, NEWSOM DINED WITH PG&E'S TOP LOBBYIST AT THE FRENCH LAUNDRY, TOOK \$200,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS, AND PROTECTED PG&E; MOST VICTIMS STILL NOT COMPENSATED

During the pandemic, NEWSOM wine and dined at the French laundry with his "good friend" Jason Kinney, a lobbyist who owns Axiom Advisors Inc. PG&E's bankruptcy court documents showed hundreds of thousands of dollars being paid out to Axiom Advisors Inc. On the bill paid out to Axiom Advisors, the "services rendered" included the passage of AB 1054, a bill which created the safety certificate for PG&E's protection. The services rendered also included NEWSOM's approval of PG&E's bankruptcy plan which would further protect the company from financial repercussions.

Axiom Advisors worked with NEWSOM to protect PG&E from facing any consequences. Furthermore, most of the 70,000 victims of the Camp Fire have not yet received restitution and the approved bankruptcy plan ties the victim's payment to the future success and health of the company, forcing the victims to support PG&E in order to receive their deserved restitution.

- A whistle blower and several documents from the California Public Utilities Commission revealed that PG&E had to submit work to the governor's office for multiple approval processes.

- Even after the conviction of 84 counts of involuntary manslaughter for recklessly causing the most destructive fire in California, NEWSOM supported PG&E and accepted over \$200,000 in political donations from the company.

- Even though PG&E has made it out of bankruptcy, many victims have not been paid yet.

- NEWSOM's final budget for wildfire prevention was rolled back to \$458 million, which was previously expected to be set at \$1 billion.

- NEWSOM pushed back the 2023 goal of performing fuel reduction treatment on 500,000 acres to 2025.

- NEWSOM reduced inmate firefighters, resulting in the closure of eight inmate fire camps.

- NEWSOM and his administration indefinitely postponed an oversight hearing which was intended to examine NEWSOM's record on wildfire prevention.

- **Today, the Dixie Fire, also suspected to be caused by PG&E, has surpassed 771k acres with only 48 percent containment as of Aug. 30, 2021.**

- NEWSOM's handpicked Cal Fire director called for the removal of a key document revealing that his priority wildfire project only managed to complete work on less than 12,000 acres of forestland out of the expected 90,000 acres.

- NEWSOM's efforts to hide his failures clearly proves the lack of transparency and failure of responsibilities.



It's another example of how the Newsom administration isn't treating this issue with the urgency that's needed," - Assemblyman James Gallagher

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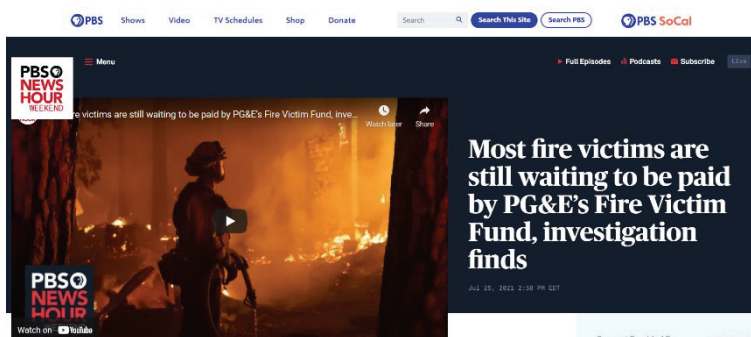
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NO WATER, NO FOOD, NO ENERGY:

NEWSOM'S MISMANAGEMENT OF THE STATE'S DEPLETING WATER SOURCES COULD RESULT IN DEVASTATION OF FARMS AND SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND POWER

California is experiencing the worst drought in the state's history, causing many cities to be out of water. NEWSOM has failed to improve California's water resources and neglected the water crisis altogether. This year, NEWSOM called for additional drastic water cuts for farmers. The new water restrictions reduce the amount of water that farmers are allowed to draw from rivers and lakes. California is the largest agricultural producer in the U.S. The water restrictions will affect both the livelihoods of farmers and the U.S. food supply.



NEWSOM lacks leadership and his "gross mismanagement of the state's water" has exacerbated the water shortage. In addition, the California State Auditor reports that NEWSOM's mismanagement of water infrastructures has left dams in hazardous conditions without emergency plans.

The government has used our water for its pet projects like the delta smelt... Yet families and farms have seen dramatic cutbacks in their water availability. Mismanagement of our water means we lose 450 megawatts of power, recreation, drinking water, water for farms and water for fall-run salmon. Everybody loses because of the state's wasteful management. - *Congressman Doug LaMalfa*

- Lake Shasta, California's largest reservoir, is below 40 percent capacity.
- Lake Oroville, California's largest State Water Project supplier, is at 33 percent capacity.
 - The fall in reservoir levels could force the hydroelectric power plant to shut down for the first time since it opened in 1967.
- Lake Mead, a major water source for Los Angeles, is at its lowest water levels in its 85-year history.

Water conservation, when pushed to the limit, does more harm than good. It raises the price of water... results in rationing, with consequences that are glibly dismissed. **Unfortunately, when it comes to water, Newsom hasn't done nearly enough. California's farmers and inland cities, especially in the San Joaquin Valley, are already experiencing extraordinary hardship.** — *Edward Ring, California Policy Center*

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The man-made drought threatens many of our neighbors' farms and livelihoods. Gavin Newsom has done nothing with the bond money Californians voted for to create water storage. Instead, he is pouring money into the failed high-speed rail project. He is disconnected from the people of California and has no knowledge of what it's like for hardworking people to make ends meet while continuing to pay rent and mortgages without revenue. We need to stop the mismanagement of water resources and call for a governor who prioritizes the needs of the people. — *Lisa Giffen, registered Independent, grew up in the Central Valley and advocates for the rights of farmers. Her husband is a third-generation farmer.*

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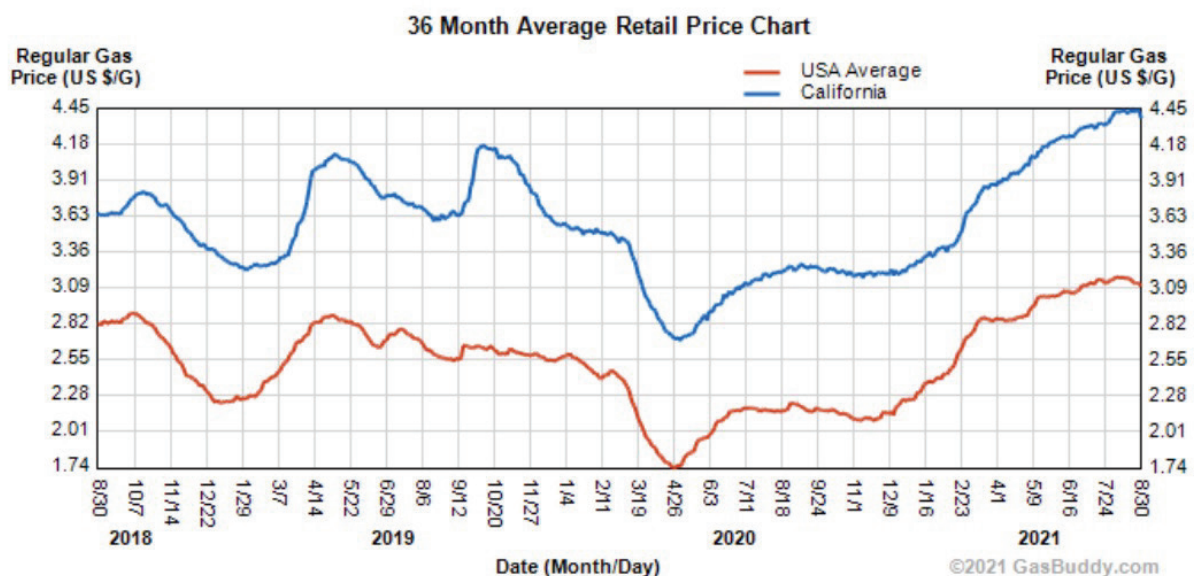
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CALIFORNIA #1 IN GAS PRICES: HIGH GAS PRICES ALSO INCREASE PRICES ON EVERYTHING

- According to AAA, as of Aug. 30, 2021, California's regular unleaded average gas price is at \$4.398, which is more than double the national average at \$2.151.
 - Some parts of the state are seeing average gas prices that are the highest they have been since 2012.
- California beats Hawaii, the state with the 2nd highest gas prices, which stands at \$4.07.
- From 2020 to 2021, there was a nearly 36 percent (\$1.16) increase in prices.

California Gas Prices - Annual Average	
2019	\$3.720
2020	\$3.237
2021 YTD	\$4.398

- Why are gas prices higher in California?
 - Californians pay some of the highest gas taxes in the United States.
 - The state's Low Carbon Fuel Standard, a cap-and-trade system to limit emissions, and the taxes at the pump are squarely to blame for higher fuel prices – *Patrick De Haan, Petroleum analyst at GasBuddy*
 - The continued rise in gas prices this year is also due to high demand and due to the disagreement between the international oil producers on production levels.
- Now with Hurricane Ida in the Gulf of Mexico, 95.6 percent of oil production and 93.7 percent of gas production has been shut down. What will this mean for California?



U.S. 2021 YTD Gas Prices	
National	\$2.151
California	\$4.398
Hawaii	\$4.070
Nevada	\$4.031
Washington	\$3.902
Utah	\$3.819
Idaho	\$3.801
Oregon	\$3.783
Alaska	\$3.692
Colorado	\$3.619
Wyoming	\$3.580
Illinois	\$3.353
Montana	\$3.301
Pennsylvania	\$3.275
New York	\$3.233
New Jersey	\$3.188
Connecticut	\$3.177

South Dakota	\$3.148
Michigan	\$3.128
Arizona	\$3.113
Maine	\$3.102
Vermont	\$3.086
Rhode Island	\$3.066
North Dakota	\$3.065
Massachusetts	\$3.058
New Mexico	\$3.045
West Virginia	\$3.031
Maryland	\$3.024
Minnesota	\$3.013
Indiana	\$3.011
New Hampshire	\$2.998
Nebraska	\$2.997
Delaware	\$2.984
Iowa	\$2.974
Wisconsin	\$2.974

Virginia	\$2.958
Georgia	\$2.953
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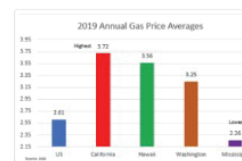
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For only the second time in 20 years, California was the state with the highest average gas price for the year, even though prices continued declining locally for the eighth straight week, according to the Automobile Club of Southern California's Weekend Gas Watch. Today's retail statewide average is \$3.56 a gallon for regular unleaded, which is two cents lower than last week. The state's annual

average price for 2019 was \$3.72 – 16 cents higher than the next most expensive state, Hawaii.

The average price of self-serve regular gasoline in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area is \$3.61 per gallon, which is down two cents from last week, 23 cents lower than a month ago, and 23 cents higher than last year. In San Diego, the average price is \$3.60, which is two cents less than last Thursday, 22 cents less than last month, and 27 cents higher than last year. On the Central Coast, the average price is \$3.70, which is three cents lower than last week, 21 cents lower than last month, and 30 cents higher than last year. In Riverside, the average per-gallon price is \$3.50, which is two cents lower than last week, 24 cents lower than last month, and 24 cents higher than last year. In San Bernardino, the \$3.60 average price is one cent lower than last week, 21 cents lower than last month, and 27 cents higher than a year ago today.

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MARC KLAAS



Marc Klass has been a child safety and victims' rights advocate ever since the October 1, 1993, kidnap and murder of his twelve-year-old daughter Polly. As the founder of the non-profit, Klaas Kids Foundation, Marc has testified numerous times before federal and state legislatures. Speaking credits include the 1996 Democratic National Convention, death penalty debates at the New Yorker Festival, Trinity College in Dublin, IE, and a college tour with Unabomber brother David Kaczynski. Marc has given Keynote addresses for numerous law enforcement and civilian conferences. Writing credits include two editorial opinion columns, each in the San Francisco Chronicle, San

Francisco Examiner, the San Diego Union Tribune, and the San Jose Mercury News. Marc has also written editorial opinion columns for the Cleveland Plain-Dealer, the Portland Oregonian, the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle, the Merced Sun-star, the Vallejo Times Herald, the Las Vegas Review Journal, the Oakland Tribune, the Seattle Times, and the Los Angeles Daily News. Marc has also published a death penalty article in Newsweek Magazine. On September 11, 2017, his most recent Op Ed appeared in Fox&Hounds.

Marc has made hundreds of appearances on CNN, HLN, the FOX News Network, CNBC, and MSNBC. Other television credits include serving as host for five segments on American Journal, serving as host for two segments on Extra!, and serving as host for one segment on Current Affair. Marc has appeared on all three network morning shows, The View, Oprah, and most of the major television news magazine programs. Marc currently lives in Sausalito, California, with his wife Violet.

Marc believes that the recall of Gavin Newsom is not a partisan issue. He is a life-long Democrat who voted for President Joe Biden. In 2020, California saw a troubling rise of more than 500 homicides, the largest jump in the state's history since record-keeping began in 1960. In addition, raging organized retail theft is affecting the quality of life, particularly for marginalized populations. Crime is quickly spiraling out of control, and Marc believes that this trend must be corrected before it is too late.





ANGELA MARSDEN

Angela Marsden is the owner of the local watering hole, Pineapple Hill Saloon & Grill in Sherman Oaks, California. Angela was content as a business owner and actor, until the injustices of the pandemic nearly caused her to lose her business, which would have resulted in the loss of jobs for her 15 employees, including her kitchen staff, who have been working at Pineapple Hill for over 30 years. Now, Angela is working with local business owners in an effort to enact policy changes for the good of the community and small businesses.

When businesses were once again forced to shut down, Angela had no choice but to comply and close her business. She closed the outdoor dining patio which she had tirelessly worked on to create a safe dining area that follows the health guidelines. However, while Angela and her restaurant staff were suffering, Mayor Garcetti and Governor Newsom approved a movie set's outdoor dining tents, similar to Angela's patio but on a larger scale for around 200 people, to take place right next to Angela's restaurant. After

witnessing the unfair treatment of her restaurant, in comparison to the film company, Angela decided to raise awareness of Newsom's unjust treatment of small businesses.

Angela is a registered Independent who has never been involved in politics up to this point. She advocates for small businesses, bars, and restaurants. Angela would have closed her business for good and lost her source of income if it weren't for the donations by the public. So many businesses have closed for good under Newsom's mismanagement of the pandemic. Many businesses have not received the revitalization checks after the funds were depleted. The homeless population continues to increase and communities are no longer safe. While the people were suffering from high gas prices, inflated cost of goods, employee shortages, and high taxes, Newsom neglected his responsibilities and fueled corruption. Angela believes that California's quality of life has deteriorated. She believes that Newsom has corruptly erased the middle class, increasing the gap between the rich and the poor. During this time, where more and more people are fleeing California, Angela hopes to stay and fight for the rights of the middle class and business owners by recalling Gavin Newsom.



PHILIP BINSTOCK

Philip Binstock retired from the California Employment Development Department (EDD) after 25 years. He was also a Reserve Correctional Officer for four years. Philip has dedicated much of his time on volunteer work, teaching personal safety, and training people in active shooter survival.

In 2018, Philip lost his father, Julian Binstock, to the PG&E Camp Fire, the most destructive fire in California history. Even after PG&E pleaded guilty to 84 counts of involuntary felony manslaughter, Newsom accepted political donations from the criminal enterprise. It was later revealed that Newsom had unethically micromanaged the major company.

Philip believes that Newsom financially and physically destroyed California. California's current \$1.5 trillion debt will only continue to grow, and the crushing tax burdens on residents will further damage the state. Philip disagrees with Newsom's management of water resources, which has exacerbated the drought, and handling of criminal justice issues, which has led to the release of felons.

Philip supports the recall because he believes that Gavin Newsom is corrupt and has neglected his responsibilities as the governor. Newsom has revictimized many victims by allowing and encouraging PG&E's corruption. Philip states that Newsom destroyed California by excessive taxation and mismanaged California resources, such as the economy, water resources, and the agricultural industry.



Philip and Julian Binstock



Philip and his wife, Lynne Binstock



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