

# WHAT ARE ALL THOSE GUN CONTROL LOBBYISTS UP TO THESE DAYS?

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**You have to wonder: What are the gun-controlling, give-us-more-laws-than-we-could-ever-enforce, gun-culture-hating groups up to these days?** I mean more people have become gun owners over the past year than they ever thought possible, which has totally burst their bubble in being able to tout how horrible the big bad gun

owners are. Now that there is a conservative majority on the highest Court in the land, their schemes to use the court system as their playground for liberal judge-made laws are seemingly disappearing before their very eyes. Gun control is losing in a big way with the public in 2020, even though gun control politicians continue to try to push it down our throats.

While gun owners and Second Amendment advocates are rejoicing about all the new gun owners this year and we are focused on bring-

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ing them into the fold and helping them understand what it means to be a responsible gun owner, the gun banners are singing the same old tired verse of "let's all get the big bad NRA." They don't even understand that this rhetoric does not resonate with the millions of people who, at some point during this past year's pandemic and civil unrest, realized that the inherent ability to protect themselves and their families far outweighed the claims that the gun culture is a "horrible thing" that must be stopped. New gun owners realize this rhetoric is dead because they woke up on the other side of the coin. They realize that they are now the gun owners who have been demonized but are not bad people—they are just people who want to exercise their freedoms.

Maybe you think that gun-control groups are going to hang their hat on the 2020 election? As of the drafting of this article those election results were not fully realized, but what is understood is that many of the more leftist views were not accepted by the American people, as conservatives added more seats to the House, held onto the Senate and saw many successes in races all across the country. Just because there may be a president who is set on gun-control initiatives does not mean that those will be successful. There is a long road between the policy a president wants to adopt and that policy actually becoming a law that is constitutionally sound. Besides, with millions more gun owners in the country (over 1 million of those in California alone) the public outcry for extensive gun bans is just not there. The attempts to get out the anti-gun vote failed in this election, even with the billions spent

by people like George Soros and groups like Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence to influence key elections across the country.

Failure to have a strong mandate from the voters does not seem to deter the gun-control lobby though. 2021 is sure to bring doctored reports that fit their narrative (until proven flawed as many are) and gun control activists lobbying at the local, state and federal levels to try to push an agenda that is not supported by the majority of Americans. Gun owners cannot be complacent as the epidemic comes to an end and meetings and public discourse open back up to a broader audience. Gun owners must be informed and be present at local meetings of the city council and board of supervisors from the very moment public meetings are open. The gun-control lobby will hit hard and fast to try to catch you off guard. Did you know

that pro-2A groups are outspent each year by gun-control groups; although gun-control groups hope to keep that fact hidden? They want to demonize any attempts to keep those constitutional rights in place, and they literally do not care if your rights are trampled. Even with studies showing that gun control laws have little effect in the states where they are the most stringent, gun-control groups keep pushing for that one extra step—that one extra law that they must have in order to keep everyone safe.

As a member of CRPA you have the opportunity to stay updated through weekly email communications, social media channels like *YouTube*, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and of course, you have the *California Firing Line* magazine. I urge you to use this time to educate yourself and others on what is going on in California and across the coun-

try. Take new gun owners to the range and help them become Second Amendment activists, not just hobbyists. Join a CRPA local chapter or start one in your area and come together with other like-minded gun owners who want to protect their rights to own and possess firearms for lawful purposes. Be vigilant and ready to attend meetings in your local areas and let local politicians know you are ready to be part of the local community. The gun community's ability to act quickly and have a big voice at the local level can make all the difference. Gun-control groups are waiting, and they will be ready once COVID-19 dissipates. Will you make the commitment to be a voice for the Second Amendment in 2021? Will you be informed and ready to stand with other gun owners across California? Will you be there when the Constitution needs you the most? **CRPA**

# LOCAL ADVOCACY REPORT

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The **Local Advocacy Project** actively monitors all of California's 58 counties and 482 municipalities to support or oppose any proposed ordinance, law or policy likely to impact Second Amendment rights. Local efforts include developing and working with a network of professionals, citizens, local government officials and law enforcement professionals to effectively oppose local threats to California gun owners. These efforts also serve as the foundation for litigation efforts against municipalities that enact anti-gun-owner legislation.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
<b>WINNING!</b> <b>DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS MORATORIUM ON GUN SHOWS</b>	For months the Del Mar gun show has been under siege from groups seeking to end the show. On September 11, 2018, the Del Mar Fair Board of Directors voted to institute an up to 1-year moratorium on gun shows beginning in 2019 while they “study the safety” of the gun show.	Additional legislation has been introduced at the state level that would prevent gun shows from occurring at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.  CRPA is currently a named plaintiff in a federal lawsuit against the fairgrounds in an effort to protect your right to come together with others in the gun culture and hold lawful and safe events on public property. More information on the lawsuit can be found at <a href="https://michellawyers.com/b-l-productions-inc-et-al-v-22nd-district-agricultural-association-et-al">michellawyers.com/b-l-productions-inc-et-al-v-22nd-district-agricultural-association-et-al</a>	For now, the federal courts have ordered that the gun shows may continue at the Del Mar Fairgrounds while the litigation progresses; the next gun shows will be in 2020.  The Fair Board settled rather than get a final ruling against them. Because of its blatant discrimination against gun owners and the gun culture, the fairgrounds had to pay our attorney fees, costs and damages.

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<b>CITY OF SAN JOSE</b>	The Mayor for the City of San Jose wants to push mandatory insurance for all gun owners in the City as a way of paying for criminal violence that occurs in his City.	CRPA sent a letter previously on this same issue when the Mayor tried to make this a priority for the City.	The City is now waiting for research being done by the County on the feasibility of the issue. CRPA is monitoring the issue.
<b>CRPA COALITION WORK</b>	The CRPA has been working with other groups across the state for years to influence and advance pro-2A work in the state. We believe in leveraging our combined strength to get things done.	Coalitions are built from other non-profit groups with similar missions coming together. We work with local chapter leaders, elected officials and legislative teams to push support and protection of the Second Amendment.	Watch for joint letters from coalition groups to fight harmful legislation in the state and for work with other groups during this election cycle. To sign up for the Range Coalition, send an email to <a href="mailto:Ranges@crpa.org">Ranges@crpa.org</a>
<b>COW PALACE GUN SHOWS DALY CITY</b>	The California Legislature passed a bill in 2018 that would ban gun shows at the Cow Palace state venue as part of the concerted effort by opposition groups. This bill was vetoed by then Governor Brown. The pending legislation to stop gun shows and dismantle the Cow Palace authority was dropped; however, this came with the condition that the Cow Palace Board would stop holding gun shows in the future.	CRPA drafted a prelitigation letter to the Board of the Cow Palace to inform them of pending legal action should they persist with denying gun shows access to state property.  The Board has reopened its discussion regarding banning gun shows and is currently discussing the matter in committee. Please watch for further calls to action.	The Board voted in November to reconsider its stance against gun shows given the possible constitutional violations that have been outlined by the federal courts on this subject. CRPA will continue to monitor the situation.  As of July 2020, we are still waiting on a report from the Cow Palace Board as to what they plan to do with gun shows. COVID-19 has delayed holding meetings on these issues.
<b>STATEWIDE PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS</b>	CRPA regularly seeks and obtains public records in connection with any anti-gun efforts in California. Such efforts include proposed anti-gun ordinances, gun buyback programs and other anti-gun regulatory enforcement issues.	Responses to these requests often yield valuable results, such as which members of a local government entity are working with anti-gun groups, sources of funding and other important information.	Ongoing. CRPA attorneys monitor and review thousands of pages of public records requests each month.
<b>WINNING!</b> <b>CITY OF LOS ANGELES BLACKLIST</b>	The City Council passed an ordinance that would require all current and potential contractors to disclose under affidavit their affiliation with the NRA.	NRA and CRPA submitted letters and warned the City attorney of the legal ramifications of blatantly attacking the freedom to associate and speak against government. The City passed the ordinance by calling NRA members “white supremacists” who “peddle in violence.” There was no comment from other Council members regarding the outright falsehood of these statements.	HUGE WIN FOR GUN OWNERS—The federal court awarded the NRA an injunction which prevented the City from enforcing this unconstitutional law. The City of Los Angeles entered into settlement and has agreed to remove the ordinance as it is non-enforceable.



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