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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# CRPA ON THE OFFENSIVE

## 2023 IS OUR YEAR

BY CHUCK MICHEL

CRPA PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL

**T**his past year was  
a momentous and  
historic one for the

**Second Amendment.** The landmark *Bruen* decision from the U.S. Supreme Court marked the beginning of a new era for Second Amendment advocates and for successful court challenges to Second Amendment infringements using the new *Bruen* standard. But as we said at the time, the fight is not over. The *Bruen* decision just marked the beginning of a new series of battles. While *Bruen* set a new standard, it is a standard that must now be AFFIRMATIVELY applied through challenges to decades of pointless past infringements, and to stop new laws being pushed against lawful gun owners by posturing politicians with an anti-gun owner agenda.

While gun owners can always look





**(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.)**

back fondly on 2022, I'm even more excited about this coming year.

*Bruen* gives CRPA the ability to be even more proactive and to go on a renewed offensive. To challenge restrictive laws in court. To righteously fight new laws in Sacramento and locally. And, yes, it even gives us the opportunity to introduce our own proposals to reclaim our rights.

In short, 2023 should be the year for a long overdue SECOND AMENDMENT RECKONING in California!

**That is EXACTLY what CRPA intends to bring about.**

In the coming months, you will see CRPA put forward legislative and regulatory changes that claw back our Second Amendment rights after decades of abuse by politicians and bureaucrats seeking to murder the freedom-loving "gun culture" that they despise. We will continue to engage and empower CRPA's local chapters to stand up to localities looking to restrict and burden our freedoms, and to elect local representatives that respect our rights and don't distort the truth to advance their

gun ban agenda. And, of course, we will continue to bring 2A lawsuits and fight in court to roll back all the useless anti-2A laws already in place, and to stop the new ones that Gavin Newsom and his cronies are desperately pushing in their effort to get around the constitutional protections that *Bruen* restored.

Governor Newsom, Attorney General Bonta, and the gun-banning gaggle in Sacramento and in cities across California have had their time. For decades, they have vilified and blamed law-abiding citizens for their own legislative failures simply for wanting to exercise our fundamental individual rights. Now it's our turn. This year, in courtrooms, city halls, and in the Capital, CRPA will continue to fight to reclaim our freedoms using our newly recognized legal authority.

This is our time to shine. JOIN US as we do the work necessary to make it happen.

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**Chuck**

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# WHAT THE MEDIA CAN'T — OR WON'T — TELL US ABOUT ARMED SELF DEFENSE

BY ROB MORSE

*Originally published at **Slow Facts and The Truth About Guns***

**D**on't confuse the news with the truth. The corporate news media is in the business of delivering eyes and ears to their advertisers. That's how they earn their money. The assignment editors, reporters and the copy editors aren't against honesty and proportion, but cash comes first. That means they're biased in their reporting. They ignore common but important stories in order to leave room for the shock and outrage that keeps us clicking, watching, and listening.

I study armed defense. Ordinary citizens like us defend ourselves, our families, and innocent strangers every day. You wouldn't know that from

**Armed self-defense is when the intended victim of a violent crime uses a firearm to deter or stop the criminal. That includes something as simple as grandma shouting for an intruder to go away because she has a gun and that she's called the police. The police might not classify that as a defensive gun use, but grandma thinks it was.**



watching the news. This is why the corporate media does such a bad job of reporting.

To be fair, we all have our own biases. Most of us think that armed self-defense looks like something from a John Wick movie or from The Matrix. That couldn't be further from the truth. I have to describe what ordinary people do because most of us are not even familiar with the terms and you're not going to read about it in the paper or see it on your nightly news.

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That includes something as simple as grandma shouting for an intruder to go away because she has a gun and that she's called the police. The police might not classify that as a defensive gun use, but grandma thinks it was. She thinks the home invader/robber changed his plans because she had her firearm. (SPOILER ALERT: The criminal thought grandma's gun was important too.)

Armed self-defense is when an armed mom is crossing the parking lot late at night. She tells her kids to get in the car, she turns toward the three young men who were following her, puts her hand into her purse and yells "STOP!" The three young men change direction. They get back into

their car and drive away.

In these examples, the victim didn't have to point their gun at their attackers. The significant thing was the armed defenders didn't look or act the way the attacker thought they would. The criminals moved on to find easier prey.

Some people would say those examples aren't really armed self-defense, but the use of force comes in shades of grey. It's a continuum. It starts with turning toward your attacker, yelling "STOP," backing away, grabbing your gun, presenting your firearm and pointing it at the attacker. It ends, if need be, with pressing the trigger. Each of those are separate steps on the ladder of defense. We don't want to climb that ladder any higher than we absolutely have to.

The good news is that we are reluctant to use lethal force. It isn't our job to close with, contact, subdue, and arrest an attacker. That's for the police when they finally arrive. We just want the bad guy to go away and let us escape without being hurt. That's what we do.

In fact, the mere presence of a firearm is usually enough to make most bad guys go away. That reaction isn't as unusual as it seems. A police officer puts his hand on his gun many times, but seldom has to present it and shoot a criminal assailant. Bad guys behave the same way around

us. They don't want to be shot if they can possibly avoid it.

That isn't just speculation. Scholars asked tens of thousands of ordinary adults if they'd ever used a firearm for armed defense. About one-adult-in-ten said yes. Only one-person-out-of-fifty actually had to pull the trigger. That's significant, but it leads us to something bigger.

The police might not take a report if you were armed but didn't shoot a bad guy. Sure, we should call the police, but they might not call it a defensive gun use unless the firearm was fired, or at least drawn and pointed. Most incidents of armed defense are never recorded as such because of this quirk in the way the police take their reports.

Most examples of armed defense aren't reported by the press either. Just because our heart is beating fast after the bad guy runs away, that doesn't mean our armed defense will make the news.

Protecting our family is vitally important to us, but most armed self-defense doesn't make good news copy. Assignment editors seldom waste space on a story in which the bad guy ran away and no blood was spilled.

Unfortunately, not every defensive gun use turns out that way.

**A shooting** is when someone presses the trigger and the gun goes

"bang." That doesn't mean the bad guy was killed. It doesn't even mean that the bad guy was wounded. A shooting means that at least one bullet flew in one direction.

The great news — and another story that's disgracefully underreported — is that gun owners in the U.S. are exceptionally reluctant to take a life. We stay within the law, and the law only allows us to use lethal force in very specific instances.

We're only allowed to use a gun when an innocent person faces an immediate and unavoidable threat of death or great bodily injury. Said another way, we're only allowed to use lethal force when it's the safest thing left to do.

That's a high bar to clear. Honest citizens don't shoot other people very often. When we do, the bad guy usu-

ally lives. The amazing news is that sometimes we don't shoot people even when we have a legal justification for doing so. When we look at the record, we tend to use a gun only as a last resort. That is a very good thing.

The other great news is that we win. The news media are sure to report when a good guy gets disarmed by a bad guy. That makes the news because the event is so unusual. It's far more common for the good guy to take the criminal's gun than the other way around.

We also win because we're on defense. Defenders have an easier job than their potential attackers. The criminal is trying to get close to us and we are trying to keep that from happening.

*Our spouse dials 911 as we huddle behind the bed with a gun pointed at*

*the bedroom door. The criminal breaks down the door, steps into the room and we shoot them. That isn't a great feat of marksmanship. It doesn't make for an exciting tale so that isn't what we're shown in the movies.*

There are exceptions. Sometimes an honest gun owner has to shoot an attacker at a distance. Sometimes those defensive stories are incredibly important because the defender stopped mass-murder. Honest citizens do a good job stopping mass murder, but most defensive uses of a gun are at close range.

**A gun fight** is when bullets fly both ways. That's a situation we want to avoid at all costs.

We want to defend ourselves from a physical position where we can shoot at the bad guys and the bad guy can't shoot at us. If we're attacked

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in a parking garage, we move behind a car or a column so we're harder to shoot. In our home, we hide behind a wall and peek around a corner so we're harder to see. That's the opposite of what we see in action movies.

The truth is that we're at risk if the criminal is shooting at us. No matter how skilled we are, there's a chance we could be injured or killed in a gunfight. That's why self-defense classes talk about avoiding them in the first place. We win every gunfight that we avoid.

You may be really proud that you saw the two sketchy-looking guys standing behind the corner of a convenience store so you drove to another store to buy gas late at night. You made a very good decision. People need to know about your actions so we learn to keep ourselves safe.

**Unfortunately, what you did is important, but it's not newsworthy.**

Armed self-defense happens between 4,000 and 6,000 times a day. In most of those situations, the good guys don't have to shoot because the bad guys were chased off. Sometimes we have to pull the trigger, but the bad guy usually lives. That simply isn't the kind of attention-grabbing story the news media is looking for. It doesn't bring in readers and it goes against the dominant narrative that guns should be avoided by the average person.

That puts the burden on us. We have to find better sources of information if we want to learn the truth about armed self-defense. There are a few news shows that cover those stories. There are many websites, blogs and podcasts that highlight and talk about armed defense stories. Knowing the truth is good for all of us. **CRPA**

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# REPUBLICANS TURN UP HEAT ON CDC OVER DEFENSIVE GUN USE STATS

BY KONSTADINOS T. MOROS

**L**ast June, CRPA attorney Kostas Moros noticed something funny – the CDC had edited its website's references to defensive gun use. For years, the CDC cited DGU estimates from both the NCVS and private surveys, saying that estimates range from "60,000 to 2.5 million defensive gun uses each year," and linking to a 2013 report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.



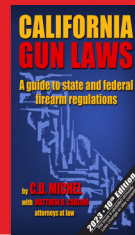


Last year, that was changed to instead state that: “Estimates of defensive gun use vary depending on the questions asked, populations studied, timeframe, and other factors related to study design. Given the wide variability in estimates, additional research is necessary to understand defensive gun use prevalence, frequency, circumstances, and outcomes.”

This change piqued Kostas’s curiosity, so he filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request with the CDC asking for all documents and communications related to the decision to change the website. Earlier this month, around 6 months after the FOIA request was first filed, he received a trove of emails, some of which were redacted, showing how the decision to make the edit was made. Unfortunately, it was not the result of any new research or extended deliberations between the various sides of the defensive gun use debate. Instead, it was a one-sided lobbying campaign by gun control advocates who were angry that the DGU figures reported were hurting gun control efforts. As reported in *The Reload* after Kostas shared the documents with a journalist there, “The lobbying campaign spanned months and culminated with a private meeting between CDC officials and three advocates last summer...Introductions from the White House and Senator Dick Durbin’s (D., Ill.) office helped the advocates reach top officials at the agency after their initial attempt to reach out went unanswered.”

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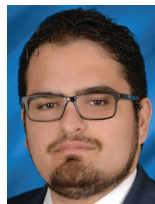
after the private meeting (no recording or transcript of that meeting exists, or if it does, it was not provided in response to the FOIA request.) They made no effort to contact any other researchers, nor did they contact any gun rights advocates to get their input before the change was made.

Now, five Senators have sent a letter to the CDC demanding answers, including the ranking member on the committee that oversees the CDC, Senator Bill Cassidy. The senate letter comes just after two House members, Representatives Elise Stefanik (NY-21) and August Pfluger (TX-11), fired off their own letter to the CDC demanding answers and a reversal of the move.

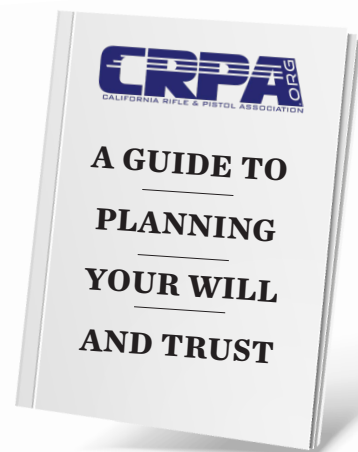
CRPA is thrilled to see that its FOIA request may end up making a real difference. We hope this fiasco leads to real change in how the CDC communicates with gun control advocates. Substantive edits to the information posted on its website should be the result of an open process in which all the major sides of a debate are consulted, not secret stealth edits that result from one-sided shady lobbying efforts. **CRPA**

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# WHERE ARE THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF FOSTER PARENTS?

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

***Miller v. Smith* is a case from the Seventh Circuit that could spread rippling implications for gun owners across the country.**

This case focuses on a little thought-of area of Second Amendment law in looking at the rights that foster parents have as lawful gun owners.

The Millers are caring people to open their home to children in need of a family environment. They are licensed by the state of Illinois as foster parents and as a home daycare provider. Both responsibilities come with rigorous state licensing processes. Additionally, they are lawful gun owners... an equally rigorous process must be undertaken to purchase a firearm in this anti-gun state. Because of this combination of their love for children and their love for exercising their rights, the Millers found themselves in a situation where the restrictions on how they must store their firearms and ammunition in the home became a burden. The Millers challenged the constitutionality of the state laws.

Last year, the district court granted summary judgment to the State of Illinois, and the Millers appealed that decision. Now, in a post-*Bruen* world, the Millers find themselves in the same

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position as most Second Amendment cases in the country—preparing an additional briefing for the courts on the historical context of laws such as the ones that they are challenging. The State of Illinois, and the Millers, by way of opposing the state's briefing, find themselves embroiled in a “text, history, and tradition” battle that is going on in courtrooms across the country.

In Illinois, as in California, regulations prevent foster parents from having a firearm for protection that is immediately available to them because the firearms must be stored locked, unloaded and kept in a location where children may not access them. In California, a gun owner cannot

transport a firearm in the same vehicle in which foster children are riding unless the firearm is inoperable—so no chance of being a foster parent and a CCW holder—even with the vigorous background checks that CCW holders go through. Many times there are no exceptions to these laws, and even those foster parents who do not have a currently placed child are expected to maintain their lawful firearms in this manner because of the license the state provides. The lack of exceptions for family members who are thrust into caring for a juvenile family member is another issue, as more and more grandparents and gun owners find themselves in this situation.

While everyone wants foster children and children in daycare to be safe, the Millers argue that there are no exceptions in the law even for after hours when there are no children around, or for those times when they have no foster children in the home. Should the Millers win on appeal, this could affect how states restrict the Second Amendment rights of foster parents in at least 44 states and the District of Columbia. Currently, there is no real data describing the dangers of guns in foster homes specifically or whether foster children are at a higher risk because they may live in a home with a firearm.

For decades the courts have sided with preserving the Second Amend-

ment as an individual right and never in more of a place to exercise that right than in the home. Heller made clear that the Court intended “law-abiding, responsible citizens” to be within the protected sphere of the Second Amendment, and that right applies to the purpose of self-defense in the home. (District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570, 635 (2008) concluding that the Second Amendment “surely elevates above all other interests the right of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms in defense of hearth and home.”) Scalia wrote that he “[knew] of no other enumerated constitutional right whose core protection has been subjected to a freestanding ‘interest-balancing’ approach.” At no time in the history of Second Amendment jurisprudence has a person’s home

been contemplated as a “sensitive place” simply because of the people inside of it or because of the activities that occur inside of it. Now with a new briefing ordered in Miller to consider the *Bruen* test, it looks like we may see a change in the restrictions that fall upon foster parent gun owners. If the state cannot show that there was a historical law from the time of the Second Amendment or the Fourteenth Amendment implementation, then they have no ability to apply blanket restrictions on lawful gun owners.

Many will be watching the cases providing supplemental briefing under *Bruen* including the Miller case as the courts have the ability to strictly stand by the Supreme Court’s guidance or to allow states to develop “questionable history” that courts are then asked to

interpret. All the courts really need to do in these cases is look to whether the law restricts a Second Amendment right, ask whether there are historical laws that speak to this issue of limiting rights within the home for specific purposes in the same manner, and determine if the state then has the authority to limit those rights now in the present day. While you can bet that there will be many long and hard-fought battles in the courts over the historical analysis that comes from *Bruen*, you can also bet that there are few historical laws that can meet this new and stringent test from the Supreme Court.

If you are a foster parent or family member and a responsible gun owner, stay tuned as more on where your rights in your home stand will likely come over this next year. **CRPA**



## INFORMATION BULLETIN: *FIREARM ESTATE PLANNING – “GUN TRUSTS”*

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Given the complexity of state and federal firearm laws, particularly as applied to the transfer of a firearm in California, many gun owners have questions on how best to pass down a personal firearm collection to their children or heirs. The following information bulletin has been prepared to assist gun owners who are in the process or are considering creating estate planning documents such as a trust that include a personal firearm collection.

Be warned, the following information focuses on California firearm laws. It generally does not go into detail on estate planning laws or other issues. As a result, should you be considering creating estate planning documents, be sure to consult with a knowledgeable attorney with experience creating wills and trusts.

### I. FIREARM TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS – IN GENERAL

Before addressing specific estate planning issues, it is important to have a basic understanding of state and federal transfer requirements concerning firearms.

#### a. Federal Law

In general, federal law prohibits any person from transferring, selling, trading, giving, transporting, or delivering any firearm to any person who is not a resident of the state in which the transferor resides.<sup>1</sup> When a person wishes to transfer a firearm to someone who lives in a different state, the firearm must first be delivered to a federal firearms licensee (“FFL”) within the recipient’s state of residence. The FFL will then process the transfer to the intended recipient in accordance with state and federal laws.

But these federal interstate transfer requirements do not apply to the transfer, transportation, or delivery of a firearm made to carry out a bequest of a firearm to, or an acquisition by intestate succession of a firearm by, a person who is permitted to acquire or possess a firearm under the laws of the State of their residence.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(5). It is also prohibited to sell or dispose of any firearm to any person knowing or having reasonable cause to believe the recipient is prohibited from owning or possessing firearms. 18 U.S.C. § 922(d).

<sup>2</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(5). An exception is also given for the loan or rental of a firearm to any person for temporary use for lawful sporting purposes. *Id.*

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## b. California Law

Under California law, when neither party to a firearm transaction is a California licensed firearms dealer (“CFD”), the parties to the transaction must complete the transfer through a CFD.<sup>3</sup> Notably, all CFDs also possess a valid FFL in addition to any required local license.<sup>4</sup>

To process a firearm transfer, California law requires the CFD to submit the person’s information to the California Department of Justice (“CADOJ”) using a web-based portal known as the Dealer Record of Sale (“DROS”) Entry System (“DES”).<sup>5</sup> Although federal law generally requires dealers to submit firearm transfer paperwork to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (“NICS”), California is one of 13 states commonly called a “point of contact” state, meaning CFDs instead contact CADOJ directly to conduct the required background check on the purchaser/transferee.<sup>6</sup> A CFD accomplishes this by using DES to submit a DROS transaction.

### i. CADOJ’s Automated Firearm System

As noted above, the submission of a DROS using DES is a means for completing the required background check on the purchaser/transferee. But the submission of a DROS also serves a second purpose of generating a record in CADOJ’s Automated Firearm System (“AFS”). Note that AFS records are not “registration” records. Instead, the record simply means that on the date of transaction, the individual was deemed eligible to own and possess firearms.<sup>7</sup> It *does not* indicate ownership of the firearm.

### ii. Additional California Transfer Requirements

In addition to the requirement to using a CFD to process a firearm transfer, California generally prohibits dealers from transferring or giving possession or control of any firearm to any person under 21 years of age.<sup>8</sup> There is also a 10-day waiting requirement<sup>9</sup>, and a requirement that the purchaser/transferee present both a Firearm Safety Certificate<sup>10</sup> (“FSC”) and “clear evidence of the person’s identity and age”<sup>11</sup> which is defined as either a valid California driver’s license or valid California identification card.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 27545.

<sup>4</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 26700.

<sup>5</sup> See <https://DES.doj.ca.gov>.

<sup>6</sup> See <https://www.atf.gov/rules-and-regulations/permanent-brady-state-lists>.

<sup>7</sup> California Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement, 2009-BOF-03: *Critical Changes to the Law Enforcement Gun Release (LEGR) Program* (Jan. 4, 2010), available at <http://michellawyers.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Info-Bulletin-re-Changes-to-LEGR-Program.pdf>.

<sup>8</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 27510(a).

<sup>9</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 27540(a).

<sup>10</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 27540(e).

<sup>11</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 27540(c).

<sup>12</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 16400. It should also be noted that these requirements are just a summary of some of the requirements California imposes on firearm transfers. Addressing every requirement would far exceed the scope of this bulletin. Should you have questions about any additional requirements, you should contact an attorney experienced in firearm laws for more information.

## II. “OPERATION OF LAW” TRANSFERS IN CALIFORNIA

The requirement to use a CFD to facilitate a firearm transfer in California does not apply to a person who takes title or possession of a firearm by “operation of law,” provided the person themselves is not prohibited from owning or possessing firearms.<sup>13</sup> California provides definitions for the terms “operation of law” and “[a] person taking title or possession of a firearm by operation of law.”<sup>14</sup> But these definitions are limited in their application.

### a. Application of “Operation of Law”

First, the term “operation of law” only applies to Penal Code sections 26500 through 26590 which concern the licensing requirements for the sale, lease, or transfer of firearms and its exceptions. Among these sections, the actual phrase “operation of law” only appears in Penal Code section 26505, which concerns the exception to the CFD requirement for a “person acting pursuant to operation of law.”<sup>15</sup> In effect this means a person does not need to obtain a CFD license when acting in their capacity. Those situations, as outlined in the definition of the term “operation of law,” include the following:

- The executor, personal representative, or administrator of an estate, if the estate includes a firearm;
- A secured creditor or an agent or employee of a secured creditor when a firearm is possessed as collateral for, or as a result of, a default under a security agreement under the Commercial Code;
- A levying officer;
- A receiver performing the functions of a receiver, if the receivership estate includes a firearm;
- A trustee in a bankruptcy performing the duties of a trustee, if the bankruptcy estate includes a firearm;
- An assignee for the benefit of creditors performing the functions of an assignee, if the assignment includes a firearm;
- A transmutation of property between spouses;
- The transfer of a firearm by a law enforcement agency to the person who found the firearm where the delivery is to the person as the finder of the firearm;
- A firearm received by a family of a police officer or deputy sheriff from a local agency;
- The trustee of a trust that includes a firearm and that was part of a will that created the trust;
- A person acting pursuant to the person’s power of attorney;
- A limited or general conservator appointed by a court;
- A guardian ad litem appointed by a court;
- A trustee of a trust that includes a firearm that is under court supervision;
- A special administrator appointed by a court; and,
- A guardian appointed by a court.<sup>16</sup>

### b. Application of “A Person Taking Title or Possession of a Firearm by Operation of Law”

The term “[a] person taking title or possession of a firearm by operation of law” includes all the above but also the following additional persons:

<sup>13</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 27920(a).

<sup>14</sup> Cal. Pen. Code §§ 16960, 16990.

<sup>15</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 26505(a).

<sup>16</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 16960.

- A firearm passing to a surviving spouse;
- The transfer of a firearm by a law enforcement agency to the person who found the firearm where the delivery is to the person as the finder of the firearm;
- A firearm passed to a decedent’s successor; and,
- The trustee of a trust.<sup>17</sup>

But like the term “operation of law,” the term “[a] person taking title or possession of a firearm by operation of law” only appears in Penal Code sections 27920 and 27925, both of which concern exceptions to using a CFD for processing a firearm transaction in California.<sup>18</sup> As applied to Penal Code section 27920, a person taking title or possession of a firearm by operation of law does not need to process the transfer through a CFD, but only if the following conditions are met:

- For persons who are neither a levying officer or a person receiving the firearm pursuant to subdivision (g), (h), (i), (j), (l), or (q) of Penal Code section 16990, the person must submit a report to CADOJ, in a manner prescribed by CADOJ, within 30 days of taking possession.
- For persons taking title or possession is receiving the firearm pursuant to subdivisions (g), (h), (l), or (q) of Penal Code section 16990, the person must do both of the following:
  - Submit a report to CADOJ, in a manner prescribed by CADOJ, within 30 days of taking possession; and,
  - Obtain a valid FSC prior to taking possession.
- When family of a police officer or deputy sheriff receive a firearm pursuant to Government Code section 50081, the law enforcement agency shall forward all necessary information to CADOJ via the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (“CLETS”).
- When a person receives title or possession of a firearm pursuant to subdivision (j) of Section 16990, the law enforcement agency shall forward all necessary information to CADOJ via CLETS. In addition, the law enforcement agency shall not deliver the firearm to the person unless they hold a valid FSC.

Conversely, Penal Code section 27925 states that a person need not process a transfer of a firearm through a CFD if that person is taking possession by operation of law in a representative capacity and subsequently transfers ownership to themselves in an individual capacity, but only if the person obtains an FSC prior to transferring ownership. Notably absent here is any requirement that the person report such transfers to CADOJ (likely because no transfer to another person is taking place).

### III. “GUN TRUSTS”

A “gun trust,” as many gun owners understand it, is a legal trust that is specifically created to acquire, hold ownership to, and facilitate the transfer of firearms. Such trusts typically include a “trustee” (a person who holds and administers the property of the trust) and a “beneficiary” (the person whom the property is held for). In other words, a gun trust is basically just a legal relationship that holds firearms for the benefit of another.

When individuals speak of “gun trusts” in California, they usually mean one of two things: (1) trusts that are specifically created to hold ownership and acquire firearms regulated by the National Firearms Act of 1934;

or, (2) Trusts that are created to hold ownership to and facilitate the transfer of other types of firearms which are readily available to the public and lawful to possess in California.<sup>19</sup>

#### a. California Transfer Restrictions in the Context of Trusts

Recall that in California, all firearm transfers must generally be processed through a CFD. And for a CFD to lawfully deliver the firearm, the person must present clear evidence of identity and age. Although a trust is a legal entity, there does not appear to be any method in which the trust itself can obtain a California driver’s license or California identification card. Nor is there any method in which a CFD can lawfully transfer ownership and/or possession of a firearm to more than one person (or in the case of a trust, more than a single trustee). In other words, although California law does not expressly prohibit the transfer of a firearm to a trust, and arguably even contemplates such transfers in certain respects, the procedural requirements placed on a CFD generally preclude such transfers from taking place.

This means the firearm can only be transferred to a single trustee, and only in a personal capacity. Any subsequent transfer to a beneficiary will require another transfer in accordance with all applicable laws. Given California’s restrictions on certain firearms such as “assault weapons,” subsequent transfers to a beneficiary may be difficult or even flatly prohibited.

#### b. Operation of Law Exceptions and Trusts in California

As stated above, Penal Code sections 27920 and 27925 are the only two exceptions that expressly contemplate the transfer of a firearm to a trustee via operation of law. Meaning the transfer of a firearm in such circumstances need not be processed through a CFD. But as stated in Penal Code section 27920, such transfers still require the person taking possession to “submit a report” to CADOJ, in a manner prescribed by CADOJ, within 30 days.<sup>20</sup>

The form CADOJ has adopted for such transfers is “BOF 4522A (Rev. 01/2020): Report of Operation of Law or Intra-Familial Firearm Transaction.”<sup>21</sup> As stated on this form, “[o]nly one applicant” may submit the form, nor can this form be used to report ownership of any “assault weapons.” What’s more, applicants must submit their California driver’s license or California identification card number, date of birth, place of birth, residential address, and citizenship information, all of which is used for a background check to “determine whether [the applicant is] lawfully eligible to possess firearms.” Clearly, this form cannot be submitted on behalf of a trust itself. Instead, only a single trustee can submit the form. Practically, the form mirrors that of a DROS used by a CFD to process a firearm transfer. This is because the information in both circumstances is used to conduct a background check and generate a record of the transaction in CADOJ’s AFS database.

This leaves the exception outlined in Penal Code section 27925 for persons who take possession by operation of law in a representative capacity and subsequently transfer ownership to themselves in an individual

<sup>19</sup> Because firearms regulated by the National Firearms Act of 1934 are generally illegal to possess in California absent very limited and strict exceptions, they will not be discussed in this bulletin. More information about such trusts can be found in the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the California Gun Laws Book, available for pre-order online at <https://californiariflepistol.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/californiariflepistol/giftstore.jsp>.

<sup>20</sup> And in the case of a transfer to a trustee of a trust that is not under court supervision or part of a will created with the trust, the trustee must also possess a valid FSC before taking title or possession.

<sup>21</sup> Available online at <https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/firearms/forms/oplaw.pdf> (last visited Sept. 13, 2022).

<sup>17</sup> Cal. Pen. Code § 16990.

<sup>18</sup> See Cal. Pen. Code § 27545.



capacity. But once again, this exception merely allows such transfers to take place without going through a CFD. Unlike Penal Code section 27920, however, this exception does not require a report to be submitted to CADOJ. Even so, the application of this exception in the context of a trust would be limited to the situation where a trustee takes title and possession in a personal capacity (essentially now a beneficiary). Such situations likely create no real benefit as the trustee would already be in possession of the firearm, and California law would not consider a transfer having taken place (the firearm was already transferred to the beneficiary in their capacity as trustee).

#### IV. OTHER ESTATE PLANNING TOOLS

Setting aside the issues surrounding a trust, there are of course other estate planning tools that can be used by California gun owners to properly pass down their firearms. Such tools, however, may still trigger a requirement that the firearms be processed through probate. Be sure to discuss with an attorney what options you may have, including their benefits and drawbacks.

##### a. CRPA Foundation

California gun owners should also know that in the event they do not know who or how to distribute their firearms upon their passing, one option would be to donate their collection to the CRPA Foundation. For years, CRPA has been receiving such donations to keep special interest programs going in California against all odds. Such donations are used for the direct benefit of California gun owners in the form of grants that seek to educate and benefit women, gun collectors, hunters, target shooters, law enforcement, adaptive shooters, and those who choose to own a gun to defend themselves and their families. To learn more, visit <https://crpa.org/crpa-foundation/>.

#### V. CONCLUSION

The complex requirements of California's firearm transfer requirements appear to act as a practical bar to the creation of a trust where the firearms are to be transferred to the trust itself. This leaves California gun owners with the options of creating a will or other estate planning document that dictate how their firearm collection should be handled upon their passing. While a trust may still have some other benefit to a California gun owner, any such benefit should be discussed with an attorney knowledgeable in the laws as applied to wills and trusts.

#### For More Information

For more information, be sure to visit CRPA's website at [www.CRPA.org](http://www.CRPA.org). And be sure to subscribe to CRPA email alerts to stay informed on the latest developments.

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# OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE

**F**or decades, the political calendar has been predictable in terms of the normal two-year cycle between presidential and midterm

elections. Those who interact directly with the election process from start to finish operate on a calendar, and one important date is the primary start date for the next election. In the case of the 2024 election cycle in California, the big date is "Super Tuesday" (March 5, 2024) when 14 states hold their primaries. Generally speaking, most candidates announce in the fall preceding the primary.

Representative Katie Porter, who was elected to represent the 45th congressional district formerly held by Republican Mimi Walters, is advancing the election cycle. Porter now represents the 47th congressional district (after redistricting) following a very narrow race, beating her opponent Scott Baugh by less than 10,000 votes in a race that took days to count. The whiteboard-wielding former student of Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth



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► **Rep. Katie Porter** announced she'd seek to fill Sen. Diane Feinstein's seat in the U.S. Senate. She's shown here at the In Style Awards on November 15, 2021 in Los Angeles, CA. (SHUTTERSTOCK)

Warren, who promised she was there for her district, announced in less than two months after winning reelection that she is seeking to replace Senator Diane Feinstein. She did so without Feinstein declaring she wouldn't seek another term.

The January 10th announcement did several things at once in our 2024 election cycle. Porter was able to move out

in front of what will be a crowded field and raise \$1.3 million in Feinstein's backyard (the Bay Area) in less than 24 hours. The battlefield she began has opened several possible opportunities that could change the political landscape for years to come.

The 47th district is comprised of Long Beach, a longtime democratic stronghold in Los Angeles County, and



the more conservative Orange County coastal cities of Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Irvine, and portions of other cities. The Second Amendment community got very active in supporting pro-2A candidates and a very expensive 2022 election cycle saw several pro-2A candidates win election despite being outspent by their opponents. Former Assemblyman Scott Baugh, who lost in 2022 by a slim margin in one of the hottest contested races, will be running again.

Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (known as RBK in the Capitol) is a force in Bay Area politics and, as of the writing of this article, has neither declared her intentions of running or who she will support for the U.S. Senate seat. This may be one of the reasons Porter took her whiteboard show to the Bay Area to secure those much-needed votes to win. She also got her first national profile endorsement from Senator Elizabeth Warren two days after her announcement. The truth is that this strategy will lead to a very competitive race.

The race for the Senate will open at least two other seats as Representative Barbara Lee, the 12 term who now represents California's 13th dis-



► **Rep. Adam Schiff** announced his run for the U.S. Senate, opening up a battle for his seat in the House. (SHUTTERSTOCK)

trict in Oakland and Alameda, brings considerable political clout to the race and opens her House seat to new contenders. The question is, will Porter or Lee both be able to invade the other's territory to get enough votes. The answer has yet another variable in the form of nationally known Representative Adam Schiff. Schiff, who currently represents the 30th district comprised of cities in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel valley areas, has served in

Congress since 2001. He brings a large fundraising machine and an estimated \$20 million in reserves along with his national celebrity to the race.

Now that those seats are open, let's go back to the 47th district that Porter is vacating, and that Scott Baugh is seeking election in. The democratic lineup begins with Porter already endorsing one of the most anti-2A legislators in the Capitol in the form of Senator David Min, who has made it his mission to end all firearms activities on state owned property. He has led the charge in the Senate to end gun shows in California. Min will be challenged by Harley Rouda, a fellow Democrat, for the 47th seat.

Min declaring he will not seek reelection has caused Josh Newman, a Democrat, to seek election to the 37th district. This will, in turn, open opportunities as politicians looking to advance to a higher seat will open their seats. This one move by Feinstein, and those made by the three Congressional Representatives, Porter, Lee, and Schiff, will result in the need for both parties to spend serious money to gain ground in these areas and make grassroots action critical to success, as demonstrated by the close

2022 election here in California.

The time for activists to get started is here and now. Let's look at the offices to be vacated by lawmakers "terming out."

California Assembly Members terming out in 2024 are:

- Jim Patterson (R) District 8, Fresno
- Phil Ting (D) District 19, San Francisco,
- Freddie Rodriguez (D) District 53,

Pomona,

- Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D) District 57, Los Angeles,
- Anthony Rendon (D) District 62, Lakewood,
- Marie Waldron (R) District 75, Valley Center and
- Brian Maienschein (D)- District 76, San Diego.

Notables that term out in 2026 may decide to jump toward another office:

- Jim Wood (D) District 2, Healdsburg
- James Gallagher (R) District 3, Yuba City
- Kevin McCarty (D) District 6, Sacramento
- Mike Gipson (D) District 65, Carson
- Sharon Quirk Silva (D) District 67, Fullerton

Each of these openings, plus a possible half-dozen more, will create numerous challengers opening lower city and county government seats up for new voices to emerge.

The state Senate will also see many familiar faces leave such as Republican Brian Dahle, who ran against Newsom for governor in 2022, and who will term out of his seat in District 1. Others leaving the Senate include:

- Bill Dodd (D) District 3, Napa
- Susan Eggman (D) District 5, Stockton
- Nancy Skinner (D) District 9, Berkeley
- Scott Wilk (R) District 21, Santa Clarita
- Anthony Portantino (D) District 25, Burbank
- Richard Roth (D) District 31, Riverside
- Steven Bradford (D) District 35, Gardena
- Toni Atkins (D) District 39, San Diego

These vacancies will add additional opportunities to get new people into office in your local area.

Now is the time for our community to get potential candidates connected to voters early on by introducing them to groups to get their message out early. Every one of us has a group we can extend an invitation to. We will be hiring new leaders in 22 months that will have a profound impact on future generations. Now is the time to act to secure a better tomorrow. **CRPA**



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# SAN JOSE INSPECTIONS OF GUN SHOPS IS **DUPLICATIVE** AND **HARASSING**

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

**T**he City of San Jose is at it again in its quest to restrict and end gun rights in the city. The city did not like the fact that gun stores there already are inspected by both state and federal agencies, so they decided the local police department needed a hand in conducting more inspections of these lawful businesses. Now, the city auditor has launched a report about the bang-up job the San Jose Police are doing in conducting inspections that they know nothing about.

Just last year, former Mayor Sam Liccardo was sued and lost over not releasing records through public records act requests, and now the city is concerned that there are “gaps” in the information they are getting from the local police inspections. Maybe they are just upset that they are not finding any infractions that

could close down local gun shops?

The city auditor released a report where the inspectors are just as much to blame as anyone. The inspectors are using checklists and documents that are out of date and do not align with current legal requirements for gun shops. It seems that even anti-gun San Jose has trouble keeping up with all of the regulations the gun industry faces.

Interestingly enough, most of the findings in the auditor’s report are about the increases in crime in the city and not about gun shop owners failing in their duties to properly vet customers. With some districts in the city reporting over a 40% increase in crimes with firearms, aggravated assaults and robberies, and illegal possessions, there is no doubt that the city wants the police to crack down.

The problem is that, once again, the city is going after the wrong group of people. Just last year, we

saw San Jose attempt to implement the failing Gun Harm Protection Act that forces law-abiding gun owners to carry insurance in the hopes of somehow stopping the gun violence caused by the criminals in the city. Now, we see the city once again going after gun shop owners instead of the criminals that actually cause gun crime in the city. Problems that plague the city are not even the fault of the gun stores!

Gun stores in San Jose already require a city license, video surveillance, and audio recordings for every purchase. Most gun owners, who are already licensed through the federal government and the state, are not going to chance losing their businesses by intentionally disregarding the law and selling to prohibited persons. Regardless of the compliant gun shops, the media released the report stating there are “holes” in the inspections and making it sound like this falls on the shoulders of our FFLs. The city is also looking at increasing the dealer fees and application costs which are already over \$1,000, which is the cost just to open the doors.

Where the city has all kinds of recommendations and findings against gun shop owners, the report did not have any recommendations on how to combat the city’s firearm-related crime incidents in the city. It seems that the City of San Jose will continue to hide its head in the sand and not address criminal activity but will continue to attack lawful businesses and lawful gun owners. **CRPA**

*The report referenced in this article (Office of the City Auditor Report to the City Council, City of San José, FIREARM REGULATIONS: THE CITY SHOULD UPDATE PROCEDURES AROUND GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS AND FIREARM BUSINESS INSPECTIONS) is available at [www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/92902](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/92902)*

# ANALOGICAL REASONING AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT

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**I**n *Bruen*, the U.S. Supreme Court held that “when the Second Amendment’s plain text covers an individual’s conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct.” To justify a regulation, “the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.” And that depends on whether there is a relevantly similar historical analogue.

In assessing a modern restriction, “this historical inquiry that courts must conduct will often involve reasoning by analogy—a commonplace task for any lawyer or judge.” A green truck is not relevantly similar to a green hat if the subject is things you can wear. I would add that an antebellum ban on carrying a Bowie knife concealed is not relevantly similar to a current ban on possession of a rifle or magazine. As *Bruen* instructs, we look at “how and why the [modern and historical] regulations burden a law-abiding citizen’s right to armed self-defense.” Under that test,

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a modern requirement to register all guns would not be analogous to a historical requirement that a militiaman must exhibit his musket at muster.

While a historical analogue need not be “a dead ringer,” *Bruen* cautions courts not to “uphold every modern law that remotely resembles a historical analogue,” because doing so “risk[s] endorsing outliers that our ancestors would never have accepted.” The analo-

gies must be from the Founding period and, if they confirm Founding history, from later periods—but not too much later. For example, there were at least some laws at the Founding restricting firearms in polling places, legislative assemblies, and courthouses. Later history can be looked at to confirm whether this matured into an enduring tradition or was instead a dead end that should not be used to define the



scope of the right.

In his *Bruen* dissent, Justice Breyer asked, “will the Court’s approach permit judges to reach the outcomes they prefer and then cloak those outcomes in the language of history?” He quotes Saul Cornell describing “law office history” as “a results-oriented methodology in which evidence is selectively gathered and interpreted to produce a preordained conclusion.” Cornell is further cited for arguing that *Heller* was wrongly decided. Indeed, Cornell joined in an amicus curiae brief in *Heller* claiming that “the private keeping of firearms was manifestly not the right that the framers of the Bill of Rights guaranteed in 1789.”

But Professor Cornell engages in what I call “history office law,” which means that some historians make claims about legal history to reach preordained conclusions that betray their ignorance of statutory interpretation. A 1795 Massachusetts law made it an offense to “ride or go armed offensively, to the fear or terror of the good citizens of this Commonwealth.” Cornell would cross out everything after “go armed,” as if doing so “offensively” and in a manner that created “fear or terror” to others were not elements of the crime. Such distortions are routine on the part of anti-Second Amendment historians.

So, Justice Breyer is correct that some judges and others may write “to produce a preordained conclusion,” but his alternative of “interest balancing” through means-ends scrutiny is far worse, because it actually encourages that tendency. His dissent in *Heller* was preordained to find that D.C.’s handgun ban was valid because the D.C. Council said that handguns were used in crime, and that interest outweighs the Second Amendment. And in *Bruen*, his policy choices are revealed again in his concern that the historical approach will “make it nearly impossible to sustain common-sense regulations necessary

to our Nation’s safety and security.”

Regarding the limited “sensitive places” where firearms may be restricted, Justice Breyer asks: “So where does that leave the many locations in a modern city with no obvious 18th- or 19th-century analogue? What about subways, nightclubs, movie theaters, and sports stadiums?” But there are analogues, and they illustrate how historically gun possession is the default

answer. At the Founding, travelers rode on sometimes-lonely roads, taverns serving spirits abounded, parades were frequent, and plays had been around since Shakespeare. And sports? There were shooting matches and festivals, rowdy crowds gathered for wrestling and cockfighting, and of course there was horse racing. And no gun bans were ever enacted to cover any of these circumstances.



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Speaking of which, *Bruen* sparked a new episode that might be entitled: The Empire (State) Strikes Back. *Bruen* had admonished that “there is no historical basis for New York to effectively declare the island of Manhattan a ‘sensitive place’ simply because it is crowded and protected generally by the New York City Police Department.” So, New York enacted a law that made so many places off limits to carry a handgun that it is basically impossible to carry in any meaningful way. Reasoning by analogy shows why New York’s approach is unconstitutional.

New York bans carry in churches, even with the approval of the church leadership. But there are *zero* analogies from the Founding for banning guns in churches. That doesn’t mean the

Founding generation did not understand the risk of violence faced by people congregated together to worship. But their response to that risk was not to disarm the congregation but rather, in several colonies, to *require* individuals to bring their arms to church. Thus, the Founding generation’s principle for dealing with gatherings of individuals who may be vulnerable to danger *was to arm them*, not to disarm them and strip them of the right to defend themselves. This principle undermines not only a ban on carrying in churches but also the rationale for many bans on guns in so-called sensitive places generally.

New York also bans carry in all public parks. But again, New York cannot point to any flat bans on carrying

firearms in the many green spaces and commons at the Founding that were the equivalent of today’s parks. Instead, what we sometimes find are restrictions on *discharging* firearms in a few of these areas. And as *Heller* said, it is likely that using a firearm in self-defense would not be viewed as a violation of these laws. So, the Founding era’s strategy of regulating firearms in these types of public spaces was not to *disarm* people, but rather to prevent irresponsible shooting in some places frequented by the public. Indeed, only restricting discharge assumes that people *will* carry.

New York has also mandated that on private property, including businesses open to the public, carry is prohibited. Only express authorization of the own-



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CRPA works tirelessly and relentlessly to defend the civil and constitutional rights of individuals to choose to responsibly own and use firearms. Every dollar that CRPA receives from its members and donors stays and works in California to support your hunting and Second Amendment rights and the fight back against politicians, elitists and bureaucrats who would deprive individuals of those rights.

Through its Sacramento and local legal and political advocates, CRPA works in the state capital, in regulatory agencies and in city halls throughout California to promote laws that protect these rights and to oppose laws that infringe on these rights.

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er or lessee allows a visitor to carry. For historical support, New York has pointed primarily to Founding era *hunting* regulations. But these regulations cannot be valid analogues. How they restricted carry was much milder than New York's sweeping ban—they generally only applied to enclosed land or fields and not to businesses held open to the public. And they restricted carry to regulate hunting, not because of a concern that gun carrying was simply too dangerous.

Preliminary injunctions have been issued in some of the challenges to New York's sweeping bans on carry, but the Second Circuit has stayed the orders, allowing continued enforcement. Nationwide, litigation is being actively pursued regarding other restrictions, particularly prohibitions on modern rifles and standard magazines. Only time will tell the extent to which the courts will faithfully apply *Bruen's* text and history test and avoid the temptation to slip back into means-ends scrutiny. **CRPA**

# BOTH SIDES: ARMED SELF-DEFENSE **FAR OUTWEIGHS** THE NUMBER OF CRIMINAL USES OF GUNS

BY ROB MORSE

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**F**acts are important, but knowledge is even better.

Thousands of people die each year from adverse reactions to prescription drugs. Perspective tells us that at the same time, modern medicines save millions of lives.

It is a piece of the puzzle to know that we have over 30,000 fatal car crashes each year. But we need to see the whole picture to understand we'd live in a vastly different society and be at greater risk if we were riding horses or walking to work every day.

Likewise, we see criminals and crazy people use firearms to hurt others. What we are not shown nearly as often (for some reason) is when honest citizens use firearms in self-defense and to stop mass murder.

I want to look at the *whole* picture rather than just the twisted images we are fed by the mainstream media. Of course, shock and outrage sell advertising, but we need to know how often guns are used to save lives in America.

**Violent crime is real, and we are at risk.** In order to understand how

often we defend ourselves with a gun, you first have to see how much violent crime happens every day. We saw criminals commit about 1.2 million violent crimes in 2019, and as many as 4.5 million in 2020. That's over 12,000 violent crimes *each day*. Violent crime includes aggravated assault, robbery, rape, non-negligent manslaughter, and murder. Recent data shows that criminals used a firearm in a violent crime over a third of a million times each year.

**Taking all the guns away from criminals wouldn't stop violent crime.** Only eight percent of violent crimes involve the criminal using a firearm. That means if we somehow disarm every criminal and all the honest citizens, most violent crime would still continue as before. The difference is more of the victims would be disarmed. We aren't told how few criminals use a gun by the FBI or by the news media. Instead, we believe what we see from Hollywood where every bad guy has a machine gun.

**Many honest citizens own firearms.** About 4-in-10 of us live in a home where someone owns a firearm. If you don't have a firearm in your home, then your neighbor probably does. It horrifies people like

Gavin Newsom, Kathy Hochul, and Phil Murphy, but that's true even in rabidly anti-gun states like California, New York, and New Jersey.

**Self-defense is common, too.** We defend ourselves with a firearm more than 4,300 times a day. That is a conservative number and some researchers have put the average closer to 6,800 times a day. That is good news, but the better news is we don't have to press the trigger very often. Usually, we shout that we have a gun, and the burglar runs away. We only pull the trigger in one out of five defensive uses of a gun. The number of criminals who were killed by gun owners is almost exactly the same number of criminals who were shot and killed by the police. That's less than a thousand a year. Gun owners stop a lot of crimes and save a lot of lives while showing a great deal of restraint. I wonder why we don't hear much about these self-defense stories every day since armed citizens are so virtuous.

**The news distorts our picture of the world.** We read about armed criminals robbing a convenience store. The news shows us when a crazy person commits mass murder to get their face and their manifesto on the news.



In contrast, we have to dig to find a story where guns save lives. In fact, armed defense is several times more common than the criminal uses of a firearm. Given how often they happen, the media over-report the criminal uses and vastly under-report lawful armed self-defense. The distortion isn't a few percent, but over a thousand-fold. No wonder we don't have a clear picture of gun use in the United States.

**You may think that gun control laws would stop some violent criminals from using a gun.** That's because you and I follow society's rules. We work and plan so that we don't hurt other people. Criminals hurt people every day. They plan to hurt their victims and they want to do it easily and reliably. They commit robbery, assault, rape and murder and they don't care if a law says they can't have a gun in their hand or in their car as they drive away from the scene of the crime. We already have over 23,000 firearms regulations on the books. If gun control stopped criminals from breaking the law, we'd already live in the utopia civilian disarmament advocates dream of. Sadly, some of those laws actually do more harm than good.

**We have not found a way to disarm criminals without also disarming honest citizens.** Looking at the data, it appears that making more disarmed victims actually makes it easier for violent criminals to commit crimes and victimize them. For each criminal who uses a gun in the commission of a violent crime, there are about a dozen violent criminals who did not. If we disarmed all the violent criminals who use guns, then the other criminals would still continue to go about their criminal business. We wouldn't reduce crime much at all. Perversely, what gun control has actually done is to leave many honest citizens disarmed.

Putting up more procedural and financial hurdles to owning and carrying a gun discourages people from owning them. Armed self-defense is so frequent that disarming more of the good guys means more good people will be victimized or injured.

**What is true of common street crime is even more applicable when we look at mass murder and celebrity murder.** Many of our gun control laws have made mass murder easier for killers. We know that most mass murderers aren't afraid to die, but they are afraid of failing. Creating "gun-free zones" means creating spaces where aspiring mass murderers know their intended victims will be disarmed and easy to kill. It turns out that thin plastic "No Guns" signs protect the property owner, but they don't protect the customers. "No-guns allowed" signs stop lawsuits, but they don't stop bullets. Mass murderers look for so-called "gun-free" zones 98 percent of the time. That's far too often to be a coincidence. If we want to fine gun manufacturers because a criminal used a gun, we should also fine politicians who created the "gun-free" zones where criminals hunt us.

**Fortunately, we know what stops mass murderers.** About one of every twelve adults are legally armed in public today. These honest citizens have stopped more than half of the mass-murders — before police can get there — where potential victims were allowed to go armed. Honest gun owners stop violence in public just as they stop violence in their homes.

**We are not all the same.** We may watch the same "fake-believe" dramas on television, but we live in different circumstances. Violent crime rose sharply in the last few years. We saw public violence on TV, but most of us didn't see that violence in our neighborhoods. That's because violence is

relatively concentrated rather than being spread out. Most counties in the U.S. won't have a single murder of any kind this year. More than half of our murders happen in only two percent of our most violent counties. Even within those violent counties, violence is concentrated into a few particularly violent zip codes. That means one-size-fits-all solutions don't work.

**First, do no harm.** Gun control laws clearly don't disarm the violent criminals in Los Angeles, in Chicago, or in Baltimore. We see evidence of that every night on the news. When we think about it, we wouldn't expect gun-control laws to help cities where crime is already low. What those gun-control laws have done is made it harder for more honest citizens to defend themselves. That costs lives because armed self-defense is so common.

**There is a lot to know but we already know a lot.** Now you know that there are two sides to this argument, even if you don't hear much about one side. Guns are used both to commit crimes and in armed-defense situations to stop them. We know the size of each side. Armed self-defense is common and happens far more often than armed criminal violence.

**We know what doesn't work.** We've had gun control imposed on us for decades and those laws have done nothing to reduce violent crime. It's an insane fantasy to expect a different result when we have done the same thing over and over and it fails time after time.

**It's easy for politicians to pass more gun control laws and to issue more press releases.** That is what politicians do. They announce that they've *done something*. They say we need more gun control if we want to reduce violent crime. Now that you know the facts, I trust your judgment more than I trust our politicians. **CRPA**

# OVERCOMING MYTH WITH FACTS: ASSORTED GUN INSIGHTS

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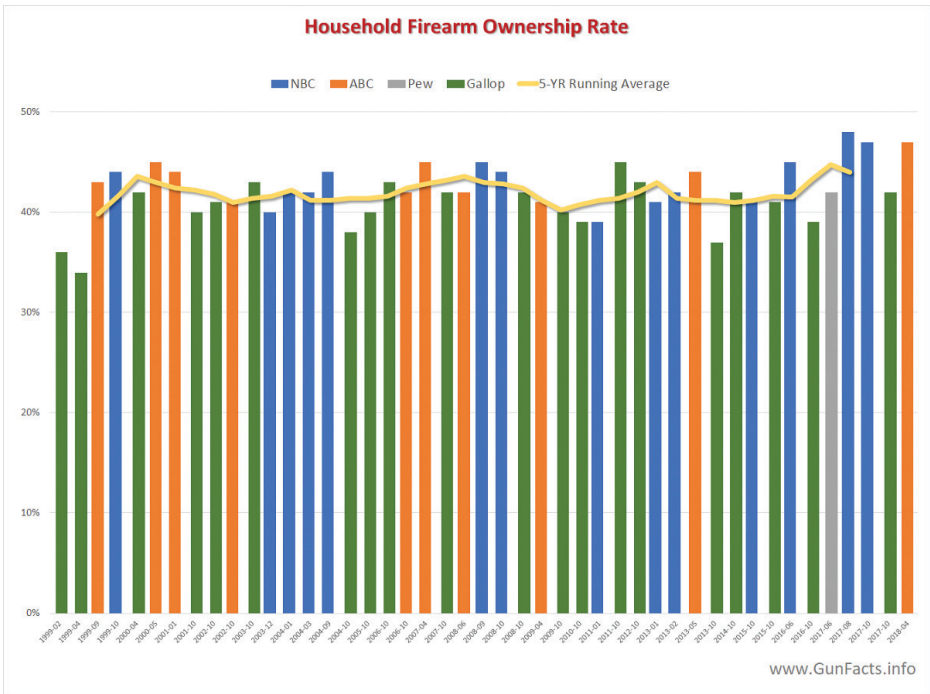
## MYTH: 30,000 PEOPLE ARE KILLED WITH GUNS EVERY YEAR.

**Fact:** 61% of these deaths are suicides (80% in Canada). Numerous studies have shown that the presence or absence of a firearm does not change the overall (i.e., gun plus non-gun) suicide rate. This 30,000 number also includes justifiable homicides (self-defense) and accidents.

## MYTH: THE BRADY CAMPAIGN HAS A GOOD RANKING SYSTEM OF STATE GUN CONTROL LAWS.

**Fact:** Two surveys (ABC and Gallup) consistently showed household ownership rates remaining steady over multiple decades. Two others (Pew and GSS) showed ownership dropping. The former reported on registered voters, who have to be citizens to vote in federal elections. The latter polled everyone regardless of citizenship status. With the non-citizen population growing 37% in less than 30 years, and now claiming about 11% of the total population, this is a key differentiator. Pew changed their methodology in 2017, and their estimate is now in line with the other three surveys.

**Fact:** There is zero correlation between the letter grades given by the Brady Campaign and the violent



## MYTH: GUN OWNERSHIP IS FALLING IN THE UNITED STATES.

Poll	Gun Ownership Trend	Registered Voter Isolation
ABC/Post	Steady	Yes
Gallup	Steady	Yes
Pew	Declining	No
GSS	Declining	No

**Fact:** All three of the long-term tracking polls show a consistent or slightly rising household firearm ownership rate. A fourth poll, after changing their methodology, fell into alignment with the other three.



crime or murder rate in those states, making the Brady grade irrelevant (see supplied chart).

**Fact:** The states that the Brady campaign rank first and last have nearly identical violent crime rates.

#### MYTH: 1,000 PEOPLE DIE EACH DAY FROM GUNS.

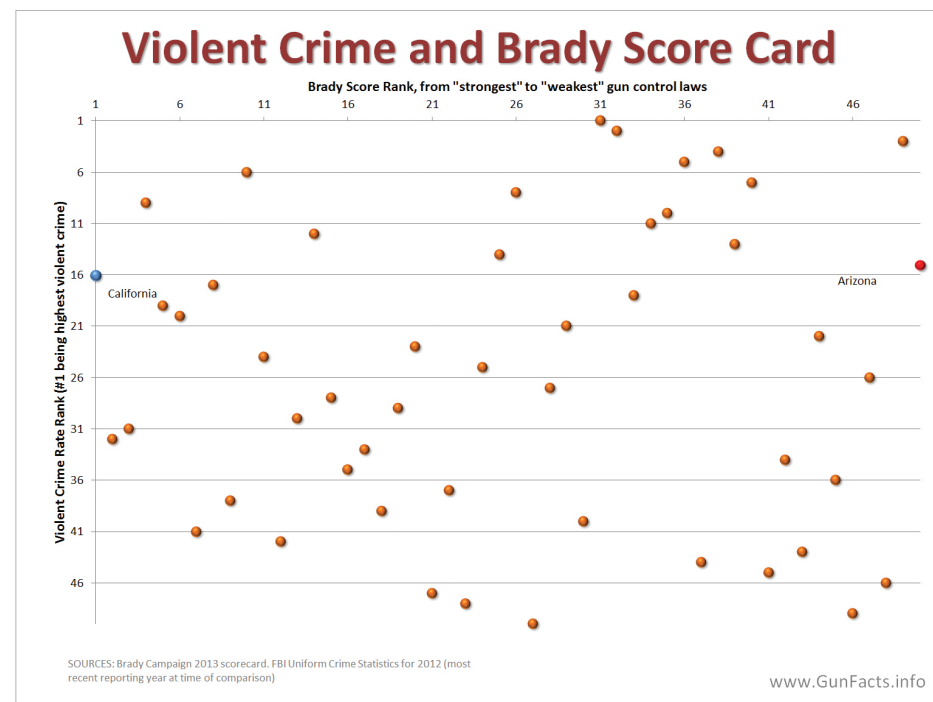
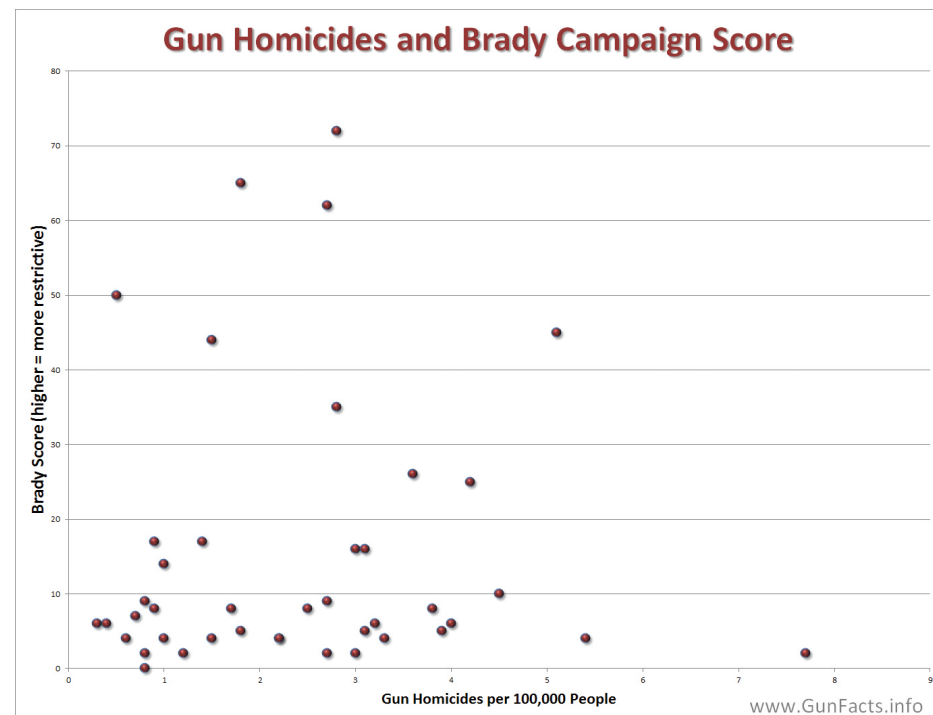
**Fact:** 25% of this unreliable figure includes “direct war deaths,” and another 14% are suicides. The bulk of the rest come from violence-prone and near-lawless localities.

**Fact:** The source for this raw data admits, “A complete dataset on people killed in conflict—directly or indirectly—does not exist. All published figures are *estimates* based on *incomplete information*.”

**Fact:** Indeed, the definition of “gun” seems to be very broad: “... revolvers and self-loading pistols, carbines, assault rifles, sub-machine guns, and light machine guns.” Light weapons are “... heavy machine guns, hand-held under-barrel and mounted grenade launchers, portable anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns, recoilless rifles, portable launchers of anti-tank and anti-aircraft missile systems, and mortars of less than 100mm caliber.” And they admit to the problem of a broad definition: “The Survey uses the terms ‘small arms,’ ‘firearms,’ and ‘weapons,’ interchangeably. Unless the context dictates otherwise, no distinction is intended between commercial firearms (e.g. hunting rifles), and small arms and “light” weapons designed for military use (e.g. assault rifles).”

#### MYTH: HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES LEAD TO MORE DEADLY SHOOTINGS.

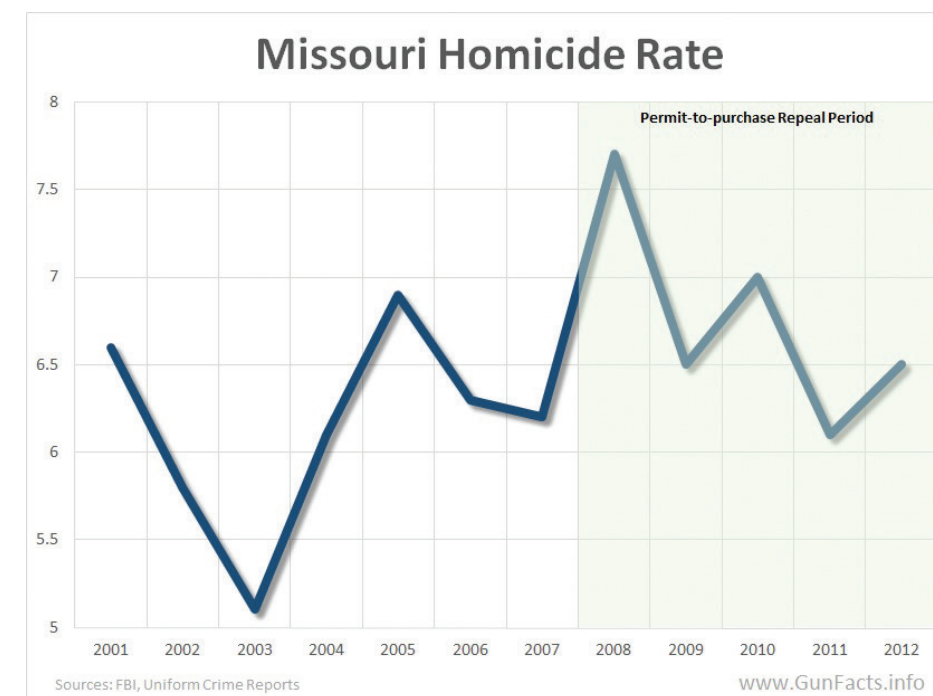
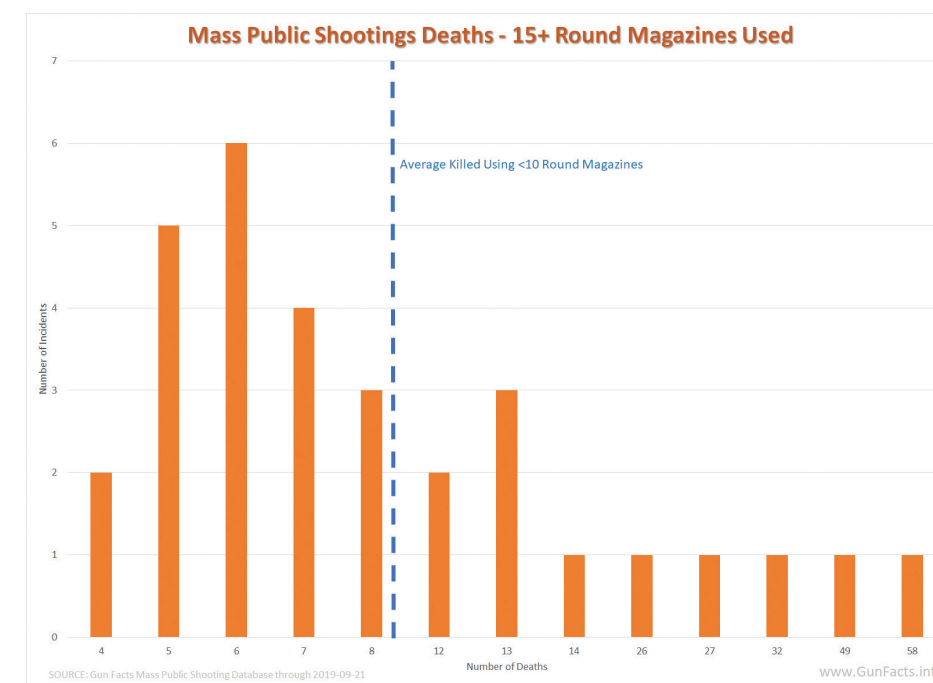
**Fact:** Much of this myth comes from the fact that the general availability of high-capacity handguns briefly preceded the rise in the crack



cocaine trade, which brought a new kind of violence in local drugs wars.

**Fact:** The number of shots fired by criminals has not changed significantly even with the increased capacity of handguns and other fire-

arms. Indeed, the number of shots from revolvers (all within 6-8 round capacity) and semi-automatics were about the same – 2.04 vs. 2.53. In a crime or gun battle, there is seldom time or need to shoot more.



**Fact:** For mass public shootings the cluster of deaths per incident show that (a) the number of available victims is the key factor in deadliness and (b) a small number of one-time, high-end events (all Cattle Pen Scenarios) are the primary factor.

**Fact:** The average magazine swap

time for a non-expert shooter is 2-3 seconds. In the case of the Newtown Sandy Hook massacre, the murderer performed 10 magazine changes, or about 30 of the approximately 600 seconds that lapsed from him entering the building to when the police arrived. A 10-round restriction would

have raised it to only 46 seconds and thus would have saved nobody.

**Fact:** Firearm homicides declined from 6.3 to 4.2 (per 100,000 population) from 1981 through 1998, when the increase in semi-automatics and large capacity handguns were rising at a fast rate. Fatal shootings of police officers declined sharply from 1988 through 1993.

**Fact:** Drug dealers tend to be “more deliberate in their efforts to kill their victims by shooting them multiple times.”

#### MYTH: “UNIVERSAL” BACKGROUND CHECKS WILL REDUCE CRIME.

**Fact:** California’s comprehensive background check “was not associated with a net change in the firearm homicide rate over the ensuing 10 years in California.”

**Fact:** With nearly 40% of crime guns coming from black-market street dealers peddling stolen and recycled guns, and another 40% coming from “acquaintance” purchases (friends, other criminals, illegal straw sales) expanded background checks won’t stop these already off-the-radar transfers.

**Fact:** Police don’t think so – 80% surveyed reject the notion.

#### MYTH: HOMICIDES WENT UP WHEN MISSOURI REPEALED THEIR PERMIT-TO-PURCHASE (LICENSING) LAW.

**Fact:** The homicide rate in Missouri has actually dropped in that period, according to the FBI’s Universal Crime Reporting data.

#### MYTH: CONNECTICUT’S PERMIT AND BACKGROUND LAW CAUSED HOMICIDE TO FALL BY 40%.

**Fact:** This “study” did not use historical homicide data. Instead it created a statistical model of a “synthetic Connecticut” that was comprised



using 72% of Rhode Island's data. It is also worth noting that Connecticut's homicide rate was already in free-fall before the law was passed, dropping 27% from its high in 1993.

**MYTH: THE "POWERFUL GUN INDUSTRY" STOPS ALL GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION.**

**Fact:** The firearms industry is composed of "small, marginally profitable companies," with combined revenues of \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion per year, making it politically ineffective.

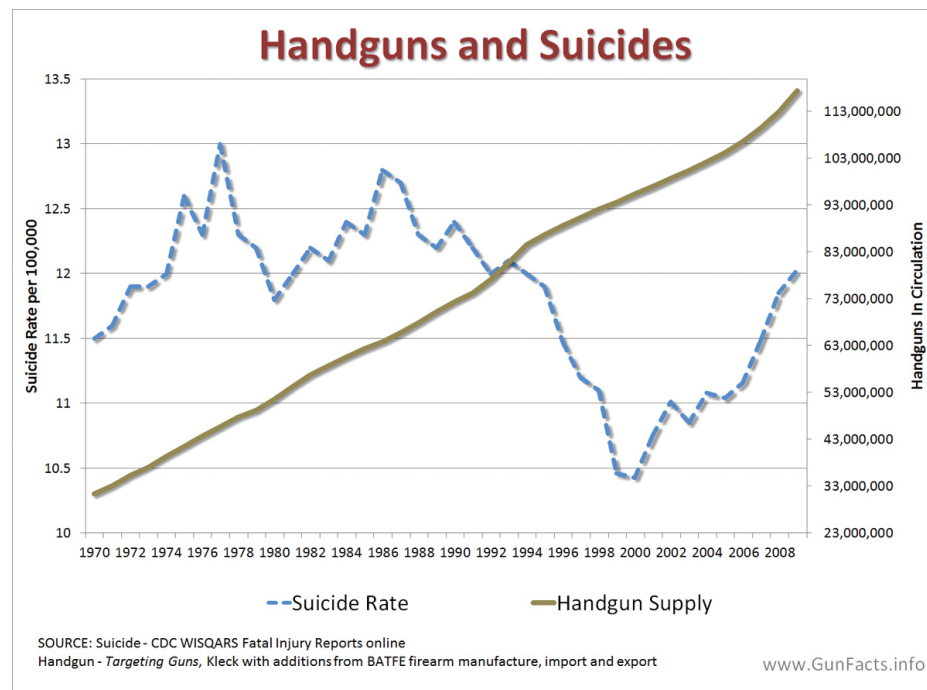
**Fact:** Total political contributions from firearm industry members, PACs and employees was under \$4.4 million in the 2002 election cycle, which made the industry the 64th ranked contributor. Compare that to \$33 million from the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees.

**Fact:** Perhaps the "gun industry" being referenced is the 100+ million adults who peacefully own firearms and do not want their civil rights restricted.

**MYTH: ACCESS TO GUNS INCREASES THE RISK OF SUICIDE.**

**Fact:** The rate of suicide is not affected by the presence of a firearm. This is true in either a time-series analysis (like the supplied chart showing the change in handgun supply in the U.S. over time), or through cross-national analysis. For example, Japan has no private handgun ownership (aside from an extremely limited number of licensed Olympic sport shooters), and yet had a suicide rate more than twice that of the United States in 2002.

**Fact:** The claim derives mainly from one study which has some serious methodology problems including unbalanced high/low state counts, inclusion of Hawaii (a known outlier) and intermixing mental health and



drug use as confounding variables.

**MYTH: STATES WITH BACKGROUND CHECKS AND WAITING PERIODS HAVE LOWER SUICIDE RATES.**

**Fact:** This study ("Handgun Legislation and Changes in Statewide Overall Suicides Rates") had significant methodology flaws, including being a time-series study covering just one year and omitting a number of necessary variables.

**MYTH: STATES WITH THE MOST GUN LAWS SEE THE FEWEST GUN-RELATED DEATHS.**

**Fact:** This study includes suicides, which account for approximately 2/3rd of "gun deaths". As has been shown before, gun availability does not change the probability of a successful suicide.

**MYTH: INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMIT SUICIDE ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE HAD ACCESS TO GUNS.**

**Fact:** This is a classic causal effect. If someone decides to commit sui-

cide, and they choose to use a gun, they will first acquire a gun. As noted before, the total rate of suicide does not change when a gun is present because the victim will choose a different method.

**MYTH: THE ONLY PURPOSE FOR A GUN IS TO KILL PEOPLE.**

**Fact:** Guns are used for self-defense 2,500,000 times a year in the United States.

**Fact:** Guns are used as a deterrent to crime even when no rounds are fired.

**Fact:** Guns are used in sports such as hunting, target practice, practical pistol, scenario simulation, skeet, etc.

**MYTH: 89% OF MAYORS WANT CONGRESS TO CREATE TOUGHER GUN CONTROL LAWS.**

**Fact:** This famously flawed survey (which the publication admitted was not scientific), cherry picked a full 76% of the respondents from the Michael Bloomberg gun-control group Mayors Against Illegal Guns. **CRPA**

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## AS CRIME STATS RISE, THE ASSEMBLY STILL WANTS TO DENY YOUR RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE

### The 2023 Legislative season is still revving up as I write this report.

January saw the tragic incidents in Monterey Park, Half Moon Bay, and others that the anti-Second Amendment politicians wasted little time using to advance their agenda. Senator Anthony Portantino and the co-authors of SB-2 quickly teamed up with Giffords, Brady, and Moms Demand Action to call for more stringent legislation to end gun violence.

The sad facts that most media missed, but carried by the California Globe, that day was, "Had SB-2 or its predecessor SB 918 been in effect, it would not have stopped the tragic incidents it claims to, but it would put more Californians in harm's way." I used that talking point repeatedly to

push home that the legislation proffered does little to nothing to stem *criminal gun violence*. The legislature continues to present bills that hamstring, deny rights, and often attempt to criminalize law abiding citizens. This is done while they relax penalties, give early prison releases, and reduce the ability of law enforcement to do their jobs. The latter is the reason for the drastic increases in violent crime and overall criminal behavior in this state.



**BY RICK TRAVIS**  
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

The legislation presented here is what we know at the time of the writing, and I strongly encourage you to join a CRPA chapter in your area and to monitor the CRPA website at [crpa.org](http://crpa.org) to get the latest legislative updates.

For years, you have witnessed Assemblymember Marc Levine attempt to pass what has been called the "Zombie Bill" because it never truly

dies. Levine termed-out of office at the close of the 2022 session and saw his last attempt to pass AB 1227, which was formerly AB 1223 and AB18, fail. Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel has reintroduced the bill as AB 28 to increase taxes on the sales of firearms, ammunition, and parts. We will strongly continue to oppose this bill.

Gabriel has also introduced two other bills we are opposing – in the form of AB 29 – California's Do Not Sell List and AB 36, which potentially extends domestic violence restraining orders out to six years from the current three years. These bills are misleading and that will be pointed out in future reports and updates.

AB 92 and AB 97 are both bills that seek to increase penalties from misdemeanors to felonies. AB 92 deals with who can and cannot have access to body armor. The authors want to see the California Department of Justice approve a specific list of professions who can possess body armor while they work. This bill threatens the peace of mind of tens of thousands of Californians who have purchased bullet proof backpacks to protect their children at school. This also does not consider firearm instructors, range safety officers, and others. AB 97 seeks to penalize those who have firearms that do not have a serial number. Making this another bill that

**AB 27: TA. SENTENCING: FIREARMS ENHANCEMENTS.**  
**POSITION: SUPPORT**  
Existing law generally authorizes a court to dismiss an action or to strike or dismiss an enhancement in the furtherance of justice. Existing law requires a court to dismiss an enhancement if it is in the furtherance of justice to do so, except if dismissal of that enhancement is prohibited by any initiative statute. This bill would also prohibit a court from dismissing a firearms-related enhancement, as defined.  
**Bill Analysis:** This is a placeholder bill demonstrating the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation in this specific area. Bill language is forthcoming.  
**12/05/22: Bill Introduced**  
**12/08/22: Support Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Support**

**AB 28: GABRIEL. FIREARMS: GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTION TAX.**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE**  
Existing law imposes various taxes, including taxes on the privilege of engaging in certain activities. The Fee Collection Procedures Law, the violation of which is a crime, provides procedures for the collection of certain fees and surcharges.  
**Bill Analysis:** This is a placeholder bill demonstrating the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation in this specific area. Bill language is forthcoming. Authors are showing clear intent they are not accepting multiple failed attempts of passage of this law.  
**12/05/22: Bill Introduced**  
**12/09/22: Opposition Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

**AB 29: GABRIEL: FIREARMS: CALIFORNIA DO NOT SELL LIST.**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE**  
Existing law makes possession of a firearm by certain classes of persons, including a convicted felon, a person convicted of specified misdemeanors, a person that has been found mentally incompetent to stand

trial, a person that has been found not guilty of specified crimes by reason of insanity, or a person that has been placed under conservatorship, a crime. Existing law additionally makes it a crime to sell or give possession of a firearm to these classes of persons. Existing law requires the Department of Justice, upon submission of firearm purchaser information by a licensed firearm dealer, to examine its records to determine whether a potential firearm purchaser is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing, receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm. Existing law requires the department to participate in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.  
**Bill Analysis:** This bill would require medical staff to provide information to those in certain conditions to place themselves on this list. The Legislature is being inconsistent when they argue that people in the various situations may not be able to make informed decisions but then require them to make a decision that could be detrimental.  
**12/05/22: Bill Introduced**  
**12/08/22: Oppose Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

**AB 36: GABRIEL: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM.**  
**POSITION: RECOMMENDED OPPOSE**  
Existing law prohibits a person subject to a protective order, as defined, from owning, possessing, purchasing, or receiving a firearm while that protective order is in effect and makes a willful and knowing violation of a protective order a crime. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to extend that prohibition for an additional 3 years after the expiration of a protective order, unless the court finds the person to not be a threat to public safety.  
**Bill Analysis:** This bill would increase the DVPO from 3 years to 6 years.  
**12/05/22: Bill Introduced**  
**12/08/22: Oppose Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

**AB 64: MATHIS: FISH 7 WILDLIFE: BEAVER. POSITION: WATCH**  
Existing law defines the beaver as a furbearing mammal. Existing law provides various programs related to habitat protection and wildlife conservation. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would improve beaver management and conservation across the state. The bill would make related findings and declarations.  
**Bill Analysis:** This is a placeholder bill demonstrating the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation in this specific area. Bill language is forthcoming.  
**12/05/22: Bill Introduced**  
**12/08/22: Watch Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Watch**

**AB 92: CONNOLLY. BODY ARMOR: PROHIBITION.**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE**  
Existing law makes it a felony for a person who has been convicted of a violent felony to purchase, own, or possess body armor. Existing law authorizes a person subject to that prohibition, whose employment, livelihood, or safety is dependent on the ability to legally possess and use body armor, to file a petition for an exception to the prohibition with the chief of police or county sheriff of the jurisdiction in which the person seeks to possess and use the body armor, as provided.  
**Bill Analysis:** This bill as written would prohibit the use of body armor by firearms instructors, range safety personnel, and others. It would also criminalize parents who purchased body armor for their school children in the form of backpacks, as well as their teachers who have done likewise.  
**01/05/23: Bill Introduced**  
**01/06/23: Opposition Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

**AB 97: RODRIGUEZ. FIREARMS: UNSERIALIZED FIREARMS.**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE**  
This bill would make the possession of an

unserialized firearm or possession of a firearm with an altered, removed, or obliterated serial number punishable as a felony.  
**Bill Analysis:** This bill would change a misdemeanor offense into a felony and would place many law-abiding citizens in a negative situation.  
**01/09/23: Bill Introduced**  
**01/10/23: Opposition Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

**AB 262: HOLDEN. CHILDREN'S CAMPS: REGULATIONS.**  
**FORMERLY**  
**AB 1737 – 2022 SESSION – HOLDEN. CHILDREN'S CAMPS: SAFETY.**  
**SB 995 – 2020 SESSION – PORTANTINO. RECREATIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAMPS. "ROXIE RULES"**  
**SB 217 – 2019 SESSION – PORTANTINO. RECREATIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAMPS. "ROXIE RULES"**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE**  
**Bill Analysis:** This bill is setting up a new state-mandated group to approve or disapprove youth camps based on a stakeholder group with little to no real-world experience in the operation, maintenance or training surrounding a youth shooting range. This appears to be another attempt by the Legislature to restrict firearms activities from youth in California.  
**01/19/23: Bill Introduced**  
**01/20/23: Opposition Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

**SB 2: PORTANTINO. FIREARMS.**  
**SB 918 – 2022 SESSION – PORTANTINO. FIREARMS**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE**  
Existing law prohibits a person from carrying a concealed firearm or carrying a loaded firearm in public. Existing law authorizes a licensing authority, as specified, if good cause exists for the issuance, and subject to certain other criteria including, among other things, the applicant is of good moral character and has completed a specified course of training, to issue a license to carry a concealed

handgun or to carry a loaded and exposed handgun, as specified. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to address the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen* (2022).  
**Bill Analysis:** This bill demonstrates the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation showing they are not accepting multiple failed attempts of passage of this law across the country. This bill does not carry any urgency clause, thus lowering the threshold for passage. It is clearly designed to severely limit, or completely refuse to adhere to the SCOTUS decision in *NYSRPA v. Bruen* as it pertains to the Second Amendment and the use of a concealed carry weapon permit in California.  
**12/05/22: Bill Introduced**  
**12/06/22: Opposition Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

**SB 8: BLAKESPEAR. FIREARMS. GUN INSURANCE.**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE**  
**Bill Analysis:** This bill started as a domestic violence bill and was changed to a gun insurance bill. There was no bill language as we went to print. Check **CRPA.ORG** for the latest update.  
**12/05/22: Bill Introduced**  
**12/06/22: Opposition Recommended**  
**01/26/23: Authors Press Release Changing Bill**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

**SB 54: SKINNER. FIREARMS.**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE**  
Existing law requires any firearm sold, transferred, or manufactured in this state to include certain firearm safety devices and the packaging of any firearm and any descriptive material that accompany any firearm to bear a label with a specified warning statement. Existing law makes a violation of these provisions punishable by a fine on the first offense, a fine and prohibition from the manufacturing or selling of firearms in this state for 30 days on the second offense, and

a permanent prohibition from the manufacturing or selling of firearms in this state on the third offense. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to these provisions.  
**Bill Analysis:** This bill as written is a language clean-up bill replacing the phrase "this state" with "the state".  
**12/05/22: Bill Introduced**  
**12/06/22: Watch Recommended**  
**01/26/23: Opposition Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

**SB 64: UMBERG. HATE CRIMES: SEARCH WARRANTS.**  
**POSITION: OPPOSE**  
Existing law allows a search warrant to be issued upon probable cause, supported by affidavit, naming, or describing the person to be searched or searched for, and particularly describing the property, thing, or things and the place to be searched. Existing law also specifies the grounds upon which a search warrant may be issued, including, among other grounds, when the property or things to be seized constitute, evidence showing that a felony has been committed. This bill would authorize a search warrant to be issued on the grounds that the property or things to be seized consists of evidence that tends to show that certain misdemeanor hate crimes, as defined, have occurred, or are occurring. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to these provisions.  
**Bill Analysis:** This bill as written is a language clean-up bill replacing the phrase "this state" with "the state".  
**01/05/23: Bill Introduced**  
**01/06/23: Watch Recommended**  
**01/26/23: Opposition Recommended**  
**01/26/23: CRPA Approved Opposition**

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can potentially cause serious harm to a law-abiding citizen.  
Last year, we saw AB 2571 directly attack numerous youth shooting sports, hunting, and other youth-focused shooting sports programs. Legislators used one manufacturer's product to penalize, denounce, and deter law abiding coaches, instructors,

and others by impeding their ability to raise funds for their programs. The alleged clean-up legislation at the end of the session did little to fix the damage that was, and is still, being done to the community. This session it appears the move to limit firearms from youth programs continues in AB 262, a bill that will bring ranges at

all youth camps under the scrutiny of the state, if passed. CRPA and its allies will fight this bill every step of the way to protect our ability to teach firearm safety to youth, which is a 150-year tradition of our organization.  
Senator Anthony Portantino, who is seeking to make a possible run for Congress, has brought back his failed

SB 918 as SB 2. The bill is designed to thwart the U.S. Supreme Court's *Bruen* decision in every way possible. During a news conference on 1 February, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom (using air quotes) questioned if the Second Amendment was a right. In an interview immediately following the press conference, I pointed out that people

should, "fear leadership who does not recognize enumerated rights in the U. S. Constitution as rights when they swore an oath to uphold that very constitution."  
This session will be very contentious as it immediately precedes the 2024 election cycle, which has already begun with a host of Californians

from all parts of the state seeking national office. They will continue to gladly move bills from anti-2A groups to garner support for their political ambitions. We need each and every one of you to stand up for your rights as we battle for the freedom of future generations.  
Stay Safe! **CRPA**



# LITIGATION REPORT

## STILL NO SMOOTH SAILING FOR CALIFORNIA GUN RIGHTS

BY ALEX FRANK

**A** lot has happened since the landmark *Bruen* decision in June

of 2022. CRPA's CCW Reckoning project is pushing CCW issuing authorities to conform to *Bruen*'s mandate by revising their CCW permit issuance policies. Some are responding and have revised their processes to honor *Bruen*'s carry standard. Even in jurisdictions like Los Angeles County, people are receiving permits for the first time in decades. Not enough, and not fast enough, but CRPA will continue to monitor and push for compliance.

Other jurisdictions are dragging their feet and looking for any way to defy the Supreme Court and stifle law abiding citizens' exercise of their right to self-defense in public. CRPA is preparing lawsuits against the worst of them. There's no excuse at this point for issuing authorities to be obstructing an eligible California citizen's right to obtain a CCW permit.

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In court, litigation is heating up on 2A cases. CRPA's hottest cases include *Duncan v. Bonta* and *Rhode v. Bonta*, which are before Judge Benitez in federal court in San Diego. Judge Benitez has received significant supplemental briefing from plaintiffs and from the State focused on *Bruen*'s impact on these cases,

and he has ordered some clarifications from the parties. Briefing should be concluded by the end of February 2023, and he should rule soon after that.

*Bruen* clarified that the test to determine whether a gun law is constitutional has two parts. The first part asks whether the law in question implicates the plain textual Second Amendment language that people have a right to keep and bear arms. If the answer is yes, (and it should pretty much always be yes), the next step requires the government to look back at the history of the constitutional ratification era and see whether there is a historical regulatory tradition sufficiently analogous to the modern regulation. If there is, the law is constitutional and the right yields to the state's regulatory interest. If not, the law violates the Second Amendment and is therefore unconstitutional.

Unfortunately, state governments across the country that are facing 2A lawsuits, and particularly in California, are trying to distort the test by pushing distorted interpretations of

both steps. For the first step, states are arguing that unless a gun law imposes a total destruction of the right to keep and bear a firearm for self-defense, then the law does not even implicate the Second Amendment. On the second step, states are arguing that an incredibly broad view of history should be applied, one that would effectively make any firearm related policy or practice from the founding era a sufficient analog.

California is making these argu-

ments in all the pending Second Amendment cases CRPA is involved with right now, like *Duncan*, *Rhode*, and *Boland*. *Boland* is CRPA's challenge to California's much loathed "roster" which prevents access to almost all semiautomatic handguns that have been available to the broader national market since May of 2013. Plaintiffs have moved to preliminarily enjoin the roster's enforcement, and a hearing is set for January 23, 2022. Get updates at [CRPA.org](https://www.crpa.org).

When the Newsom-led bureaucrats in Sacramento realized how devastating *Bruen* might be to hundreds of California's useless and harassing gun laws, politicians enacted SB 1327 to rig the game in court. SB 1327 rode the publicity wave that Texas made by enacting its highly publicized and extremely controversial abortion restriction in 2022. The Texas law was designed to make it impossible for pro-abortion plaintiffs to sue because they could be on the hook for the state's attorney's fees. SB 1327 mimicked the Texas law but applied it to gun rights lawsuits: it imposes potential liability on parties and their attorneys to pay the state's attorney fees unless they obtain 100% success in their lawsuit. It's a blatantly unconstitutional law, designed to discourage people from vindicating their rights under the U.S. Constitution. Given how serious that is, CRPA immediately joined with other plaintiffs to challenge SB 1327 in federal court.

CRPA informed the attorney general of California that continuing to defend the law in court would violate a very serious professional ethical obligation and result in major sanctions. Just after receipt of CRPA's motion for sanctions, the attorney general announced that it would no longer defend the case. California Governor Newsom was forced to intervene in the case to try to defend his brainchild law. Get the latest on this at [CRPA.org](https://www.crpa.org).

2023 will be an unprecedented year in the history of Second Amendment litigation. From magazine capacity limits to "assault" weapons to the roster, age bans, and other restrictions, a lot is going to happen, and history will be made. CRPA will continue to be a leader in this important fight. [CRPA](https://www.crpa.org)

## VOLUNTEER PLAINTIFFS NEEDED

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# CALIFORNIA AND 9TH CIRCUIT LITIGATION MATTERS

This report provides an overview of just some of the efforts being taken to protect the rights of California gun owners. Although litigation plays an extremely important role in the fight for the right to keep and bear arms, there are many other tremendous and equally important endeavors throughout California and across the nation.

Protecting the Second Amendment requires an enormous amount of resources and involvement in all levels of California’s government, including all 58 counties, all 482 municipalities and all state and local agencies tasked with enforcing the myriad of complex and ever-expanding gun laws.

The digital version of this report, complete with links to relevant documents and additional information, can be found on CRPA’s web page at [crpa.org](https://crpa.org).

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT’S NEXT
DOES CALIFORNIA’S UNSAFE HANDGUN ACT (THE ROSTER) VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT.	<i>Boland v. Bonta</i>	Plaintiffs filed a motion to preliminarily enjoin enforcement of the roster’s three main technological requirements (microstamping, loaded chamber indicator, and magazine disconnect mechanism) pending the ultimate resolution of the case on the merits.	The MPI hearing is set for January 23, 2023, in federal court in Orange County.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA’S AMMUNITION SALES RESTRICTIONS.	<i>Rhode v. Becerra</i>	Supplemental briefing is submitted as of late 2022 and parties attended a status hearing conference in-person before Judge Benitez on December 12, 2022.	At the Dec. 12, 2022 conference hearing, the court ordered the State to present purported evidence of analogue statutes, and ordered parties to submit additional briefing after that.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA’S “ASSAULT WEAPON” RESTRICTIONS.	<i>Rupp v. Becerra</i>	On June 28th, the 9th Circuit vacated the district court’s judgment and remanded the case for further proceedings consistent with <i>Bruen</i> .	The case appears to be poised to go to trial in spring 2023.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA’S BAN ON STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINES.	<i>Duncan v. Becerra</i>	On June 30th, the Supreme Court granted the certiorari petition, vacated the 9th Circuit en banc panel’s ruling, and remanded the case to the 9th Circuit for further consideration in light of <i>Bruen</i> . Parties submitted exhaustive supplemental briefing to Judge Benitez in early December of 2022.	At a conference status on December 12, 2022, Judge Benitez ordered the State to present a list of purported analogue statutes, with an attending briefing schedule.
DOES SB 1327’S ATTORNEY FEE PENALTY FOR UNSUCCESSFUL SECOND AMENDMENT LITIGANTS VIOLATE NUMEROUS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW?	<i>South Bay Rod &amp; Gun Club v. Bonta</i>	The Attorney General of California has determined that it cannot ethically defend the unconstitutional laws at issue in this lawsuit. However, Governor Newsom has filed a motion to intervene to defend them.	Governor Newsom will attempt to defend the law.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT’S NEXT
CHALLENGE TO CA AND LOS ANGELES FIREARM CARRY RESTRICTIONS THAT PROHIBIT BOTH OPEN AND CONCEALED CARRY.	<i>Flanagan v. Becerra</i>  (Formerly <i>Flanagan v. Harris</i> )	This case was stayed pending the resolution of the petition for certiorari in <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> .  Now that <i>Young</i> has received a grant, vacate, and remand at the Supreme Court, the plaintiffs have alerted the court of the development and requested that the court issue judgment in their favor immediately.	In October of 2022, the Ninth Circuit announced that the was under consideration for oral argument.
CHALLENGES DOJ’S USE OF DROS SURPLUS TO FUND APPS AS AN ILLEGAL TAX.	<i>Gentry v. Becerra</i>  (Formerly <i>Gentry v. Harris</i> )	The California Court of Appeals affirmed judgment in the state’s favor on March 26, 2021.	Plaintiffs are pursuing an attorney’s fee award in trial court for the claims that were successful.
CHALLENGE TO VENTURA COUNTY’S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION.	<i>McDougall v. County of Ventura</i>	On June 29, 2022, the 9th Circuit vacated the district court’s judgment and remanded in light of <i>Bruen</i> .	The district court will re-examine the issues with the new <i>Bruen</i> precedent.
CHALLENGE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY’S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION.	<i>Martinez v. Villanueva</i>	On March 14, the 9th Circuit stayed the case pending the outcome of <i>McDougall v. County of Ventura</i> .  The 9th Circuit remanded back to the district court on July 6, 2022 for further proceedings consistent with <i>Bruen</i> .	The 9th Circuit scheduled oral argument for November 15, 2022.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
DOES THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL'S 48- HOUR LOSS/THEFT REPORTING ORDINANCE FAIL DUE TO PROPOSITION 63 PREEMPTION?	<i>Kirk v. City of Morgan Hill</i>	The matter was argued and submitted to the appeal court on August 9, 2022.	The appeal court affirmed the trial court loss. Municipalities will be able to enact different lost/stolen firearm reporting deadlines without violating preemption principles.
DOES HAWAII'S PERMIT SCHEME FOR GENERAL OPEN CARRY PROHIBITION VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Young v. Hawaii</i>	The Supreme Court issued a grant, vacate, and remand order on June 30, 2022. The 9th Circuit remanded the case to the district court on August 19, 2022.	In November of 2022, parties alerted the court of settlement. There is a conference on the calendar for January 5, 2023.
DOES HAWAII'S CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT REGIME VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Livingston v. Ballard</i>	The state filed a motion to dismiss in November 2022.	The MTD will be heard in 2023.
DOES CALIFORNIA'S FIREARM RIGHTS RESTORATION REGIME VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Linton v. Bonta</i>	Now that <i>Duncan</i> has been resolved at the Supreme Court, the case can pick up again.	Plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment on August 26, 2022.
CHALLENGE TO UNDER-21 FIREARM PROHIBITION.	<i>Jones v. Bonta</i>	On September 7, 2022, the 9th Circuit remanded the case to the district court.	The district court ordered <i>Bruen</i> related supplemental briefing, due in October.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA ASSAULT WEAPONS LAWS.	<i>Miller v. Bonta</i>	On December 12, 2022, Judge Benitez ordered the state to produce its evidence of purported analogs and set a schedule for further briefing.	Judge Benitez will likely rule in early 2023.
CHALLENGE TO WASHINGTON STATE'S UNDER-21 BAN.	<i>Mitchell v. Atkins</i>	The 9th Circuit vacated and remanded to the district court on December 2, 2022.	The district court will likely ask for briefing about <i>Bruen</i> .
DOES CALIFORNIA'S UNSAFE HANDGUN ACT (I.E. THE ROSTER) VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Renna v. Bonta</i>	Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint and a motion for preliminary injunction in September. However, plaintiffs withdrew their MPI motion on October 8, 2022. Plaintiffs filed a third amended complaint on November 14, 2022.	The matter will be litigated under the new <i>Bruen</i> standard.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
DOES A CALIFORNIA LAW THAT ALLOWS FIREARM PURCHASER INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED TO THIRD PARTIES VIOLATE PRIVACY LAWS AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Barba v. Bonta</i>	Plaintiffs sought a writ in the California court of appeal in November 2022.	No ruling yet.
DOES A CALIFORNIA LAW THAT ALLOWS FIREARM PURCHASER INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED TO THIRD PARTIES VIOLATE PRIVACY LAWS AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Doe v. Bonta</i>	The court ordered supplemental briefing in light of <i>Bruen</i> on June 23, 2022.	The case will proceed through litigation.
DOES CALIFORNIA'S NEW LAW PROHIBITING MARKETING FIREARMS PRODUCTS TO YOUTH VIOLATE VARIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL NORMS, INCLUDING THE FIRST AMENDMENT?	<i>Junior Sports Magazines v. Bonta</i>	Plaintiffs moved to preliminarily enjoin the law, but the court denied it in October of 2022.	The case will be litigated on the merits.

## NATIONAL CASES WITH CALIFORNIA INTEREST

CRPA also litigates and assists in critical Second Amendment cases across the country that could set precedent for future challenges to California gun laws.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
DOES A GLENDALE ORDINANCE THAT BANS ALL FIREARM POSSESSION ON NUMEROUS CITY OWNED AREAS VIOLATE BRUEN?	<i>California Rifle &amp; Pistol Association v. City of Glendale</i>	Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction. The court denied it without prejudice and ordered the parties to confer and develop specificity over which area under the ordinance are at issue.	Plaintiffs will continue to seek a preliminary injunction.



ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
DID THE ATF EXCEED ITS AUTHORITY TO ORDER A BAN ON "BUMP" STOCKS?	<i>Aposhian v. Garland</i>	Petition for certiorari filed August 2, 2021.	Petition for certiorari denied on October 3, 2022.
DOES NEW JERSEY'S BAN ON MAGAZINES THAT HOLD MORE THAN 10 ROUNDS VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Association of New Jersey Rifle &amp; Pistol Clubs v. Grewal</i>	The court granted, vacated, and remanded on June 30, 2022 in light of <i>Bruen</i> .	The lower court will now have to reinterpret the case under the <i>Bruen</i> standard
DOES MARYLAND'S ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Bianchi v. Frosh</i>	The Supreme Court granted, vacated, and remanded the case to the lower court for further proceedings consistent with <i>Bruen</i> .	The lower court will now have to reinterpret the case under the <i>Bruen</i> standard.
CHALLENGE TO A MASSACHUSETTS LAW THAT BARS NON-VIOLENT MISDEMEANOR CONVICTS FROM PURCHASING HANDGUNS.	<i>Morin v. Lyver</i>	Granted, vacated, and remanded on October 3, 2022.	The lower court will now have to reinterpret the case under the <i>Bruen</i> standard.
ANOTHER BUMP STOCK BAN CASE.	<i>Gun Owners of America v. Garland</i>	Certiorari petition denied on October 3, 2022.	Nothing.
CHALLENGE TO THE FIREARM PROHIBITION FOR UNLAWFUL USERS OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.	<i>Carnes v. United States</i>	Petition for certiorari denied on October 31, 2022.	Nothing.
DOES NEW YORK STATE'S POST-BRUEN PERMIT ISSUANCE PROGRAM VIOLATE BRUEN?	<i>Antonyuk v. Hochul</i>	Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction and the court granted in a 184 page opinion on November 7, 2022.	The case will continue litigation in the federal court in New York.



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## WHAT ABOUT ME?

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

**H**ave you ever been so frustrated with what is happening in your community that you wonder, “how can the people continue to elect bad politicians that make bad decisions?” We saw this during the year of COVID where politicians continually refused to listen to the people and mandated the closure of some businesses, but not others, mandated when you could work and when you could not, and generally made life impossible. But for gun owners, this was what they have been dealing with for decades—arbitrary laws that accomplish little to nothing being enforced by politicians who have

never even read the Constitution. Every election cycle, gun owners push their constitutional sheriffs and their pro-2A candidates in the hopes of preserving their rights. It all feels very much out of our hands sometimes. Even with 2A groups like CRPA grading candidates and encouraging the “Gun Vote,” let’s be honest California is a hard nut to crack and we need to do more. CRPA has been focused on how we can do more to stem the tide of the ever-growing anti-gun crowd and it all starts with a question: “What about me?” You see, each election cycle there are open seats and vulnerable seats that gun owners and Second Amendment supporters just like you could step into if you had the tools to do it. Imagine what gun owners could accomplish if they had a support system

in place to start filling seats on government advisory boards, fair boards, city councils and county commissions! Most of the bad laws that we see come out of Sacramento start at the local level (I mean, look at the total disaster of the San Jose mandatory gun insurance provision, or the city of Los Angeles trying to blackball gun owners wishing to contract with the city.) Bad law starts locally, and we need to get proactive to have a seat at those tables of government. Did you know that the progressives have a group called *Run for Something*? They don’t care what office their progressive candidates get into as long as they get elected. You see they know that the dog catcher, once elected, has name recognition and will move up the ranks to city council, county commissioner, and possibly state assemblyman one day. This strategy is proving effective and it is impacting many of us who had no idea those candidates were pushed and supported by a group with an agenda. CRPA wants to take this same approach with promoting those candidates that support our ideals of freedom, the Second Amendment, and protection of firearms for lawful purposes. Over the coming months you will see more opportunities to learn how to be a candidate, resources for what to file and when, and support for our 2A fighting candidates who are willing to jump into the game and no longer say, “What about me?” but, instead, who say, “Why not me?” The local voice is so important in a state like California where the state allows local authorities to have broader discretion than in other states. Gun

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owners need a strong voice in those places where the decisions are being made. We already call out the elected officials from the gallery and hold their feet to the fire, let’s do in from the other side of the table too and speak out as members of the elected bodies when politicians attempt to strip our rights. Watch for more ways you can become involved, support candidates that support your rights, and how you could possibly be that next elected official stepping up and holding the line for your community. **CRPA**

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## LOCAL ADVOCACY REPORT

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

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
VENTURA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	For years, the Ventura County Fairgrounds has been debating over whether to hold gun shows or stop them at the requests of gun control activists.	The first week of January 2022 a group of gun control activists attempted to stop the gun shows again by attempting an emergency meeting and barely notifying anyone in the community. One of our members in the area got that notice and sent it to CRPA right away.  CRPA grassroots, chapters, and volunteers rushed to action and attended the online meeting.	After a very long meeting behind closed doors with legal counsel, the Ventura Fair Board reluctantly voted 4-3 to keep the gun shows in 2022.  Two bills were introduced to ban gun shows in Ventura and state-wide at the state level. These bills were signed by the Governor in July with an effective date of January 1, 2023.  CRPA already has litigation filed to challenge the state’s attempt at ending gun shows.



JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
STATEWIDE PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS	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.  *Public Records Requests have been submitted for the DOJ leak of gun owner information. Due to an ongoing investigation and their attorneys holding all information until the investigation is complete, the DOJ is currently not responding.
CITY OF SAN JOSE	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 in 2019.  The Mayor has once again resurrected this issue and is trying to get mandatory insurance for gun owners or a mandatory fee to the City passed. The staff have been directed to come back with ordinance language in September. There is no new news on this issue as of the drafting of this alert.	CRPA has submitted public record requests and is preparing a lawsuit for filing should the city pass this ordinance.  San Jose passed the ordinance even though there was 4 hours of testimony from the public against it. CRPA is preparing to sue as soon as the matter is ripe for the courts to consider.  January 1, 2023 the city implemented the mandatory gun insurance provision of the ordinance. CRPA will be challenging this in court. The rest of the ordinance is still not implemented and there are no dates on when the fee provisions will become active.
CITY OF BURBANK	The City of Burbank seeks to pass a moratorium against gun stores while they study the impacts to the city.	CRPA drafted opposition letters, engaged chapter members and volunteers to appear at a meeting in July 2022 and speak against this moratorium.  As expected, the city still passed the moratorium even though there was a strong showing against it. The moratorium will be in place for 45 days.	CRPA will continue to monitor this issue and will send out more information as available.
DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS GUN SHOW ATTACKS CONTINUE	For months the Del Mar gun show has been under siege from groups seeking to end the show.	Additional legislation has been introduced at the state level that would prevent gun shows from occurring at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.  CRPA was 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.	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 2021.  Assemblyman Gloria sponsored a bill to prohibit the selling of firearms and ammunition at the Del Mar Fairgrounds (a sneaky way to try to stop gun shows again). CRPA is once again bringing litigation against this unconstitutional attempt at restricting your rights. More bills were just signed impacting gun show sales at Del Mar, but litigation is already underway.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
GHOST GUN BANS	Gun Control groups are busy pushing to try to get local jurisdictions to pass restrictions on the possession, sale, transfer, or manufacturing of “ghost guns” including precursor parts.	San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco have all passed the same basic ordinance in the last few weeks. The problem with these ordinances is that they address areas of concern that are controlled by the state AND there is no clear definition of what a precursor part is at the moment- these cities just made every piece of metal illegal to own and created criminals out of citizens with lawful products overnight.	CRPA is currently fighting in the courts on this issue. Please follow CRPA news for more information
DOJ ISSUES	It has come to our attention that there may be businesses and individuals that are having great difficulty getting their COE renewal from DOJ.  We also are investigating the DOJ Data Leak of CCW personal information to the public that occurred in June 2022.	Not having a valid certificate of eligibility (COE) prevents firearms business owners from operating and completing purchases and individuals from receiving and handling ammunition for many programs.  We are hearing reports that the DOJ is taking months to return approved COE applications.	If you are having trouble with your COE approval or renewal, please send us a message at <b>contact@crpa.org</b> so we can see if we can assist you.  For more information on the DOJ Leak of personal and private information please visit <b>crpa.org/ca-doj-dox-gate/</b>
CRPA COALITION WORK	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 <b>ranges@crpa.org</b> <b>Want to host a state competition at your range in 2023? CRPA staff can help. Email Brian at bkerz@crpa.org</b>
CALL FOR PLAINTIFFS	If you are a CRPA member, we need you!	When local ordinance issues do not go well, we have to fight for your rights in court. We need members just like you who are negatively affected by these unconstitutional laws to step up as named plaintiffs in the legal actions that may follow.	If you are interested in serving as a plaintiff in any of our upcoming litigation, please contact us at <b>potentialplaintiffs@michellawyers.com</b> .  We need you now more than ever!
ORANGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS GUN SHOWS	For months Senator Min has been trying to ban gun shows at all state facilities. Unable to get the support needed for this bill, Minn revised his SB 264 to only apply to gun shows at the Orange County Fairgrounds.	CRPA is fighting SB 264 (Minn) that seeks to stop gun shows at Orange County Fairgrounds We are prepared to fight this legislation, as well. More information coming soon.	State legislation also added the prohibition of sale of precursor parts to the Orange County Fair Grounds. Similar to the Del Mar litigation, these prohibitions are currently being challenged in court, along with the SB 915 state prohibition of gun shows.
CCW ISSUANCE ISSUES	CRPA has had many members reach out with concerns that their local jurisdiction is not issuing CCW's	When the <i>Bruen</i> decision came down, CRPA immediately sent letters to all of the jurisdictions in California explaining what the law is under that new standard.	CRPA sent final notice letters to those jurisdictions that continue to refuse to issue CCWs and we are prepared to file legal actions should they not follow the law.  More information at <b>crpa.org/ccw-issues-in-california</b>  It looks like San Francisco is starting to issue CCW permits and we will continue to watch for those jurisdictions who fail to comply. There are several that may see legal action very soon.

# CRPA PROGRAMS UPDATE

## SPOTLIGHT:

# CRPA CHAPTERS ARE MAKING A PUSH FOR 2A RESOLUTIONS IN THEIR COUNTIES

**You have seen it or heard about it before.**

With all the graphics that constantly populate our news feeds on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube, the algorithms are hard at work pushing us towards information based on the our interests and this is no exception. The United States (at least geographically) has more counties protected by state-wide or local resolutions affirming the Second Amendment than there are counties that aren't protected, and some

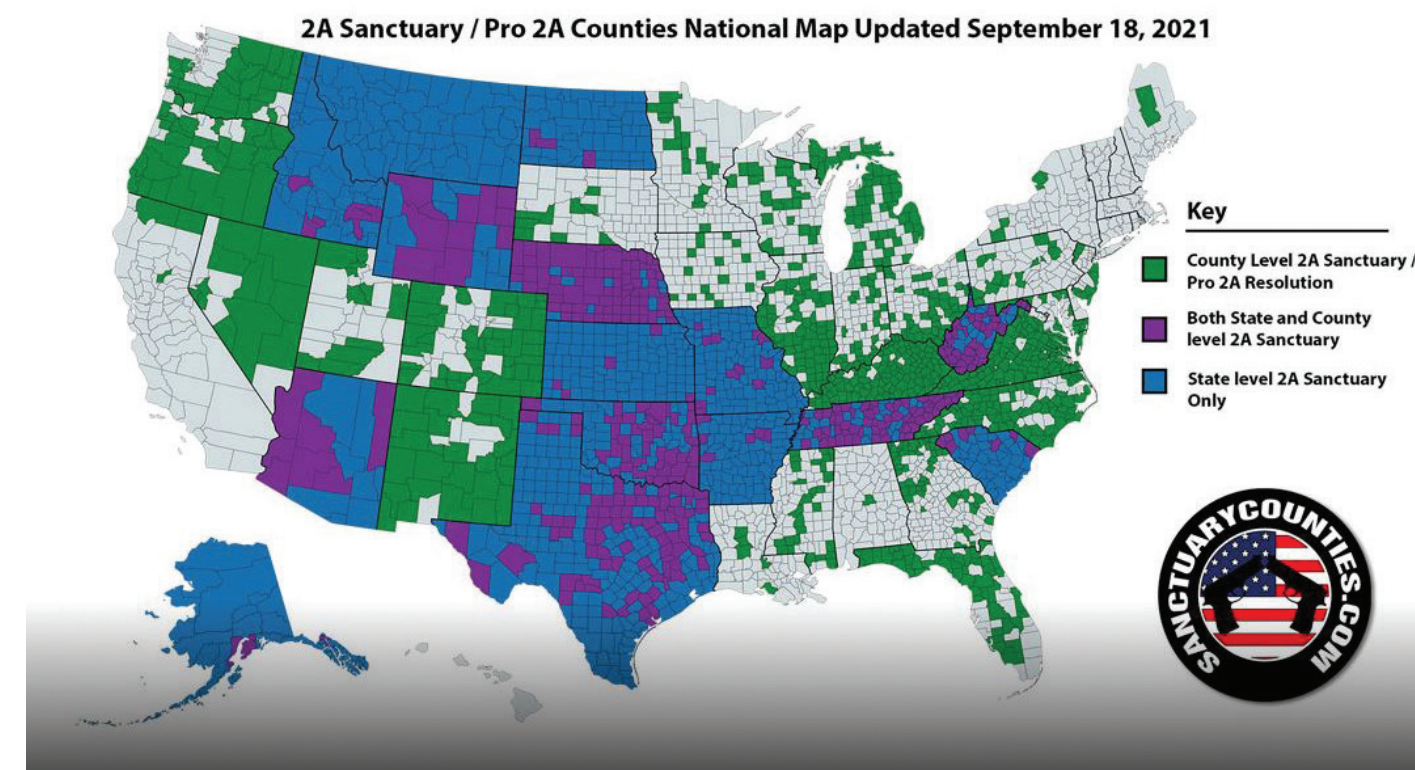
counties even overlap with state-wide and county protections! But there are some gaping holes in this map and one of them is California.

These holes haven't gone unnoticed, however, as there are currently several CRPA chapters that are engaging with their local governments to emphasize the value of the Second Amendment in their county. But what does this map actually mean? What do these resolutions actually do? Do these efforts make a difference at all? These are valid questions, as there are some

resolutions that simply state "We as a governing body recognize the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States." But that's not all resolutions. Take for example the Shasta County Chapter of CRPA that is engaging its board of supervisors to not only affirm the Second Amendment, but to put measures in place that would hold elected officials and county employees along with law enforcement officers accountable for their actions while also committing to not use government funds towards programs created by our legislature to infringe on its citizen's Second Amendment rights.

These are grassroots efforts at their finest, and, with enough advocacy and enough time, we can close this gaping hole in California and protect the Second Amendment in one way or another. It is common for someone to look at a daunting task and ask themselves "where do I even start?" By now, the answer is clear; for our best path to freedom starts by first surrounding yourself with people who want the same thing as you. We have a community that is becoming closer and closer through the CRPA chapter program that has done great things, some big and some small, but the most important thing is that they are always looking forward, and you can become a part of that, too, if you're not already.

**CRPA**



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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

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## SPOTLIGHT ON

## RICHARD IVES

**R**ichard Ives grew up in the Los Angeles suburbs in the 1960's and 70's. His family moved in and out of several communities in Southern California. He and his two brothers attended several different schools.

Richard entered the U.S. Navy in 1977 and served for a total of eight years. He made three western Pacific deployments in the U.S. Navy, where he visited allied nations in which normal people usually didn't have the basic civil rights that we enjoy in the United States, the 1st and 2nd Amendments, in particular.

Upon completion of his final tour of duty in the Navy, Richard became a cross country truck driver (18-wheeler) and had a 29-year career in the U.S. Postal Service, from which he retired. Richard has been a CRPA life member since 1988, and actively volunteering for CRPA since July of 2021, at gun shows, ranges, and with the Riverside, and other CRPA chapters, in the Inland Empire.

#### What were your first experiences with shooting firearms?

**RI:** My Mother and stepfather were afraid to have guns in the home, or to endorse any firearms training. I was a latch-key kid, so naturally, this led to several unsupervised misadventures and BB guns that belonged to my



**BY  
CHRISTINA  
GASTELO**  
VOLUNTEER  
COORDINATOR



► At Raahauge's Scouting Adventure, April 2022. (JACOB RAMIREZ)

friends... fortunately without any injuries. But that's another story.

I spent the summer of 1976 with my biological father in the community of Mammoth Lakes, California, and there, I successfully attended a hunter safety course. This was when I received a brief introduction to hunting small game (rabbits). No misadventures.

**What did you do, and what did you**

#### see while in the U.S. Navy?

**Richard Ives:** I was a signalman, who transmitted and received encoded messages by visual means: Flashing light (morse code), flag hoist, and semaphore. I had collateral duties in ship-board fire fighting, nuclear weapons security, shore patrol, instructor duty, and CPR instruction.

**What did you do for the U.S.**

#### Postal Service?

**RI:** I drove Trucks (18 Wheelers). I then advanced to Mail Processing Supervisor, Transportation Supervisor, and Transportation Manager (TANS).

#### What was it like being a 2A supporter as a Federal Employee?

**RI:** While I was in supervision, I had to keep my political opinions to myself, unless asked.

But while I was a driver, the USPS unions would often tell their members that their jobs depended on the members supporting leftist candidates. When they approached me with this nonsense, my standard response was, 'I can get another job; I can't get another Country.'

#### What prompted you to volunteer for 2A activities?

**RI:** In the late 1980's I saw the media begin to ramp up their anti-2A propaganda and observed that CRPA was much quicker to respond to California anti-2A activities than NRA, on the lobbying and litigation front.

From the years 2000 to 2015 I was a member of the now defunct Riverside NRA Members' Council, which ran the .22 rifle range at the annual Youth Safari Day at Raahauge's during those years. I gave the orientation to the shooters on safety, sight picture, and range expectations, along with an intro to Eddie Eagle.

#### As a 2A volunteer, what has been your most fulfilling experience?

**RI:** When I gave the sight picture and safety orientation at the annual Youth Safari Day .22 rifle range. Where I shared the techniques and discipline of safe shooting with youngsters, enabling them to avoid their own unsupervised misadventures.

This activity also demonstrated to moms that shooting is a safe and



► Youth Outdoor Safari Day, July 2013, at Raahauge's; Orientation. (SAFARI VOLUNTEER)

disciplined sport. Driving this point home, by 2005, we were permitting moms who received the orientation to also shoot on the range. Those moms walked away with a positive outlook on the shooting sports and garnering a new sense of respect from their children who saw their mothers hit those targets.

#### Why did you choose CRPA to invest your 2A volunteer time now?

**RI:** As time went by, it became more and more apparent to me that CRPA had become the premier organization defending 2A rights in California and keeping the funds that they collected in California for that purpose. It's too bad more gun owners don't understand

this. That's why I've been investing most of my time since I've retired, supporting CRPA at gun shows, the ranges, and with local chapter activities.

#### What's your parting shot?

**RI:** As Gun Owners, our biggest obstacles are our own lack of participation at the ballot box. We need to ask each other at the ranges, did you vote to support the 2A? We need to end 2A voter apathy. We have been allowing the wrong people to govern our state for too long! You can clear away the confusion by visiting the voter information page at CRPA.ORG... or better yet, join, or start, a CRPA chapter, and become part of the solution. **CRPA**



## VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

First Name	Middle Initial
Last Name	
Street Address	
City, County, State, Zip Code	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
Date	

**Check your areas of interest. This is not an exclusive list. You can always change your mind.**

Join a CRPA Chapter

Visit Local Businesses to Promote Affiliate Program

Work on Political Campaigns or Elections

Assist with Youth/Women's Events / RSO

Assist with Training Events / RSO

Assist with Hunting Events

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Liaison with Local Authorities and Council Members

Teach Firearm Safety and Proficiency

Promote CRPA/Pro-2A Messaging/PR Campaigns

Other:

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Because of CRPA's tremendous growth, and with the support of our members and like-minded organizations, CRPA is expanding its involvement in local campaigns and elections and sponsoring and participating in more events. CRPA has made a substantial investment in grassroots/volunteer coordinating, local election messaging technologies and added staff to manage volunteers and events.

CRPA Chapters and affiliated groups maintain their independence, but work with CRPA and get access to: (1) real-time legislative information from our legislative advocates in the Capital; (2) CRPA/NRA campaign finance and PAC lawyers; (3) CRPA/NRA firearms lawyers who answer questions, fight for local FFLs and ranges in your area, oppose local gun control ordinances and file lawsuits; and (4) regular communication among coalition partners and other local groups to learn from each other and build a stronger network of activists. CRPA needs volunteers to work as Chapter Leaders; Government Liaisons (i.e., candidate development and local issues and ordinances coverage); Retail/Ranges Liaisons; Volunteers and Events Liaisons; and CCW Liaisons, among other things.

CRPA invites individuals as well as local 2A groups, clubs, ranges and FFLs to be a part of the effort in your county. Join us! **Volunteer for CRPA!**

# EVENTS & TRAINING

**T**he last part of 2022 was a busy time for our CRPA development team and our chapters.

We had multiple events across the state that proved to bring back the "pre-COVID" years of fun times, games, firearm winnings and hanging out with other like-minded gun owners.

In November, our development team held a fundraising dinner in the Sacramento area and between the volunteers and the attendees, you showed up big time! We had a blast seeing our members, running games for prizes, and talking all things Second Amendment. Most of all, we raised big money for the fight for the Second Amendment in California.


Chapters have been on the move, too, in 2022 and into 2023. Our Siskiyou Chapter also held a fundraising event, and it was amazing. This was the second year in a row the chapter has put on this event with hundreds of attendees out for a fun night while supporting the work of the chapter and CRPA. The Siskiyou Chapter is definitely setting the pace for other chapters looking to create fundraising events and they have a playbook that they would love to share with other CRPA chapters across the state. If you are part of a chapter and would like to help fundraise for the ongoing programs and litigation, please contact Alicia in our chapters office at [abrewer@crpa.org](mailto:abrewer@crpa.org) for more information.

The South Delta Chapter also





stepped up to the plate in 2022 by signing up all of its members as CRPA members. Not only do all of the members of the local chapter now benefit from full CRPA membership, but the chapter itself benefited through the member recruiter program. The CRPA member recruiter program allows chapters and businesses to receive incentives back for every new member or renewal they sign up under their recruiter number. For those chapters and businesses who are “sales minded” and really get after new members, this program allows them to bring in additional revenue to use locally in their activities that support the Second Amendment. If you own a business, or are part of a local CRPA chapter and want to know more about how this incentive works, just contact Alicia in our chapters office at [abrewer@crpa.org](mailto:abrewer@crpa.org) or you can contact one of the CRPA Business Affiliate reps at

[contact@CRPA.org](mailto:contact@CRPA.org) and just ask for Jim or Jess to get in touch with you. When we started the local outreach program several years at the request of members, we knew that it would grow and be one of our most dynamic outreach activities. We are starting to see the benefits of local advocacy, interaction with elected officials, education of the community about who gun owners actually are, and a coming-together around local issues that matter to our members. CRPA looks forward to expanding even more in 2023 with at least 10 more new local chapters starting across the state and more information sharing through improved web access to our chapter activities. So, stay tuned, get connected, and if you are interested in being a part of a local CRPA chapter, let us know. Your local community could be the next one to make an impact for the Second Amendment. 

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& INFO ARE AT  
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- Basic Shotgun
- Home Firearms Safety
- Basic Range Safety Officer
- Personal Protection in the Home
- Personal Protection Outside the Home
- Metallic Cartridge Reloading
- Hunters Education Traditional Course
- Hunters Education Follow-up Course
- Wild Game Cooking
- Wild Game Field Dressing
- First Aid/AED/CPR
- Wilderness First Aid
- Archery
- Basic Backpacking
- Leave No Trace
- Emergency Preparedness
- Photography
- Basic Map and Compass
- Trauma/ First Aid

## EVENTS

### MARCH

March 10-12  
**CENTRAL VALLEY SPORTSMEN'S SHOW**  
Kern County Fairgrounds  
Bakersfield, CA

March 11  
**NWTF SAN DIEGO SPRING TURKEY TUNE UP**  
Lake Henshaw Resort  
Santa Ysabel, CA

March 17  
**12TH ANNUAL LEMON GROVE SPORTING CLAY**  
Lemongrove Rod & Gun Club  
Alpine, CA





March 18-19  
**CALIFORNIA POWERSPORTS & OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EXPO**  
Fairplex Pomona  
Pomona, CA

March 25-26  
**SOLANO COUNTY HOME & GARDEN SHOW**  
Dixon Fairgrounds  
Dixon, CA

March 29- April 2  
**BART HALL LONG BEACH**  
Long Beach Convention Center  
Long Beach, CA



#### LOCATION KEY

-  NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
-  CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
-  SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
-  OUT OF STATE

### APRIL

April 1-2  
**REDDING SPORTSMAN'S EXPO**  
Redding Civic Auditorium  
Redding, CA

April 1-2  
**CODE OF THE WEST VALLEJO GUN SHOW**  
Solano County Fairgrounds  
Vallejo, CA

April 14-15  
**WEST COAST HISTORICAL MILITARIA COLLECTORS SHOW**  
Pomona Fairplex  
Pomona, CA

April 15  
**CCA CAL CLAY SHOOTING TOURNAMENT**  
Lemongrove Rod & Gun Club  
Alpine, CA

April 15-16  
**CROSSROADS OF THE WEST SAN BERNARDINO GUN SHOW**  
National Orange Show Grounds  
San Bernardino, CA

April 21-30  
**NORCO HORSEWEEK GEORGE INGALLS EQUESTRIAN EVENT CENTER**  
Norco, CA

April 22-23  
**CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS: SACRAMENTO GUN SHOW**  
Capitol Sports Center  
McClellan, CA

April 22-23  
**THE UNION HOME & GARDEN LIFESTYLE SHOW**  
Nevada County Fairgrounds  
Nevada City, CA

April 28  
**CENTENNIAL FARM FOUNDATION FUN SHOOT**  
Raahauge's Shooting Park  
Corona

April 29-30  
**CROSSROADS OF THE WEST ONTARIO GUN SHOW**  
Ontario Convention Center  
Ontario, CA





# USA SHOOTING TEAM BRINGS HOME MEDALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BY CRPA STAFF

**T**he competitive shooting world can take you places, and in this instance it took our American Shooting Team to Rabat, Morocco for the 2023 International Shooting Sports Federation Rabat Shotgun World Cup.

Our USA athletes did not disappoint as they rose to the challenge on the international stage, bringing home medals in team and individual events. Kim Rhode, a CRPA Honorary Board Member and long-time advocate for the Second Amendment and shooting sports, brought home another gold in women's skeet and a team silver in women's skeet with Katie Jacob and Dania Vizzi. These ladies also hold the titles of six-time Olympic medalist and three-time women's skeet and three in

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double trap (Rhode), 2022 Championship of the Americas gold medalist and 2024 Olympic quota earner in women's skeet (Vizzi), and 2022 Shotgun National Championship gold medalist in women's skeet (Jacob).

Other athletes include:

**Rachael Tozier- Bronze in Individual women's trap**  
**Rachel Tozier and Derrick Mein- Gold in mixed team trap**  
**Rachel Tozier, Aerial Skinner, and Ju-**

**lia Stallings- Gold women's trap team**  
**Derek Mein, Derek Haldeman, and Will Hinton- Bronz in men's trap Tteam**

The skeet athletes competed first at the tournament and earned the following:

**Kim Rhode- Gold individual women's skeet**  
**Katie Jacob and Conner Prince- Gold in mixed team Skeet**  
**Dania Vizzi and Christian Elliott- Silver**

**in mixed team skeet**  
**Christian Elliott, Conner Prince, and Dustan Taylor- Gold in men's skeet team**

**Kim Rhode, Katie Jacob, and Dania Vizzi- Silver in women's skeet team**

Morocco is the first competition of the year and we are thrilled to see these athletes place so well at the beginning of the season. Last year, the USA Shooting Team earned a total of 14 medals at the Championships of



the Americas shoot and nine more medals at the world championships. The USA Shotgun athletes have also earned the nation Olympic quotas for the Paris 2024 Olympic games in the following events: women's skeet, men's skeet, women's trap, and men's trap.

California has more competitive shooters come out of the state than any other. This may surprise some with all the attempts to shut down youth shooting in the state. Competitive high school shooting sports, where many of these elite and Olympic athletes get their start, is growing by leaps and bounds. In 2015 9,245 kids participated in the USA High School Clay Target League. In 2018, 21,917 students from 804 teams participated. CRPA is hopeful that many of these youth shooting sport athletes will become the next medal winners on the global stage, which is why we are fighting so hard to keep those kids on the range, providing shooting teams grants to help with their programs, and honoring these hard-working athletes with college scholarships to get them to the next level of competition.

CRPA congratulates these world medalists and wishes them the best in future competitions this season. We also encourage those in the next generation to aspire to these same heights and continue pursuing their athletic dreams... even though the California legislature can make that difficult. Get a support team around you, be proud of your accomplishments, and join the other student shooting sport athletes that are part of CRPA Student Members. All of these athletes are advocates for their sports and advocates for the Second Amendment. **CRPA**

## GOLDEN RULES OF GUN SAFETY

- 1. ALWAYS** treat all guns as if they are loaded.
- 2. ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- 3. ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- 4. ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- 5. ALWAYS** know your target, its surroundings, and beyond.
- 6. ALWAYS** know how to properly operate your gun.
- 7. ALWAYS** be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- 8. ALWAYS** use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- 9. ALWAYS** wear eye and ear protection.
- 10. NEVER** use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription, or other drugs before or while participating in shooting sports.



CRPA works with and supports the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), a national organization created by federal law that provides citizens around the country with firearm training and learning opportunities, similar to the operations of CRPA.

The CMP's highest priority is serving youth through gun safety education and marksmanship events that encourage personal growth and life skill development. CRPA whole-heartedly joins in and supports these efforts.

CMP has also developed excellent match procedures at competitive and recreational shooting events that are being incorporated into CRPA's own event and match management processes. Individuals can keep informed about CMP affiliated matches by visiting the CMP's Competition Tracker page at <http://ct.thecmp.org>.

The CMP also sells select vintage military rifles to qualified U.S. citizens at a great price, along with competitive equipment and memorabilia! You can learn more about getting started on your own marksmanship journey through the CMP at <http://thecmp.org/get-started/>.

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# THE EXPANSION OF ELK HUNTING IN CALIFORNIA

**California is not widely seen as a hunting destination by hunters across the nation and here in the state.**

This viewpoint can be attributed to everything from drought conditions and fires to an overzealous legislature. The fact is, California does have amazing hunting opportunities and it's about to get better.

Anthropologists have asserted until recently that humans have hunted in California for about 13,000 years. Recent excavations in San Diego are now pushing the date back to humans hunting woolly mammoths as far back as 130,000 years according to San Diego Natural History Museum paleontologist Tom Demere (National Geographic, April 26, 2017). In short, people have been hunting in California for tens of thousands of years.

Wapiti, better known by their scientific name *Cervus Canadensis*, or elk are one of the largest species of the deer family and migrated to North America about 12,000 years ago. This iconic animal is a true story of conservation efforts supported and largely executed by hunters.

There are four subspecies of elk in

North America known as Manitoba Elk, Rocky Mountain Elk, Roosevelt Elk, and Tule Elk. Manitoba Elk are found in the wilds of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta Canada. They have been reintroduced into the Great Smokey Mountains National Park in



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LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

North Carolina. Bulls in this subspecies can weigh in at 634 pounds at around three years of age to over 1000 pounds at age eight. The antlers on this subspecies are smaller and this subspecies is very vulnerable to predators as they are non-migratory.

Rocky Mountain Elk are migratory giving them an advantage over their Manitoban cousins in dealing with apex predators such as wolves and bears. The elk have learned to utilize terrain that lacks snow to avoid predation by wolves. Wolves use deep snow to give them an advantage when taking down elk who have tired out. Rocky Mountain Elk until recently have been found in the Rocky Mountain states and high fence hunting areas.

Roosevelt Elks are also called Olympic Elk or Roosevelt Wapiti are the largest of the four subspecies of elk. This point is debated as Rocky Mountain Elk have larger antlers, so groups like Pope & Young or Boone

& Crockett will favor them over the larger body mass of the Roosevelt Elk. Mature bulls in this subspecies range from 700-1200 pounds. They are found throughout the Pacific Northwest and are found in Northern California.

Tule Elk are only found in California and are the smallest of the four elk subspecies with bulls weighing in at around 450-550 pounds with some having topped 900 pounds as reported by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife in 2010 in the Suisun Bay of California. Tule Elk size may be more of an indicator of a poor environment than any other factor per recent studies.

You may be asking so what does all of this have to do with hunting opportunities? The answer is surprising in that California is now the only state where Rocky Mountain, Roosevelt and Tule Elk hunting opportunities are available. Discussions being held in Department of Fish and Game meetings are leading to a new opportunity for hunters in of all places Southern California.

Previously, hunters were looking at joining private hunting ranches with annual memberships exceeding ten thousand dollars. Management and trophy hunts were also offered that priced out most hunters seeking to

put elk meat on the table here in California. This is primarily what has led to the opinion that it is cheaper to hunt out of state with more opportunity.

There are several issues that arise from hunting out of state. Money spent in other states goes to conservation efforts that not only improve the environment for the species being hunted but for numerous cohort species, as well. Conservation efforts, despite what anti-hunting groups assert,

are not species-specific but rather ecosystem-specific. Ecosystem-specific conservation is backed by science and is in following the tenets of the North American model of wildlife conservation. Hunters who chose not to hunt in their state because of a lack of opportunity participate in a self-fulfilling prophecy. The less we hunt in state, the less money the department of fish & wildlife and conservation groups have to repair and increase

habitat. This cycle leads to lower numbers of animals that can be harvested through hunting which, in turn, leads to a lower opportunity.

There's that word "opportunity" again. In the words of Dr. Ian Malcom in the 1993 movie Jurassic Park, "Life, uh, finds a way" applies to the Rocky Mountain Elk that once roamed the private Tejon Ranch property. Elk found a way off property and back into the wild over the years. Those elk have become a successful herd that is now leading to the creation of a new area complete with new tags for hunting Rocky Mountain Elk that may be available as soon as the 2024 hunt season.

Thanks to the combined efforts of member organizations of the California Hunting and Conservation Coalition (that was jointly founded by the California Rifle & Pistol Association and their lobbyists and speakers), another win for the California hunter has been achieved. To keep opening more opportunities, we need you to do three things.

1. Join the CRPA and a statewide or regional hunting and conservation group.
2. Get involved by donating at least a day a year to conservation efforts or supporting fundraising activities for these efforts.
3. Educate others on the work we are doing to preserve wildlife for future generations according to sound science and not emotional rhetoric laced with negative consequences.

Consider yourself challenged to get into nature during the spring and summer in search of these iconic elk and along the way notice all the other wildlife there to enjoy and maybe even hunt in the next season to feed your family natural and healthy meat.

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## JOIN & SUPPORT CRPA'S RANGE COALITION

**CRPA's Range Coalition members are businesses, clubs, private and public ranges throughout California.** Range Coalition members are united to protect range operations and expand opportunities for public participation in the shooting sports so that all Californians have convenient access to ranges and to marksmanship, self-defense, hunting, safety and other training.

The CRPA Range Coalition advocates for ranges in Sacramento and locally to protect ranges and ensure that any proposed legislation or regulatory policies promote proven and sound best management practices and recognize the value of access to ranges and training programs. Through webinars and Information Bulletins, CRPA provides critical information to coalition members and range operators about environmental, safety, insurance, corporate, legal, operational and other important issues of interest.

California's ranges are encouraged to learn more about CRPA's Range Coalition by emailing CRPA at [ranges@crpa.org](mailto:ranges@crpa.org).

**JOIN ■ LEARN ■ TEACH ■ THRIVE**



# DOGS UNDER ATTACK

## THE FIGHT TO SAVE THE OLDEST FRIENDSHIP IN HISTORY

**T**here is an almost decade-old fight to destroy the use of dogs, not just in the act of hunting, but to literally destroy the millennial-old bonds between us and them. This attack is being led by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), and a whole cast of other anti-hunting, anti-dog non-profits. Their attack is based on a malignant view of the human-dog relationship and is cloaked in a lie that purports dog safety. This should sound painfully familiar to law-abiding citizens who see their gun rights eroded to the gun grabbers' lie of "gun safety."



**BY RICK TRAVIS**  
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

### THE HUMAN-DOG RELATIONSHIP

To set the record straight, we need to look at the human-dog relationship based on science and not emotional dogma, then explore the actual attack and note the fallacies and finish with how you can preserve the world's oldest friendship.

The oldest relationship between humans and any other species according to science is that of the human and domesticated dog. The reigning theory is that friendlier versions of wolves who scavenged near human trash piles made the first move to become our friends, according to a *National Geographic* article published on March 3, 2013. Since then, there have been countless articles, documentaries and even the 2018 "Alpha" movie that attempts to portray one version of that first contact.

It is important to note that somewhere between 15,000 and 40,000 years ago, gray wolves and dogs diverged from a now extinct species

of wolves. The result is that wolves and domesticated dogs share 99% of their DNA, and all the differences from a Chihuahua to Malamute to a German Shorthaired Pointer to a Labrador Retriever are found in that remaining 1% of their DNA. That incredible diversity, according to the Smithsonian Institute on August 15, 2018, is due to "survival of the friendliest" versus "survival of the fittest."

Humans saw aggressive wolves as a fellow apex predator and thus competition. The "friendly" theory suggests that wolves self-domesticated. They did this by learning to read human facial and hand gestures. This skill is largely responsible for all the variations we see today. Dogs learned to adapt and evolve to our needs. In the case of my hunting lab, he provides the family with game meat, but make no mistake, he eats more in a year than he provides in a season of hunting. Dogs have learned to get the better deal.



(SHUTTERSTOCK)

### HSUS PROPOSALS

In 2012, California Senate Bill (SB) 1221 was introduced to end the use of hounds for hunting bears. Many sporting dog enthusiasts did not get involved in defending houndsmen

as they did not see it as their cause.

Many argued at the time that HSUS would be back to go after other dogs in the field. Since the passage of SB 1221 in California, we have witnessed several attempts at the Cal-

ifornia Fish and Game Commission and within the California legislature to remove dogs from the field. All of this is to bring an end to hunting once and for all by the anti-hunting crowd and is part of a larger rewilding effort by those same groups.

The current set of HSUS proposals being moved nationwide from the Carolinas to California involves the use of the word *pain*. Pain for humans varies from person to person. I served as a medic for decades and can tell you that for almost every injury, I have asked humans to give me different ratings on a 1-10 scale. My point is measuring pain is a subjective process without direct scientific testing. HSUS argues that a dog feels pain exactly like we humans do. They define pain as anything that causes an emotional or physical state ranging from mild discomfort to excruciation. The use of choke chains, leashes, e-collars, cages, pens, or any other method that would influence a dog's behavior could lead to prosecution of the dog owner. (For the record, there are a series of attempts to remove your ability to possess any animal as a pet.)



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The comparison of pain when it's convenient is a hallmark of the failed logic and science behind HSUS and other anti-hunting groups. When humans train in gyms, academia, sports, military, and other endeavors, they experience a level of pain and/or stress. That experience in the vast majority of situations leads to a better outcome for the individual as well as the group.

HSUS is not just introducing this one bill nationwide but a series of bills that will make it cumbersome and economically infeasible to own a dog. One proposed bill says that most dog houses, blankets and other types of pet housing are uncomfortable to a dog, and that's why they circle their beds. The scientific fact is, dogs do this instinctually to position themselves to ward off an attack in the wild. HSUS claims in the public they have researched the perfect

housing, but it is not based on science. Their proposal for your dog shelter and compliance is nothing short of egregious.

No one likes or approves of puppy mills, and many laws have been enacted to rid us of the practice. The fact is that HSUS cannot continue to fundraise off a problem that is largely solved, so they now are attempting to define anyone who has a litter of puppies as a commercial breeder. Their legislation calls anyone who transfers four or more puppies a commercial breeder. If my lab has a litter, I cannot tell her not to have more than three pups (for the record the average litter for a lab is seven to eight puppies). The craziness continues with proposals in several states to give your neighbor the right to call for an attorney to represent your dog if they feel the dog is not happy. The end goals are to change the

culture of the human-dog relationship by legislating it out of existence. This should not be a surprise to gun owners who are witnessing the same tactic on our culture.

#### TAKE A STAND

The time has come for all of us to stand as one against the anti-hunting and anti-dog ownership community. This fight will be brutal as we move to preserve our oldest friendship and traditions. The California Rifle and Pistol Association has local chapters statewide where you can become involved in this fight by contacting us at [contact@crpa.org](mailto:contact@crpa.org). We need your sporting clubs and dog clubs to reach out and contact us to build a coalition to stop HSUS in California. The CRPA will fight this at every level from the Fish and Game Commission to the courtroom. **CRPA**

## HUNTERS' CODE OF ETHICS

- Follow the rules of firearm and hunting safety. Insist that fellow hunters do the same.
- Respect the environment and wildlife. Study the ecosystem. Tread lightly. Leave no trash behind.
- Do not waste game or fish. Make full use of any animal taken. Take only what you will use, even if it is under the legal limit.
- Use only fair and humane

methods of taking wildlife. Develop your hunting and shooting skills as necessary to ensure clean, sportsmanlike kills.

- Know your fitness, skill and equipment limitations. Hunt within those limits.

- Obey all hunting regulations. Hunt with the appropriate license and tags only in allowed areas during designated times and seasons. Obey bag and

possession limits. Use only legal hunting methods and equipment. Report game law violations immediately.

- Ask landowner for permission to hunt and respect the land. Close any gates you open. Say thank you.

- Be considerate of non-hunters' sensibilities. Strive to leave them with positive images of hunting and hunters.

- Don't flaunt your kill. Be as discreet as possible. Treat game carcasses

in an inoffensive manner, particularly during transport.

- Generally conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner. Hunt according to "fair chase." Require the same of your hunting partners.

- Support NAM wildlife conservation programs and urge policymakers to support strong NAM-based conservation initiatives.

- Teach others the skills, techniques, rules and ethics of hunting. Pass these ethical hunting practices along to younger hunters.



**HUNTERS ARE THE TRUE CONSERVATIONISTS!**

## A PICTURE IS WORTH MORE THAN A THOUSAND WORDS

BY DENNIS MATOVU

**L**ess than five minutes after my son and I sat down under a small evergreen on one side of a draw, a squirrel scampered up a tree about 100 yards across from us. Right then, I heard why the squirrel was getting out of the way; the huffing and grunting sounds that I've never heard in the wild before, but knew immediately was our prey!

► **Proud dad moment...** Hezekiah Matovu, age 14, with his first bear harvested in Eldorado National Forest this bear season. (DENNIS MATOVU)





BEAR! It was coming toward us. It was in a hurry. I have unsuccessfully hunted this patch of the Eldorado National Forest for many years. In fact, a couple of years ago, I brought two new hunters out here during deer archery season, and one of them saw a bear at this same location.

The situation unfolded so quickly, that my son didn't even have a round chambered! He managed to get the round seated in the chamber and not a moment too soon because the bear was now coming up the hill. I could only see his back for a second through the trees from where we were. He headed to our right. He popped out in a small clearing 15 yards from us! He lifted his nose in the air. I thought, "He can smell us." I whispered to my son, "Shoot him, SHOOT!" Hezekiah said, "I can't see him." WHAT?! How can he not see the big brown bear 15 yards away? The scope had last been used at full magnification; the bear was too close! After what felt like minutes, the shot went off. The bear tore off

# This is more than a 14-year-old with a bear harvest for me ... a lot more.

into the woods. I thought my son had missed the shot!

My son and I have been out in the woods together in many parts of the state hunting different species since he was about eight years old. Together we have learned a lot about hunting. We had hoped

to harvest a bear, but I don't think we were prepared for this success. At the beginning of this season he wanted to harvest a deer, and with his J20 tag, he filled his tag. Now, just a couple of weeks later, somewhere in the woods was a bear my son had shot. He had fearlessly shot

## CRPA IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA HUNTING & CONSERVATION COALITION

California Hunting and Conservation Coalition (Coalition) members include all the major hunting and natural resource conservation groups in California. Coalition members are united to ensure a strong future for wildlife conservation by protecting and expanding hunting and fishing opportunities throughout California and supporting wildlife management decisions based on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

The Coalition works to make sure these decisions are based on the best available science and sound management strategies.

The Coalition's primary goal is to ensure that wildlife populations thrive in perpetuity and that our traditional hunting and fishing heritage will be guaranteed for all Californians, for generations to come.

Coalition efforts are badly needed in these times of great challenges to our hunting heritage but also in times of great opportunities.

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a 350-pound bear while sitting 15 yards away. Nope, it is not just luck. An old timer told me, “You will never harvest anything from your living room couch.” And another told me, “Luck is where preparedness meets opportunity!”

It took an hour to find our bear. No blood trail anywhere, and there was thick undergrowth everywhere! We had never had to track anything let alone a bear with no blood trail in thick cover! I don’t know if it was naiveite or bravery, but my son did not seem apprehensive at all in tracking through the undergrowth! The bear had made it more than 200 yards with what turned out to be a shot through the heart. Unbelievable! What a sight! What a relief! I think it would have been the most heartbreaking hunt ever if we had not found him.

It took us two hours to drag the

# You will never harvest anything from your living room couch.

350-pound animal on a plastic sled the 300 yards back through the forest to the truck. Gutting it didn’t change the weight! We decided that next time, we are field dressing our harvest. We learned more on this hunt than any other. We enlisted two hunters who were driving by to help us get the heavy bear into the back of the truck.

I have heard all kinds of stories about how gamey bear meat is. Well, hear it from first-hand experience: My son shot a bear; we skinned and butchered the bear; my wife prepared the bear; and I am here to tell you, it is not at all

gamey. By the way, you know that smell you have on your hands from working with any meat? The one that lingers even after washing your hands several times? Not so with bear!

We reported our harvest to the Department of Fish and Wildlife online and took the skull to the local office. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, there was no tooth extraction done which would have told us more about this magnificent animal.

We found the mushroomed copper bullet lodged in the ribs. It is my son’s pride and joy, though

his most memorable hunt is still his first turkey.

We are planning to tan the bear hide ourselves.

The picture doesn’t tell you of the many hunts with no harvest. It doesn’t tell you of the thousands of miles on the road and maybe the hundreds in the woods and fields, the hours spent together, the relationship built so far between a father and son. The hope is to do the same with my daughter and younger sons. This is more than a 14-year-old with a bear harvest for me ... a lot more. But the bear is good, too! **CRPA**

## CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MODEL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

**P**roper ecological stewardship and natural resource management through hunting, trapping and strategic depredation efforts are critical components of maintaining ecological balance.

Hunters and anglers provide the vast majority of funding for natural resource conservation efforts through license fees and federal excise taxes paid.

The traditional science-based and experience-proven North American Model (NAM) of Wildlife Conservation approach to natural resource management has been used to successfully maintain balanced population levels of diverse wildlife species for many decades. Consistent with NAM, hunters and anglers obey conservation regulations, adopt safe practices and adhere to a code of ethics.

Animal rights extremist groups that oppose hunting (see [humanewatch.org](http://humanewatch.org) and [huntfortruth.org](http://huntfortruth.org)) advocate abandoning the NAM in favor of an unbalanced and unscientific approach to species management that would deliberately make hunting unsustainable. These groups promote a model that would encourage predator species populations to explode. These unchecked predator populations would decimate game species and endanger suburban neighborhoods.

Through education, mentorship and example, CRPA supports and promotes the NAM. CRPA opposes the ongoing duplicitous efforts of animal rights extremist groups and fights the unscientific and unbalanced approach they advocate at the Capital, the California Fish and Game Commission and in the courtrooms!

- Wildlife belongs to the people and is held in the public trust. It is managed in trust for the people by government agencies.
- It is illegal to sell the meat of any wild animal in North America.
- Laws developed by people and enforced by government agencies ensure the proper use and conservation of wildlife resources.
- Every law-abiding citizen has the right and privilege to hunt and fish and should have the opportunity.
- Humans can legally kill certain wildlife for legitimate purposes under strict guidelines for food and fur, in self-defense or property protection. Laws are in place to restrict casual killing, killing for commercial purposes, wasting of game and mistreating wildlife.
- Because wildlife and fish freely migrate across boundaries between states, provinces and countries, they are considered an international resource.
- The best science available will be used as a basis for informed decision-making on wildlife management.

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BY DAVID WITHERS

**Y**ou'll love this twist on a coconut Thai curry. The sweet and spicy flavors compliment the venison.

## INGREDIENTS (MAKES 4-6 SERVINGS)

### CURRY PASTE

2-3 Green Jalapenos, sliced, seeds left in  
1 Shallot, peeled and sliced  
3 cloves Garlic, peeled  
½ cup Cilantro leaves  
2 sticks Lemongrass, sliced  
5 leaves Kaffir lime leaves  
1 tbsp Thai fish sauce

2 lb Venison backstraps, cut up for stir fry  
1 tbsp Coconut oil  
2 cans Unsweetened coconut milk  
2 tbsp Thai fish sauce  
2 tbsp Palm or brown sugar  
2 tbsp Coconut sugar  
1 lb Green beans, cooked al dente  
1 Sweet potato, large, diced and steamed until tender, not soft

### GARNISH

½ cup Thai basil leaves  
½ cup Cilantro leaves  
1 Red chili, cut into strips  
2 Limes

Served with steamed jasmine rice or brown rice







METHOD

Place curry paste ingredients into a food processor and blitz until finely pureed. In a bowl, add half of the paste to the venison and marinate for two hours in the refrigerator.

CURRY

Add a little coconut oil to a pan. When hot, add the remaining curry



paste and cook on medium for two minutes, do not brown. Add coconut milk, fish sauce and brown sugar. Bring to boil, turn down and cook for 10 minutes. Heat a large skillet or wok, add a little coconut oil. When hot, add half of the venison and sauté for two minutes. Venison should be golden, but still pink. Repeat with the remaining



venison. Add cooked green beans and diced sweet potatoes, heat for 2-3 minutes. Add venison and all juices. Add juice of one lime. Mix well.

ASSEMBLY

Ladle curry over rice. Garnish with Thai basil, cilantro, chili strips, and a wedge of lime. **CRPA**

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# AMERICA'S RIFLE

## THE CASE FOR THE AR-15

BY STEPHEN P. HALBROOK

This book is the definitive work showing the central place of AR-15s and other semiautomatic rifles in the American story. From the founding to the present, rifles have played a pivotal role in American history.

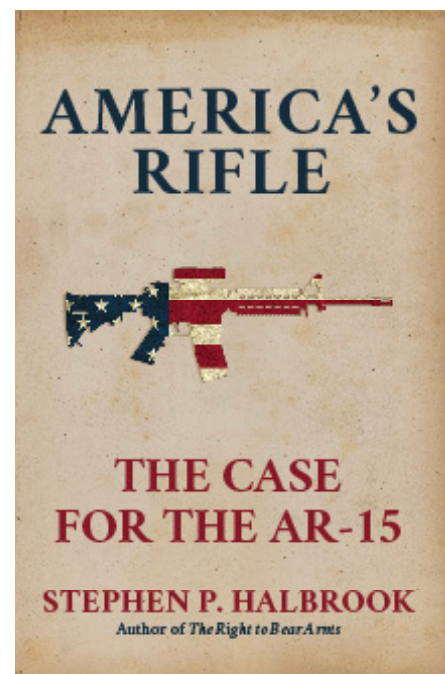
From colonial times, American settlers had the duty and the right to be armed with muskets and other militia weapons. The American Revolution was sparked by British attempts to disarm the colonists. The Second Amendment was intended to prevent future confiscation. During the antebellum era, new states declared the right to bear arms anew as firearms technology developed. The Fourteenth Amendment was adopted, in part, to guarantee the right to bear arms to all citizens, including African Americans.

Semiautomatic firearms have been in production and owned by Americans

for over a century. For most of the twentieth century, Congress was careful not to ban firearms, even though it enacted restrictions.

In 1989, California became the first state to ban ordinary semiautomatic rifles that it labeled "assault weapons." The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms banned the importation of such rifles that it previously considered "sporting" based on fabricated "trace" data. Congress passed its own "assault weapon" ban in 1994 but allowed it to sunset after only ten years. The ban did nothing to prevent crime. Today, seven states ban such firearms, which are ordinary rifles possessed by millions of Americans.

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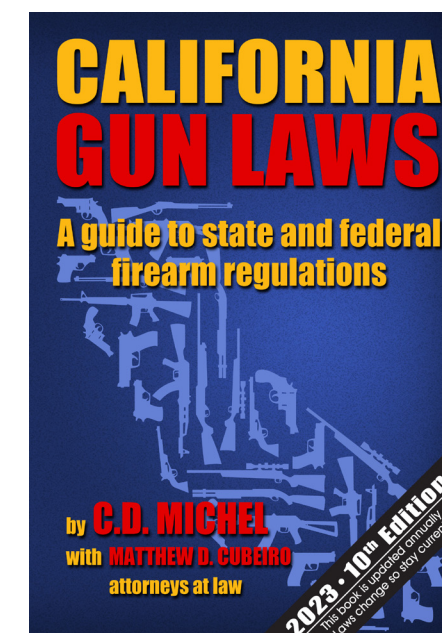
# CALIFORNIA GUN LAWS

## A GUIDE TO STATE AND FEDERAL FIREARM REGULATIONS

BY C.D. MICHEL  
& MATTHEW D. CUBEIRO

*California Gun Laws: A Guide to State and Federal Firearm Regulations* is said to be the bible and definitive source for information on the subject. This tremendous resource is jam-packed with thousands of hours of legal research, all of which has been transcribed into a format that is easy to read and comprehend. Chock-full of legal and practical insights drawn from decades of experience, this book is a must-have for any California gun owner.

The 2023 10th Edition is perhaps our greatest undertaking yet. Following the highly anticipated ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* from the United States Supreme Court, a flurry of lawsuits have been filed challenging California's arbitrary and unconstitutional gun laws.



But anti-gun politicians are not letting the Supreme Court's decision stand in their way of enacting legislative and regulatory changes—nearly all of which are also being challenged. Core among these is the recent changes to federal regulations for the definition of a firearm and a frame/receiver. And in California, over a dozen new anti-gun bills were signed into law that are addressed in the 10th Edition, including:

■ **Senate Bill No. 1327**, which creates a private right of action against any person who manufactures, distributes, transports, imports, sells, gives, or lends any firearm lacking a serial number, any "assault weapon," any .50 BMG rifle, or any firearm precursor part under certain circumstances.

■ **Assembly Bill No. 2571**, which prohibits the advertising or marketing of any firearm-related product in a way that is designed, intended, or reasonably appears to be attractive to minors.

And More! **CRPA**

### LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL: The Origins of American Gun Culture

BY CLAYTON E. CRAMER

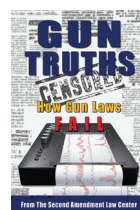
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FROM THE SECOND AMENDMENT LAW CENTER

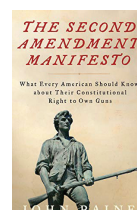
Gun Truths debunks common myths about firearms, self-defense, and gun ownership. It serves as a reference guide for journalists, politicians, law enforcement, and anyone interested in learning about the topics inflaming the debate on gun control.



### THE SECOND AMENDMENT MANIFESTO: What Every American Should Know About Their Constitutional Right To Own Guns

BY JOHN PAINE

Do you want to know the *real* story of the Second Amendment? *The Second Amendment Manifesto* explains *how* the Second Amendment came to be, *why* it's worth protecting and *what* you can do to defend it right now.



### FIRST FREEDOM: A Ride Through America's Enduring History With The Gun

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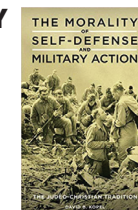
Bestselling author and attorney Mark W. Smith exposes the all-encompassing nature of the anti-gun lobby's attack on the right to keep and bear arms that empowers government to control other important aspects of our lives.



### THE MORALITY OF SELF-DEFENSE AND MILITARY ACTION: The Judeo-Christian Tradition

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Shedding new light on a controversial and intriguing issue, this book reshapes the self-defense debate. Kopel takes a multidisciplinary approach, engaging with leading writers on both sides of the issue.



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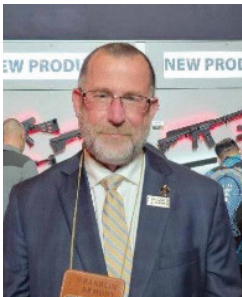
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# CANDIDATE BIOS



## JAY JACOBSON

Jay Jacobson is the President of Franklin Armory which specializes in bringing new products to restrictive markets like California. Jay graduated from San Jose University in 1994 and started a business with his wife. Even though he has been successful in other businesses, nothing has provided as much professional satisfaction than producing firearms for fellow Californians. Jacobson has been a CRPA member since the 1990s and became a life member in 2015. Jacobson has served as a CRPA board member since 2015 and provided his expertise to the legislative policy, hunting and wildlife conservation, finance, and nominations committees. Jacobson loves to hunt for California big game and upland birds with friends and family in his spare time.



## STEVE TURNER

Turner is a life member of CRPA and a benefactor life member of the NRA. He has served multiple years as president of the Long Beach Rod & Gun Club and National Varmint Hunters as well as a member of Cerritos Rod & Gun Club, Predator Callers of Orange County, Pheasant/Quail/Ducks unlimited and Rocky Mountain Elk foundation. He is an Army veteran and corporate VP in the electronics industry as well as a pistol and shotgun instructor. He attended CSU Long Beach for undergraduate and graduate school. His interest includes stopping our politicians from further eroding our Second Amendment rights and repealing many of the draconian laws currently on the books. Additionally, Turner enjoys working with youth hunters to grow the future ranks of our shooting sports and supporting women hunters and shooters, the fastest growing demographic of American gun owners.



## ROBERT LEE

Robert Lee was a member of the Federal Senior Executive Service and the deputy director of the Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response, U.S. Department of Transportation from September 2008 until 2015. Lee worked for three years as a contractor in direct support of the American Red Cross, National Disaster Operations Division providing hurricane response training to American Red Cross state chapters in hurricane prone states and other areas. Lee is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College, in Norfolk, Virginia; the U.S. State Department National Security Executive Leadership Seminar; and the Harvard Kennedy School of Executive Education for Leadership in Crisis. On a personal level, Lee has served as a board member for several local associations. This includes being an assistant scout master and committee board chairman for a Boy Scouts of America Troop and a former disaster action team leader volunteer in the American Red Cross chapter of Alexandria, Virginia. He is a life member of the CRPA and the NRA and a CRPA chapter leader in Northern Sacramento. Lee was voted “CRPA Outstanding Volunteer” in 2021.

# 2023 CRPA ELECTION BALLOT

Each adult, dues-paying CRPA member (except as noted below) is entitled to vote for the candidates appearing on this election ballot. If elected, the candidate will serve on CRPA’s Board of Directors.

The following membership classes are NOT eligible to vote: Junior, Temporary, and VIP members. Club and Business Members only receive one vote per club or business, notwithstanding any individual CRPA members within the club or business that may cast their ballot in their individual capacity.

Important Voting Information:

- 1) Ballots must be postmarked no later than **April 30, 2023**. Ballots may be mailed to 271 E. Imperial Highway, Suite 620, Fullerton, CA 92835.
- 2) This official ballot must be returned to the address above. A copy of this page is acceptable and must be mailed to the address above, faxed to (714) 992-2996 or emailed to: **membership@crpa.org** by the deadline.

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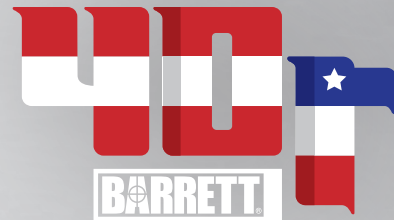
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