

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/POLITICAL NEWS & LINKS
JANUARY 2024

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

- California is estimated to have a \$68 Billion shortfall (Newsom doesn't believe this number so operating under assumption of \$38 Billion shortfall). Wrangling for tax dollars will be a top priority for our socialists/democrats. Jesse Gabriel, the new Democrat Budget Committee Chair is worried about the deficit, but maintains his top priorities are protection of **VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES** (which includes social services, classroom funding and protecting investments in climate and homelessness programs).
- Newsom has published his 2024-2025 Budget. He is adamant in protecting Medi-Cal for all (including all illegal aliens). The Medi-Cal expansion that went into effect January 1 will cost, we taxpayers, billions. When considering how many invaders are already here, we now have a perfect magnet to receive illegal aliens from other states. Included in this health coverage for all is free sex change operations and "gender affirming care."
- Newsom sets Date for SPECIAL ELECTION to replace McCarthy. March 19 is the Primary (and does not coincide with the regular election cycle, so his district needs to be alerted).
- Attached is a comprehensive guide for employers on California pitfalls for businesses in 2024 <https://www.ddwklaw.com/2024EmploymentLawUpdate.PDF>.

CALIFORNIA LAWS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 – JUST A FEW LISTED BELOW:

- Go ahead and smoke dope – your employer can't discriminate if it is off hours.
- Ebony Alert instituted (and already used once) – because apparently, we don't care about black kids that are abducted.
- Fast Food Workers go from minimum pay of \$16/Hr to \$20/Hr (and the layoffs have already begun).
- Retailers are prohibited from selling outdoor gas-powered equipment (including chainsaws, hedge trimmers, edgers, lawn mowers and leaf blowers).
- Retailers must have a gender-neutral toy/clothing section.
- Minimum Wage for all employees is set at \$16.00 (or higher depending on city). If you are an employer, be aware, there a lot of pitfalls here.
- Approval of Mobile Opioid pharmacies.
- Employers can no longer demand non-compete contracts.
- Employers must add an additional 2 days of paid sick leave (to at least 5).
- Employers must provide up to 5 days of paid leave for failed abortions, failed surrogacy, miscarriages or still birth. Employees need not provide proof.
- Illegal Aliens aged from 26-49 now can receive "free" (taxpayer funded) health care through Medi Cal. All other age groups were previously covered, but now we fund ALL illegals. "Although Medicaid is a federal-state program, states cannot use federal funds to pay for full-scope Medicaid for non-citizens without what the state calls "satisfactory immigration status. California however, has been using state funds to

phase in full-scope MediCal for undocumented immigrants who meet its income and other requirements.

- **Work From Home:** Introduced by State Sen. Angelique Ashby, [SB 731](#) requires an employer to provide a 30-day advance written notice before requiring remote employees to return to an in-person setting. The notice would also explain the employee's right to remain remote as accommodation, if applicable, to their disabilities. This bill will go into effect starting Jan. 1.
- Credit History SB 267 prohibits the use of a person's credit history as part of the application process for rental housing. Landlords must offer the applicant the option to provide reasonable evidence to pay, such as government benefit payments and pay records.
- LGBTQ Youth Support: CA Dept of Social Services will be directed to ensure LGBTQ youth are placed with supportive and gender-affirming foster parents.

POLITICAL BITS & PIECES:

- **Rep Mike Levin** has outlined HIS 2024 Priorities. Advocating for veteran benefits (who could disagree?), but then it goes downhill: Ensuring the safe decommission of San Onofre Nuclear Plant; Accelerating the transition to "clean" energy by making necessary improvements to our country's electrical grid and working with colleagues to enact gun safety legislation and ban assault weapons. PLEASE WORK TO DEFEAT THIS REP!
- In San Bernardino County, 1,000 Marched in Fontana to support parental notification policies in schools. Overwhelmingly parents WANT to control their children's education. They oppose socially transitioning children; oppose teaching sexual graphic content and yet the California Attorney General continues to sue school districts that respect parent's rights. Will California ever provide us with representative leadership?
- **Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action:** In 2021, HR-12 passed the CA Assembly (not law as far as I can tell). The California Teachers Union, CTA is promoting BLM at Schools as Feb 5-7, 2024, to be a "Week of Action. A year of purpose. A lifetime of practice." In addition, a portion of the curriculum includes "Israeli settler colonialism," "attempted genocide," "Apartheid" and "decolonization."
- Interesting article on 13 Ways of Analyzing "Disinformation"
<https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/guide-understanding-hoax-century-thirteen-ways-looking-disinformation>

- **New Documentaries have been released concerning Jan 6:**

- January 6th: A True Timeline: <https://open.ink/collections/j6>. Hard to find if you don't follow the link (keeps redirecting to NPR).
- Epoch Times as a two-part documentary on J6. Can be seen for small fee (\$4?)
- Lara Logan has a 10-part series (so far). Can be seen on X or @Truth_inMedia.

ACTION, ACTION, ACTION:

- Urge CA Senators to Reject ACA-7: Keep Discrimination Illegal! Sign the petition at <https://www.change.org/p/urge-ca-senators-to-reject-aca-7-keep-discrimination-illegal>. As of Monday, less than 5000 signatures collected and a minimum of 25,000 needed.
- Sign the Online Voter ID Petition at Carl DeMaio's Reform California. Commit to collecting signatures. We need to bring back Voter ID. (Dreaming someday we could go back to same day voting and paper ballots too!).
- The San Diego Republican Party is asking for Volunteers for California Election Integrity. Volunteers can sign up for any of the following: Monitor Vote by Mail processing before election day; Monitor a Polling Location; Post-Election for observing the Canvass; Volunteer Neighborhood Team Leader; Become a CAGOP certified Ballot Harvester. Go to CAGOP to sign up.
- January 20 – Day of Training in support of Kristie Bruce-Lane's election to California Assembly.
- Last, but certainly not least: Collectively, we must fight to preserve our sovereignty. Let your voice be heard by emailing your opposition to the Pandemic Agreement at OGA.RSVP@hhs.gov. Use the subject line "Written Comment Re: **Implications of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Commitments/Regimes and Other Proposed Commitments in the WHO Pandemic Agreement**." Comments are only allowed for one month and END ON JANUARY 22. Please be informed by reading the following articles:
<https://amac.us/newsline/society/say-no-to-americas-signing-of-the-who-pandemic-agreement/> and
<https://washingtonstand.com/commentary/explainer-whos-pandemic-agreement-threatens-national-sovereignty-free-speech-and-life>

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