

**DID YOU KNOW...**

**Did you know Speaker Kevin McCarthy is the first Republican Speaker from California?** We were thrilled to see McCarthy become the 55th Speaker of the House of Representatives by a vote of his peers last Friday. Check out [THIS](#) link to watch his first remarks after winning the gavel.



**Did you know that Chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson was on KUSI Tuesday?** She spoke about Gavin Newsom's disastrous new budget, as well as the promises already kept by the House Republican majority. Watch the full interview [HERE!](#)



**Did you know that registration for Spring Convention is open?** You can register now for the 2023 Spring Organizing Convention which will be held in Sacramento, CA March 10 - 12, 2023 [HERE!](#)

## MESSAGING

### PRICES CONTINUE TO SOAR

- As the cost of living continues to rise and real wages continue to fall, Americans are struggling to keep up. This is the cost of Democrats' recklessness.
- December's Consumer Price Index soared by [6.5%](#) compared to last year, remaining excessively high.
  - Fuel oil is up 41.5%;
  - Transportation is up 14.6%;
  - Electricity is up 14.3%;
  - Food at home is up 11.8%;
  - Food away from home is up 8.3%
  - Shelter is up 7.5%;
  - New cars are up 5.9%;
  - Medical care is up 4.1%.
- Real average hourly earnings fell [1.7%](#) since last year, marking the [21st month in a row](#) under Biden in which inflation has outpaced wages.
- [Real wages have fallen every month](#) since Biden and Democrats passed their wasteful \$1.9 trillion "stimulus."
- Already Republicans are taking steps to address this.
  - This week, the new House Republican majority [voted](#) to [repeal funding for Biden's 87,000 IRS agents](#) and to block efforts to increase audits of middle-class families.
- American families are suffering under Biden's failed economic agenda of higher taxes, soaring inflation, shrinking savings, and falling real wages. Luckily with a new Republican majority in the House and strong state Republican leadership, Biden and Democrats will be held accountable for their out-of-control spending.

## **CAGOP STATEMENT ON SPEAKER KEVIN MCCARTHY'S ELECTION**

"I am thrilled to congratulate a leader in our Party, a critical ally to the CAGOP, and a dear friend, Kevin McCarthy, on earning the support of his peers to serve as our country's Speaker of the House. Last November, voters put their trust in Republicans by electing a GOP House majority. Speaker McCarthy is the right person to now lead that majority in addressing some of our nation's biggest issues, holding the radical Biden Administration accountable, and moving our country forward once again." — CAGOP Chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson

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## **GAVIN NEWSOM'S PROPOSED BUDGET**

- This week, Governor Newsom presented his \$297 billion state budget proposal, and we are left with more questions than answers.
- Last year, California had a \$97 billion surplus, the highest surplus in not only the state's history, but the highest surplus on record for any state.
- While Republicans pushed for the Governor and the Legislature to put more in the rainy day fund, Capitol Dems spent a majority of the money to fund MORE social programs and pork projects, instead of saving for when we need it.
- We were all warned that a deficit was coming and it's finally here. We are facing a \$22 billion deficit this year.
- Most leaders would take the massive deficit as a sign that we should tighten the purse strings and commit to smarter spending. Not Newsom.
- Despite a massive deficit, the Governor is choosing just to delay some of his spending, instead of making the difficult choice to actually govern and make needed cuts.
- Governor Newsom and Capitol Dems need to acknowledge the situation, rein in their spending, and start reprioritizing funding to the real problems facing Californians.
- We need to focus on what matters most:
  - Affordability
  - Combatting homelessness
  - Public Safety
  - Quality Education
  - Water Infrastructure

- Fire Prevention
- California’s government spending has only ramped up under Democrat leadership. Despite the state’s population only growing 5% since the last census, spending has increased 152% under the past two Governors, with little to show for it in terms of helping improve the cost and quality of living for Californians.
- The Governor chose to only highlight top lines for flashy news sound bites, when the reality that he is calling for:
  - \$500 MILLION SMALL BUSINESS TAX HIKE: The governor is bending over backwards to protect the wasteful programs he’s created over the years but breaking his promise to California job creators by cancelling Small Business Unemployment Insurance Tax Relief program. That will mean a \$500 million tax hike on small businesses, which were among the hardest hit during COVID.
  - MORE HOMELESSNESS SPENDING WITH NO PLAN FOR OVERSIGHT: There is more money thrown into homelessness programs. While the governor is touting that “accountability is required” now, he does nothing to elaborate on his plan for how exactly he plans to execute this. The state has already spent over \$17 billion on homelessness programs, as the problem continues to get worse.
  - NOT ENOUGH WILDFIRE PREVENTION MONEY: There is not nearly enough wildfire prevention money set aside, and Cal Fire is not using what they already have in the bank. Last year, Capitol Democrats put \$600 million in the budget for wildfire prevention, but this is not nearly enough to protect communities from devastating wildfires.
  - NO WATER STORAGE MONEY: There is no new money to build water storage this year. We are entering the fourth year of a drought and despite recent rains, there is no end in sight. There is no money this year to build Sites Reservoir or any money for replenishing existing water basins. Without new water storage, we can expect to have more water restrictions in the future.

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## **CAGOP STATEMENT ON GAVIN NEWSOM'S BUDGET PROPOSAL**

“Despite billions of dollars in increased spending in recent years, California is still

juggling multiple crises today, from homelessness to wildfires, inadequate water storage, an outrageous cost of living and failing schools. Now with a massive budget shortfall projected, it's time for Gavin Newsom to finally get serious about smarter spending to resolve the many issues that are plaguing our state and driving long-time residents away. Californians would be best served by this failing governor working with Republicans to find real solutions to our state's biggest problems. Unfortunately, worrying about states like Texas and Florida seems to be more important to him than worrying about the state he was actually elected to lead." — CAGOP Chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson

## IN THE NEWS

AP News, Adam Beam, [California faces budget deficit of \\$22.5B, governor says](#)

*The California Republican Party quickly blasted the proposal, saying Newsom has for years failed to adequately tackle issues like homelessness and wildfires despite record spending.*

*"Now with a massive budget shortfall projected, it's time for Gavin Newsom to finally get serious about smarter spending to resolve the many issues that are plaguing our state and driving long-time residents away," party Chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson said in a statement.*

OC Breeze, [CAGOP releases statement on Gavin Newsom's budget proposal](#)

*California Republican Party Chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson released the following statement in response to the release of Gavin Newsom's state budget proposal:*

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*problems. Unfortunately, worrying about states like Texas and Florida seems to be more important to him than worrying about the state he was actually elected to lead.”*

**KGET, Jose Franco, [Bakersfield Rep. Kevin McCarthy elected Speaker of the House](#)**

*Bakersfield Congressman Kevin McCarthy has been elected Speaker of the House of the 118th Congress [after 15 tense rounds of voting](#).*

*In the 15th vote, McCarthy received 216 votes, New York Rep. Hakeem Jeffries received 212. Six members voted “present,” lowering the majority threshold to 215.*

**Bakersfield Californian, John Donegan, [Local Republicans: McCarthy's rise to speaker a win for Kern](#)**

*And California Republican Party Chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson said: “I am thrilled to congratulate a leader in our party, a critical ally to the (CAGOP), and a dear friend, Kevin McCarthy, on earning the support of his peers to serve as our country’s speaker of the House.”*

**NYT, Emily Cochrane and Alan Rappeport, [House Republicans Vote to Rescind I.R.S. Funding](#)**

*House Republicans, in one of their first legislative moves, voted to cut funding for the Internal Revenue Service on Monday, as conservative lawmakers try to kneecap President Biden’s \$80 billion overhaul of the beleaguered agency.*

**NY Post, Speaker Kevin McCarthy, [House Republicans’ first week: Keeping our promise to fight for Americans](#)**

While President Joe Biden wants to control the [kind of stove Americans can cook on](#), House Republicans are certainly cooking with gas. It has been only one week since the 118th Congress was sworn in, and House Republicans have already shown we will keep our Commitment to America, work on behalf of the American people and deliver them a better future.

*This isn't just the start of a new Congress. This is the start of a new direction in Washington.*

**Fox News, Peter Kasperowicz, [McCarthy, GOP, Dems unite behind new China committee: 'The era of trusting communist China is over'](#)**

*[House Republicans and Democrats](#) on Tuesday joined forces and voted overwhelmingly in favor of a new committee to examine U.S. strategic competition with China, after House Speaker Kevin McCarthy declared on the House floor that neither Republicans nor Democrats trust China anymore.*

**Sac Bee, Maggie Angst, [Gavin Newsom launches second term slamming red state leaders at his Jan. 6 inauguration march](#)**

*"If Gavin Newsom's first four years as governor are any indication of what's to come, Californians are in for a rough ride," California Republican Party Chairwoman Jessica Millan Patterson said in a statement. "Whether lecturing red states, plotting a laughable White House run, or making the rounds on cable news, the only lesson he's actually teaching the nation is how to move your state in the wrong direction."*

**AP News, Adam Beam, [After years of surpluses, California headed toward a deficit](#)**

*Democrats control all of state government in California, leaving Republicans with little influence on policy and budget decisions. State Sen. Roger Niello, the top Republican on the state Senate's budget-writing committee, said lawmakers need*

to focus on areas where the state is already spending lots of money with few results — like homelessness.

“Generally speaking, we wouldn’t suggest necessarily that we spend more but spend smarter,” Niello said.

### Sac Bee, Stephen Hobbs, [California Republicans renew call for quicker movement on water storage projects](#)

Republicans in California’s Assembly used a break in the storms Thursday to condemn Democrats for the drought-stricken state’s inability to capture more of the rainfall that has inundated it in recent weeks.

“It’s a failure of leadership,” Assemblyman James Gallagher, R-Nicolaus, said during a press conference near the American River in Sacramento. “The Democratic supermajority and the governor have failed to make investments in water infrastructure.”

Gallagher, the Republican Leader, was joined by 10 of his Assembly colleagues on a rare sunny day so far in 2023. They pleaded with Gov. Gavin Newsom to expedite pending water storage projects.

## TOP TWEETS



**Jessica Millan Patterson** ✓  
@millanpatterson

We could be capturing more of this record rainfall throughout California, but @GavinNewsom @CA\_Dem have repeatedly refused to provide adequate water storage for ALL Californians.  
[#NewYearSameDem](#)




**CAGOP** ✓  
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.@SpeakerMcCarthy @HouseGOP promised to repeal @JoeBiden @TheDemocrats reckless addition of 87,000 IRS agents — mission completed ✓



**Kevin McCarthy**    
 @SpeakerMcCarthy

In just 4 years, we've nearly doubled the number of California Republicans in the House of Representatives. 🇺🇸 Reagan would be proud!



**California Assembly Republicans**    
 @AsmRepublicans

Assembly Republican Leader @J\_GallagherAD3's thoughts on @gavinnewsom's second term. Assembly Republicans are fighting to protect our communities, lower the cost of living and improve our schools. We hope the governor will join us.



**Brian W. Jones**    
 @SenBrianJones

Congratulations to @JanetNguyenCA who will serve as Senate Minority Caucus Chair. She's the first Vietnamese American to hold that position.

Janet is a fierce advocate for communities that have been left behind by CA's progressive agenda.

Now let's get to work & #FixCalifornia!



**GOP**    
 @GOP

Key inflation indicators show higher prices are here to stay under Biden.

## DRAFT TWEETS

Now with a Republican House majority — accountability is coming for the Biden Administration #CommitmentToAmerica

Maybe this will finally be the year @GavinNewsom @CA\_Dem address the laundry list of problems they caused here in California. #CADeservesBetter

## GRAPHICS



The Lorelei Kinder Award is given to an outstanding, young volunteer who served the Republican Party during the 2022 election cycle.

Nominate a recipient that meets the following qualifications:

- Must be 25 years of age or younger
- Must be heavily involved in campaign activities for the 2022 cycle
- Must be nominated by CAGOP Delegates, staff, or anyone who worked on the various campaigns throughout California.

**Prize:** The recipient will receive a two-night complimentary room with parking at the CAGOP Spring Convention and one ticket to each of the convention's ticketed events. The winner will also be recognized at the Spring Convention's Sunday General Session.

To submit a nominee or learn more about the Lorelei Kinder Award visit: [www.cagop.org/s/convention](http://www.cagop.org/s/convention)  
APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023.

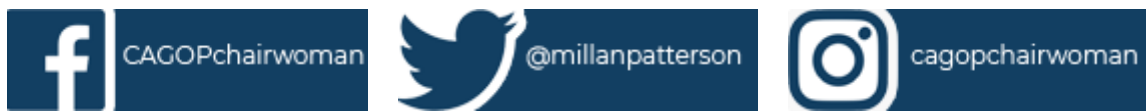
## LOOKING AHEAD

- **02/10/23** Odd Voter Registration Report
- **03/10/23 - 03/12/23** CAGOP Organizing Convention
- **09/14/23 - 11/08/23** Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Period
- **09/29/23 - 10/01/23** CAGOP Fall Convention
- **11/13/23 - 12/08/23** Candidate Filing Nomination Period
- **12/09/23 - 12/13/23** Candidate Filing Nomination Extension Period
- **12/14/23** Randomized Alphabet Drawing
- **12/23/23** Notice to candidates
- **12/28/23** Certified List of Candidates for Voter-Nominated Offices

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