

# Why Workers Should Vote **NO** on the Recall

On September 14, California voters will go to the polls to decide whether to keep Gavin Newsom as our governor. NUHW and unions across the state, including the California State Labor Federation, are urging voters to vote NO on the first question, and keep Governor Gavin Newsom in office.

## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

Voters will be asked two questions:

1. Shall GAVIN NEWSOM be recalled (removed) from the office of Governor? YES or NO
2. Candidates to succeed GAVIN NEWSOM as Governor if he is recalled: Vote for ONE.

## HOW IT WORKS

If more than 50 percent of voters answer “yes” to the first question, Newsom will be recalled, and the candidate who wins the most votes will replace him — even if no replacement candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote.

## WHO'S BEHIND IT

The Recall is backed by groups and individuals with a history of attacking workers’ rights and retirement security, and opposing COVID safety measures.

## HOW TO VOTE

On August 16, mail-in ballots will be sent to every active registered voter in the state. If you’re unsure about your registration, go to <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>. All ballots must be returned by September 14.

## WHY SHOULD WE SUPPORT GOVERNOR NEWSOM?

**With Newsom as governor, we’ve been able to protect workers and patients:**

- Has implemented some of the strongest COVID safety measures in the nation.
- Worked with us to pass SB 855, expanding access to mental healthcare.
- Designated Seton Medical Center in Daly City regional COVID hospital and provided emergency funding to provide patient access and save the jobs of 670 NUHW members.
- Is working with us to progress the planning for guaranteed, universal Medicare for All.

**As COVID surged, Newsom had workers’ backs, signing a raft of bills we support:**

**AB 685:** Requires employers to notify employees of potential COVID exposure in the workplace.

**AB 2537 and SB 275:** Requires hospital to keep stockpiles of PPE for employees

**SB 1383:** Companies with more than 5 employees have to guarantee workers can return to their jobs after taking a leave to care for a sick family member or a new baby.

**SB 1159:** Expedites workers’ compensation for essential workers.

## WHO COULD BE THE NEXT GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA?

Forty-six candidates will be on the ballot. There is no minimum percent vote to become the next governor. The leading candidates all oppose COVID safety measures and workers' rights to organize, and want to slash public funding, undercut public schools, and increase corporate power.

- **Right-wing radio talk show host Larry Elder** believes "the ideal minimum wage is \$0.00."
- **Former mayor of San Diego Kevin Faulconer** led the charge to fight city worker unions and slash pensions.
- **Reality TV star Caitlyn Jenner** is a Trump supporter but doesn't have much of a platform and is currently filming *VIP Big Brother* in Australia.
- **Frequent candidate John Cox** lost to Newsom in 2018, 38-62 percent. He brings a live Kodiak bear to campaign events, claiming "California needs beastly solutions."

## WHAT WORKERS WOULD LOSE IF GOVERNOR NEWSOM IS RECALLED

The governor could veto any legislation we pass to protect workers and could roll back many COVID protections, including workplace rules that have kept many healthcare workers safe.

The governor has a lot of power over working conditions:

- Workplace safety and regulations
- The right to join or be a part of a union
- Public pensions and rules governing private pensions
- Health coverage under Covered California
- Public education funding
- Budget priorities
- Corporate accountability
- Climate action

## COULD THE GOVERNOR REALLY BE RECALLED?

**YES. This election is very close, so every vote counts!**

In a recent poll, 47 percent of likely California voters supported recalling the Democratic governor, compared with 50 percent who opposed removing Newsom from office. The three percent difference is within the margin of error.

Those who disapprove of how Newsom is doing are more likely to be following the election and are more likely to vote.

The Delta variant and new surge could require more lockdowns and restrictions, further energizing the Republican voters who support the recall.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- VOTE NO on the Recall!
- Look for your ballot in the mail and drop it in the mail or a ballot drop box no later than September 14!
- You can check your registration at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>
- Help get the word out!
- Share this information with your coworkers, family, and friends. Find this fact sheet at [NUHW.org/recall-facts](https://nuhw.org/recall-facts).
- Help outreach to voters!

## CANVASSING OPPORTUNITIES



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