



National Republicans have found their latest scheme to rile of the Trump base and thwart California's efforts to fight COVID – recalling Governor Gavin Newsom.

Gavin's coming out swinging. He won't be distracted from California's important work of fighting the pandemic and vaccinating Californians. But he is going to fight, because there's too much at stake.

Let's call this recall what it is -- a partisan, Republican attempt to grab power in the nation's bluest state.

Governor Newsom has Californians' support. After leading the state through a global pandemic, record wildfires fueled by climate change and two years with Trump in the White House, he has earned the trust of voters.

But the consequences of a successful recall amid a global pandemic could be deathly serious for Californians. That's why Democrats, Progressives and Independents are united in stopping the Republican recall.

### **Who is Behind the Recall? Trump-Supporting Republicans**

The [LA Times](#) and other news organization have reported how it is powered by a Republican coalition anti-vaxxers, QAnon conspiracy theorists, anti-immigrant [Trump supporters](#) and [national Republicans](#).

POLITICO [reported](#) how one of the co-founders and chief organizers of the recall suggested it would be a good idea to "microchip" immigrants. "It works," he [wrote](#), "just ask Animal Control!"

The San Francisco Chronicle [reported](#) leaders of the recall used anti-Asian rhetoric like calling COVID the "Wuhan Flu" and "Chinese Virus," and California Jewish leaders have [condemned](#) the recall's embrace of anti-Semitic rhetoric and images that evoke the Holocaust.

One of the recall's top funders [funneled](#) \$200,000 to Trump voter suppression efforts against African Americans in Texas, and another spent millions fighting affordable housing.

National Republicans like Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Rudy Giuliani and Devin Nunes have all publicly backed it. The Republican National Committee has [even cut](#) the recall a \$250,000 check.

Instead of fighting COVID-19, Republicans are pulling a page from the Trump playbook and attacking Californians. In fact, a Republican recall will cost the state \$100 million – money that could be used to help vaccinate our communities.

## **Governor Newsom’s Pandemic Leadership Has Earned Him the Trust of Californians**

Governor Newsom is boldly leading California through an unprecedented series of crises, including devastating wildfires, a national economic downturn and the worst pandemic in 100 years.

He is working every day against difficult odds to keep our families safe, distribute vaccines, protect families from eviction and provide billions in direct relief to individuals and struggling small businesses.

Under Governor Newsom’s leadership, California is winning the war against the pandemic:

- California has administered [over 11 million](#) vaccinations
- California has distributed more vaccines than all but 5 countries and has built the most robust distribution system in the country
- And importantly, it’s [reserving 40%](#) of these vaccines for the most at risk zip codes

- Governor Newsom is also fighting to ensure every Californian has the support they need during a national economic downturn:

- Using the state surplus to deliver direct relief, the Golden State Stimulus – \$600 cash payments to nearly 6 million Californians.
- Launching the largest small business grant program in the nation, more than \$2.6 billion.
- Providing [millions of dollars in fee relief](#) to hundreds of thousands of businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19.
- \$100 million in emergency financial aid for community college students
- Distributed [\\$75 million](#) in direct relief to undocumented residents who were denied aid by the federal stimulus program

## **Governor Newsom’s Record of Bold Reforms**

Upon his election, Governor Newsom vowed to reanimate the California Dream and help create a California for All – a place where every Californian can achieve a better life, regardless of

where they start out. After just two years, California has passed big reforms to make life better for our families, including...

### **Protected our civil rights and fought against systemic racism**

- Citing the racism in our criminal justice system, Governor Newsom placed [a moratorium](#) on the death penalty – halting 737 executions.
- [Outlawed](#) private, for-profit prisons and immigration detention centers
- Issued [an official apology](#) to all Native American Peoples for violence, mistreatment and neglect inflicted upon them throughout our state's history
- Signed a first-in-the-nation bill to make recommendations for [providing reparations](#) for slavery
- Appointed California's [first Latino U.S. Senator](#), first [Black Secretary of State](#) & [first openly gay California Supreme Court Justice](#)
- Created \$1 billion permanent fund to [provide safe and affordable drinking water](#) to the 300 communities in California who lack it
- Issued executive order ensuring every Californian [received a mail in ballot](#) during the pandemic
- Eliminated barriers that block former inmate fire crews from becoming career firefighters

### **Passed first-in-the-nation reforms to reform our criminal justice system**

- Governor Newsom [signed into law](#) the nation's strongest police use-of-force standard, protecting and valuing human life
- [Outlawed](#) private, for-profit prisons and immigration detention centers
- Banned [all chokeholds](#) in California in response to the killing of George Floyd
- Passed the nation's first bill [requiring Independent investigations](#) by the Attorney General of all police shootings of unarmed individuals
- Signed [new laws](#) to reform California's juvenile justice system, break the school to prison pipeline and phase out state-operated youth prisons

### **Created more housing for the unhoused than any Governor in history**

- Created a national model for [stable housing](#) for more than 33,000 unhoused Californians through Project Roomkey
- Purchased 6,000 permanent supportive housing units through Homekey – adding [more permanent supporting housing](#) than any California Governor in history at 1/3 of the cost
- Passed the nation's [strongest statewide eviction protections](#) for renters amid the pandemic
- Provided [billions](#) in funding to build, preserve and protect more housing

### **Doubled Down in California's Fight Against Climate Change & Big Polluters**

- Under Gavin Newsom, California [became the first state](#) to ban sales of new fossil fueled powered cars by 2035
- Vowed to conserve [30 percent of land and coastal water](#) by 2030, joining 38 nations.

- Strengthened the state's fuel [standards for heavy-duty trucks](#), one of the biggest sources of pollution, and required the nation's first smog check for these vehicles
- Signed bill making California the first state to [ban sales of fur products](#)
- Invested [more than ever before](#) in first responders, wildfire resilience and firefighting technology

### **Delivered Big for Working Families**

- Passed historic legislation [expanding California paid family leave](#) from six to eight weeks for each parent
- Doubled the [earned-income tax credit for low income](#) families
- Signed first-in-the-nation bill [targeting misclassification of workers](#) across sectors
- Expanded paid sick leave to [every Californian](#) during the pandemic, regardless of whether they were covered by federal law
- Signed [long-sought legislation](#) allowing childcare providers the right to unionize

### **Expanded Health Care Access & Took on Big Pharma**

- California became the first state to [expand subsidies](#) for low- and middle-income Californians that help them get covered
- Harnessed California's market power against Big Pharma and launched the nation's first [single-purchaser-system](#) for prescription drugs
- Signed legislation [blocking Big Pharma's ability](#) to delay lower cost generic drugs from entering the marketplace
- Required [all UC and CSU campuses](#) to make medication abortions available at campus health centers
- Signed legislation allowing [pharmacists to provide PREP](#) to Californians without a prescription
- California became the first state to expanded Medi-Cal access for undocumented individuals ages 19-25
- Ensured access to healthcare for COVID-19 diagnostic and treatment services for all uninsured Californians

### **Record Investments in Education & Our Kids Future**

- Provided [two tuition free years of community college](#) to any first-time student
- Ensured [no tuition increases](#) for UC and CSU students since becoming Governor
- Made [largest ever investment](#) in K-12 public schools, including big increases in special education
- Expanded early childhood and childcare and [put the state on the path](#) to universal pre-kindergarten
- Increased [financial aid](#) and created a financial aid award for student parents
- Signed the nation's first law [allowing student athletes](#) to profit off their name image and likeness

### Supported Immigrant Communities & Refugees

- Made California the first state to [expand access to Medi-Cal for undocumented individuals](#) ages 19-25
- Pulled [back](#) the California National Guard from Trump's mission on the southern border
- Allowed undocumented residents [to claim](#) the Earned Income Tax Credit, a first-in-the-nation move
- Provided \$25 million in [emergency humanitarian assistance](#) to help migrants and refugees on California's southern border