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Legislative proposal would cripple franchise businesses

In the coming days, the State Assembly will vote on AB 257, a bill that aims to establish a new government entity, a “government council,” to make labor law for counter-service restaurants with more than 30 locations nationwide. The CRA strongly opposes this proposal for a long list of reasons. Learn more about our coalition, and how you can help, here: **Stop the Takeout Takeover.**

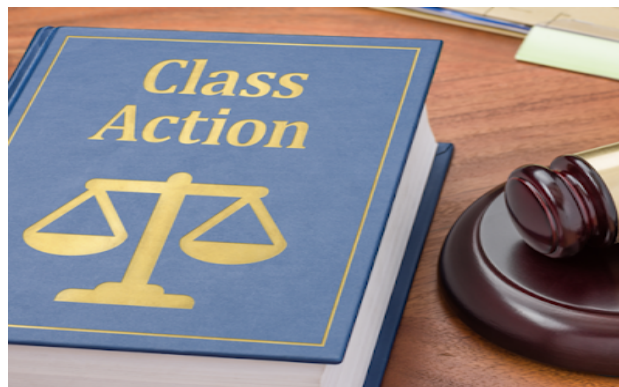
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Is outdoor dining here to stay?

"Every twist and turn of this pandemic has been kaleidoscopic for our industry," said CRA President and CEO, Jot Condie. "Every new development changes the entire operating environment for a restaurant now."

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Permit Fee Refunds Heading to San Diego Restaurants

Restaurant owners in San Diego will soon see rebates of up to 50% of their annual permit fees to the County of San Diego's Department of Environmental Health and Quality. Last Friday, a judge approved a \$4.5 million class action settlement for San Diego restaurant owners who sued the county for financial relief due to COVID-19 closures. Read more about how the litigation spearheaded by CRA members impacts local restaurateurs.

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Although Congress can't agree on much these days, we hope they'll agree that around the country and here in California, many restaurants are still struggling just to stay afloat – and all of them continue to face ongoing COVID-19 impacts.

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[Tell Congress to replenish the fund.](#)



Meet Cheesecake Factory's Customer Advocate. He Also Happens to Be the CEO

David Overton is a finalist for Restaurant Leader of the Year, and among five finalists being featured by Restaurant Business Magazine. He leads by making choices – including on restaurant locations – that resonate with him personally.

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Watch the one-minute video now!

CRA NEWS



NYNTK: Key bill gets a vote this week: Make your voice heard now

Last summer, we helped defeat AB 257, the bill that aims to create an entirely new government entity, a “government council” made up of unelected, unaccountable political appointees. This council would have the authority to make labor law for counter-service restaurants with more than 30 locations nationwide, but proponents of this idea have already said that if they are successful, they will expand the law throughout the restaurant industry and to other industries as well.

The State Assembly will vote on the bill this week. It’s not enough for Assembly members to hear from the CRA’s government affairs team. They need to hear from people living and working in their own districts. Watch this week’s video for a rundown of the bill, then contact your Assembly member through our **“Stop the Takeout Takeover” website**, where you can easily send a letter to your lawmaker, and learn much more about this bill.

FULL STORY



Calling all foodie supporter!
Sponsorship opportunities available for Dine Out Long Beach

Join us and help support our restaurants, brewpubs, wine bars and lounges during the 6th annual Dine Out Long Beach, Restaurant & Cocktail Week – February 18-28, 2022 – presented by the Grunion Gazette. Customized sponsorship available including trade and/or in-kind donation.

Questions? Call Elizabeth Borsting at 562.856.9292 or email Elizabeth@borstingpr.com for more information.

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The 19th Annual San Diego Restaurant Week returns Sunday April 3, 2022! This foodie-favorites week is the perfect time to take a culinary tour throughout the diverse and thriving food culture of San Diego.

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