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### CALIFORNIA



### The CRA endorses Rick Caruso for L.A. Mayor

CRA leadership today announced the association's endorsement of Rick Caruso, known civic advocate and business leader, for Los Angeles Mayor. Caruso's busy campaign schedule included a stop today at Maria's Italian Kitchen in Northridge, where he was welcomed by a group of supporters that included CRA Board Chairman, John Tallichet, past chair, Kevin McCarney, President of Poquito Mas restaurants, Patty Reveles, CRA members Bruce and Vivian Hartman of Buffalo Bruce's, Greg Jamgotchian, general manager of Maria's, and Madelyn Alfano, owner of Maria's

Italian Kitchen and past chair of the CRA Board of Directors.

“The city of Los Angeles is it a crossroads the likes of which we haven’t seen in decades,” said CRA Chairman of the Board, John Tallichet. “The need is great for a strong and different kind of executive leadership in City Hall - decisive executive leadership that can turn things around without fear of political games or lost future political career opportunities. Our members and their workforce need a true change agent.”

## FULL STORY



### **California labor law: how to sue employers**

The well-known “job killer” list issued by the California Chamber of Commerce includes two bills that would expand PAGA in California. Meanwhile, the CRA and other statewide business groups are leading an effort to replace PAGA with a law better for employers and their workers.

[Read more](#)



### **Resources available for families of victims and the Sacramento community after downtown mass shooting**

Among the resources that are available to restaurant workers who may have been impacted by the mass shooting in downtown Sacramento: grants from the California Restaurant Foundation’s Restaurants Care fund. Learn more about Restaurants Care here and support the fund if you can.

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## **Building Back Better**

The panel will focus on not slipping back into old habits and identifying opportunities we have coming out of the pandemic to build our businesses back stronger.

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## NATIONAL



### **Lawmakers Propose Visa Program to Aid Staff Shortages**

There is no silver bullet to solving the industry's recruitment challenge, but this program creates one opportunity to address the issue," Sean Kennedy, the National Restaurant Association's executive vice president of public affairs, said in a statement. "The overlapping blows of the pandemic and now an inflationary economy are limiting industry operations."

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### **Restaurants to Congress: Economic Conditions Threaten Nearly 20% of Restaurants and We Can't Go it Alone**

The fate of ongoing efforts to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund remain unclear, but the need is – and has always been – easy to see. Along with our partners at the National Restaurant Association, we continue to push for this much-needed relief.

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## Protection Manager IN-PERSON Training & Proctored Exam

Monday, April 11, 2022 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
The Food Manager training begins at 9am, sharp. The Food Manager exam session is scheduled to begin at 2:00pm (2-hour limit to the exam).

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## RESTAURANT EMPLOYEE *marketplace*



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## CRA Marketplace Webinar: The Top Ways You Can Beat the Hiring Crisis

Join Aaron Wilkinson, a hiring specialist at Workstream, as he discusses the tactics used by top industry leaders to successfully staff their locations during the current hiring crisis. This webinar will provide you with practical solutions to improve your hiring.

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## **News You Need to Know: Nation's high court considers PAGA, arbitration**

As CRA members know, the notorious law known as PAGA is being fought on at least two fronts: the effort toward a ballot initiative in California that CRA is helping to lead, and a case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court. So, what will the ruling mean for California restaurants? Sabrina breaks it all down in this week's News You Need to Know, and tells us all the reasons why our ballot initiative will still be needed.

*A reminder: click [here](#) to donate to our Issues PAC. Obviously, reforming PAGA will be a significant focus of our Issues PAC, but we also need to keep our eye on other industry threats, like a proposal to increase the statewide minimum wage to \$18 and the legislature's AB 257. Your support is urgently needed to address this opportunity while defending the industry from these other threats. If you'd like updates as the campaign moves forward, you can click [here](#) to visit the coalition website.*

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## 2022 LA Chapter Elizabeth Burns Lifetime Achievement Award Gala

Each year, the Elizabeth Burns Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an industry leader who has achieved notable success while also helping advocate for fellow restaurateurs.

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## CRA Fresno Restaurant Industry Appreciation Bash

Introducing the 1st Annual Golden Pineapple Awards! Come celebrate the amazing people in the restaurant industry with us. There will be a cornhole tournament, drinks, food, awards, live music and lots of fun.

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## EL SEGUNDO: SPANISH SERVSAFE® FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER CERTIFICATION

Tuesday, May 3, 2022  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM PST  
Marmalade Cafe 2014 Park Pl El  
Segundo, CA 90245

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**11**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Sacramento: ServSafe® Food Protection Manager IN-PERSON Training & Proctored Exam

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**A P R**

**19**

**10:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

CRA Marketplace Webinar: The Top Ways You Can Beat the Hiring Crisis

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**A P R**

**25**

**9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

Anaheim: IN-PERSON ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Training and Paper Exam

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**A P R**

**26**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

El Segundo: ENGLISH ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification

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