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### **CALIFORNIA**



# California's So-Called "FAST Recovery Act": The Anticipated Impact on Restaurants, Franchises, Jobs, and Food Prices

The bill, AB 257, references "fast food," but in reality, its impacts are far-reaching and apply to any restaurant concept with "30 or more establishments nationally that share a common brand." This legislation has been passed by the State Assembly and will be taken up by state senators. It aims to set up government councils made up of political appointees who will

establish labor standards – without immediate input from state lawmakers. The CRA strongly opposes this bill.

#### **FULL STORY**



# Opinion: Restricting natural gas in California is a recipe for blackouts

"Researchers from UCLA found that 'daily peaks in gas use don't coincide with the times that renewable energy sources are producing the most energy.' When people need to use their stoves, water heaters and air conditioners, renewables can't power them."

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# Inflation threatens California's economic recovery

Inflation, along with higher gas prices, is raising living expenses and has already cut into wage gains for lower-income workers.

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# The Winners of the CA ProStart Cup

See the winners of the 20th Anniversary CA ProStart Cup, a statewide high school restaurant competition! Teens pitched their ideas for new restaurant concepts and plated up 3-course meals.

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#### **Congress Dashes Chances of Restarting the Restaurant Revitalization Fund**

"Today's news that Congress is walking away from the RRF is a gut punch to the 177,000 restaurants who now have some incredibly difficult decisions ahead of them," Sean Kennedy, executive vice president of public affairs for the National Restaurant Association, said in a statement. "The pandemic is over for much of the economy, but small business restaurant owners have taken two steps back with every variant."

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# Important Information about the PPP Second Draw: Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> – 2 P.M. EST/11 A.M. PST

For restaurants that took a second draw from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the deadline to apply for loan forgiveness is coming up, and applying is easier than ever. Join Aaron Frazier, National Restaurant Association's director of tax policy to learn how to navigate the application process, what important information you'll need, and what happens if you miss the deadline.

#### **Register here!**

#### ServSafe Food Protection Manager Class + Exam

March 21, 2022 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM PST

California State law requires each [individual] food service establishment to have at least one employee who is certified in food safety and sanitation. This one-day session will review the key terms and



concepts from the ServSafe textbook (included in the registration fee).

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# Helping local restaurants stay open

CRA Members will receive biannual rebates and flexible partnership plans. Register now before the October 31 deadline!

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### NYNTK: New proposal improves alcohol-fordelivery options

As COVID cases have declined dramatically in California, many mask and vaccine mandates have been eased. At the same time, many consumers prefer to take their meals to go, or have them delivered. Yet, when the state allowed alcohol to be sent out with meals delivered by delivery apps, there was a key thing missing from the legislation: cocktails. Sabrina tells us more about why, and about SB 846, which aims to fix that.

#### **FULL STORY**



#### **CRA PAC/IPAC Evening Reception 2022**

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Sally Schmitt, pioneering French Laundry founder, has died

mingling with fellow restaurant industry leaders at the Sardine Factory, one of Monterey's finest dining experiences.

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Sally Schmitt, the founder of famed Napa Valley restaurant the French Laundry and a pioneer of California cuisine, has died of natural causes at the age of 90. The French Laundry has been a CRA member since 2005.

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#### SAN DIEGO: SERVSAFE® FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER CERTIFICATION (SPANISH)

March 22, 2022 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM PST 3750 Sports Arena Blvd Ste 6 San Diego, CA 92110

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