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## CALIFORNIA



### California unemployment debt: How to dig out of a \$20 billion hole?

The mass layoffs that came with mandated closures of businesses during the pandemic have led the state to incur massive debt – since California's insolvent unemployment insurance fund could not pay benefits without borrowing from the federal government. The question now is,

who will pay this debt? The CRA and other business groups are fighting to make sure employers aren't stuck with the bill for closures and layoffs they had no control over. "This was not a recession that was created by the business community," said Brooke Armour Spiegel, vice president of California Business Roundtable. "This was a recession that was created by state policies in response to a global pandemic."

## FULL STORY



### Housing, wages, health: California programs struggle to live up to goals

Workers trying to recover unpaid wages from their employers are waiting years just for a hearing at the state Labor Commissioner's Office, according to an investigation by KQED. That is one of several state or local relief programs struggling to live up to its aims.

Click on the link in the headline to read more, then [click here to learn more about the statewide initiative proposed by the CRA](#) and other leading business organizations in the state. Our initiative would require state lawmakers to address the funding and staff vacancies that lead to these delays. The new law, a replacement for PAGA, would also treat employers much more fairly.

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### L.A. to consider ending COVID vaccine proof requirement at bars, restaurants, gyms

The county of Los Angeles has already eased masking rules and vaccine-verification requirements. However, within city limits, those rules still apply – unless the City Council lifts the requirements.

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### The U.S. added 678,000 jobs in February. It's another sign of a hot labor market

Bars and restaurants added 124,000 jobs in February, in contrast with the months prior, when the grip of the omicron variant impacted operations significantly.

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### Wendy's CFO: Ghost kitchens, nontraditional units will make up half of 2022 store growth

Wendy's plans a significant increase of its ghost kitchen locations, which are the result of a partnership with Reef Ghost Kitchens. Non-traditional store formats will make up about 50% of the company's development of new units, according to company executives.

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## Anaheim ServSafe Food Protection Manager Class + Exam

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

California State law requires each 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.

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## 2022 Annual OC Chapter Golf Tournament

Join the CRA Orange County Chapter for a day out on the golf course. The annual golf tournament supports the chapter's efforts in raising funds for the California Restaurant Foundation and the advocacy efforts of the CRA Political Action Committee.

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## NYNTK: California should prioritize a paydown of its unemployment insurance (UI) debt

The CRA has had early success in our work to elevate the issue of California's massive debt that resulted from an enormous spike in unemployment payments during the COVID pandemic, but what happens next? Will state lawmakers agree with Governor Newsom that the state should begin to pay down that debt? Sabrina explains why this fight is critical to minimizing the threat of future employer assessments. Employers shouldn't have to foot the bill for this debt – particularly when they had no choice but to lay off employees when government agencies ordered COVID-related shutdowns of businesses.

**FULL STORY**



### San Diego Restaurant Week

The 19th Annual San Diego Restaurant



### CRA PAC/IPAC Evening Reception 2022

Join us for drinks and shareable plates while

Week returns Sunday, April 3rd to April 10th 2022! Take part in this foodie-favorites week and be a part of a culinary tour throughout the diverse and thriving food culture of San Diego.

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

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**M A R**

**09**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PST**

CRA Legal Center Webinar:  
Managing March Madness in  
California – Office Pools,  
Alcohol, Marijuana, E-

**M A R**

**22**

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

San Diego: ServSafe Food  
Protection Manager  
Certification (SPANISH)

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**M A R**

**28**

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

So. San Francisco: ServSafe®  
Food Protection Manager IN-  
PERSON Training &  
Proctored Exam

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**April 3 - 10, 2022**

The 19th Annual San Diego  
Restaurant Week returns  
Sunday, April 3rd to April  
10th 2022!

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