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New minimum wage takes effect, + federal agency may consider new limits on gas stove

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## California

The mission of the California Restaurant Association is to be the definitive voice of the California foodservice industry.

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**AB 257 is on hold after lawsuit**

AB 257 was put on hold by a judge after the Save Local Restaurants coalition filed a lawsuit to stop the state from implementing the law. The lawsuit and court action followed an announcement by a California state agency that it was preparing to implement the law in spite of the fact that the coalition has collected more than one million signatures from California voters to take the law to a 2024 ballot.

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### **It's a new year, and there is a new minimum wage**

The minimum wage has just increased in 23 states and in Washington, D.C. In California, 19% of the state's workforce – or, three million people – are impacted by the change.

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### **Longtime CRA member, Cohn Restaurant Group, celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Cohn Restaurant Group is a dining fixture in Southern California, with restaurants spread throughout San Diego County. CRG restaurants are offering a variety of special menus through January 12<sup>th</sup> as part of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

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### **Stop Small Business Shakedowns**

The California Chamber of Commerce, in coordination with the **Stop Small Business Shakedowns** committee and Fisher Phillips LLP, is pleased to host a

virtual MCLE course on the Private Attorney's General Act (PAGA) landscape in 2023 and beyond for businesses in California. This MCLE event will be invaluable for any business and their counsels as PAGA liability continues to shift and grow with each passing court ruling and legislative action.

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### **Save up to \$3,000 per unit on high-efficiency equipment**

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## National



**Ban new gas stoves, a federal safety commissioner proposes; CPSC says no**



**Restaurant Operators End 2022 With Mixed Outlook**

### such official plan yet

The past few days have brought a confusing series of messages from an official with the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Richard Trumka, Jr., first suggested gas stoves should be banned, then clarified that statement to say bans should only apply to new stoves. The agency itself says it is still in the early phases of planning and gathering data, and that any new regulation would be the result of a “lengthy process.”

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“In this kind of economic environment, typical operators don’t have much margin for error. With major input costs escalating, they can make changes to align with local consumer demand while realigning operations for longer term growth,” said Hudson Riehle, senior vice president of research for the National Restaurant Association.

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### [LA Restaurants Leadership Roundtable](#)

Join us for this intimate roundtable with some of the most knowledgeable people in the field!

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- Labor Retention & Related Hurdles: Do's and Don't's
- Why do some restaurants thrive during crises and others fail

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## CRA News



### **Hire + Inspire Next Gen Restaurant Leaders!**

The CA ProStart Cup is an electrifying event for top culinary and restaurant management high school students. Get involved –booth at College + Career Expo, event program ads, and sponsorships are available.

Contact [aharshfield@calrest.org](mailto:aharshfield@calrest.org).

**Check it out!**



**CRA Legal Center Webinar with Fisher & Phillips LLP: A Stitch In Time Saves 9.....FIGURES: How Managing Minutes Can Save Your Restaurant Millions**

Wage & Hour issues continue to be at the top of legal issues restaurants are facing today. From meal & rest compliance to ensuring every minute is counted and paid, the level of attention that owners and operators have to give to these issues is daunting. This webinar will discuss strategies for restaurants to comply with California's wage & hour laws.

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**San Diego/La Mesa: ServSafe® Food**



**TopGolf Sacramento January Mixer - FREE to members \$30 to non-members**

The Sacramento Chapter invites current and prospective CRA members to join the local restaurant community for a networking mixer. Connect with Northern California food service leaders over a fun game of TopGolf. Food and drinks available.

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**Fisher Phillips Seminar: 2023 California**

### **Protection Manager Certification**

**Monday, February 6, 2023 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM PST**

California law requires every food service establishment to have at least one employee who holds Food Protection Manager certification.

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### **Legislative and Case Law Update**

Fisher Phillips invites CRA members for an informative seminar covering important California legislative and legal updates. Fisher Phillips attorneys will analyze new legislation, case law updates, and employee benefits law developments that will affect employers on January 1, 2023, and beyond.

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## **Event Calendar**

**JAN 11**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**CRA Legal Center Webinar with Fisher & Phillips LLP: A Stitch In Time Saves 9.....FIGURES: How Managing Minutes Can Save Your Restaurant Millions**

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**JAN 12**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**LA Chapter Membership Mixer**

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**JAN 17**

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**TopGolf Sacramento January Mixer**

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**JAN 19**

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Fisher Phillips Seminar: 2023 California Legislative and Case Law Update**

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