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Restaurants urge Ninth Circuit to revive challenge to Berkeley natural gas ban

The CRA's fight against the city of Berkeley's ban on natural gas infrastructure continues in the Ninth Circuit court, where a panel of federal judges are determining whether the ban is preempted by federal law. Our attorneys have made a strong argument that the ban is preempted by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA.)

FULL STORY



Inflation triggers California's minimum wage increase in 2023

California's minimum wage will rise to \$15.50 next year for all employers, an increase that is triggered by inflation levels. The trigger was put in place by the 2016 law that has increased the minimum wage steadily to \$15 per hour. It is already much higher in most of the state's major cities, which have their own local minimum wage. The CRA will continue to advocate for a variety of policies that can help offset costs since this unexpected wage spike adds to restaurants' challenges.

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Restaurants are continuing to experiment with new tactics for attracting great employees

With restaurants nationwide continuing to struggle with labor shortages as over two-thirds of operators cite labor availability as a key challenge, brands and operators continue to offer creative and attractive employment packages for prospects.

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

Monday, May 23, 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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Staff shortages, inflation threaten restaurants trying to rebound from pandemic restrictions

The ongoing labor shortage isn't limited just to the U.S. In Canada, restaurateurs are taking the same steps that they have here in California: streamlining menus and closing altogether some days.

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The National Restaurant Association Show: It's Great to Be Back

More than two years after the COVID pandemic brought in-person events to a screeching halt, the National Restaurant Association's annual show is back this year, and longtime attendees can hardly wait.

"Being at the show is always a reminder of the depth and breadth of our industry. Restaurant and foodservice companies collectively employed 14.5 million people at the start of 2022 (a figure still well below the 15.4 million employed before the pandemic)." — Don Fox, CEO of Firehouse Subs and member of the NRA Board of Directors.

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Save up to \$4,000 on foodservice equipment with California FoodService Instant Rebates Program

Did you know qualifying companies can receive up to \$26,000 per employee in a tax refund through the new federal ERC rule? Businesses who have maintained their workforce and employees during the COVID-19 pandemic can qualify for this relief.

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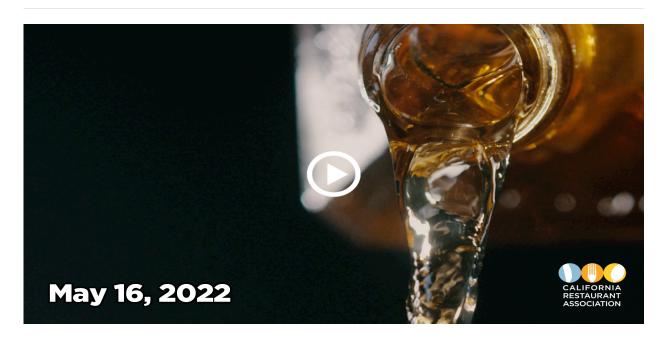


We'd love to meet you at the CRF Mixer San Diego

Calling all San Diego restaurant managers and owners! You're invited to join the California Restaurant Foundation for a free mixer on June 7 at Hangar76 in Oceanside. Enjoy networking, drinks, and appetizers. We'll also provide information on how your crew can access Restaurants Care, a free relief fund.

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ServSafe® Alcohol Responsible Beverage Service Online Training for California

The Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) program is now being offered by the CRA. The training is required under new California law. In this week's video, Sabrina tells us the value of the training and all it provides, including teaching alcohol servers how alcohol influences behavior, and how to identify signs of intoxication.

To learn more and for a full set of compliance resources provided by the CRA, please use the following link https://www.calrest.org/post/servsafer-alcohol-responsible-beverage-service-online-training-california.

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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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San Diego Chapter: 30th Annual Golf Tournament

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM PST Enjoy a day on the course with 150 other industry operators and vendors, while enjoying some of San Diego's best food & drinks!

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LEGAL CENTER ADVICE Exclusive access to legal help

June 8, 2022
\\10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PST

Learn the applicable laws and best practices to help restaurateurs reduce the risk of liability when they interview, hire, discipline, and terminate employees.

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CERTIFICATION

Monday, May 23, 2022
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.
Certification must be renewed every five years.

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