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# Legislative deadline ahead, + minimum wage rising

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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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**Buckle up for a busy month in Sacramento**

State lawmakers have a deadline of Aug. 31 to send bills to the governor – or vote those bills down. The proposals include new regulations of single-use plastic, guns, and COVID-related legislation. One key bill is AB 257, which is being vigorously pushed by labor unions, and is strongly opposed by the CRA.

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### **California Minimum Wage Increasing to \$15.50 on January 1**

When the minimum wage rises, it doesn't just impact what employers pay their entry-level employees – it also raises the threshold at which an employee can be considered “salaried” rather than “hourly.” On January 1, to qualify for this “white-collar exemption,” the employee must receive an annual salary of at least \$64,480.

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### **Grant opportunity open for women-owned restaurants**

RE: Her Academy is a combined grant and education program that will distribute 10 cash grants of \$20,000 each to women hospitality entrepreneurs. The deadline is around the corner.

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### **Shiku, Rising Star in DTLA's Restaurant Scene, Featured in SoCalGas Empower Magazine**

Read this issue of Empower to see how SoCalGas supported restaurants in our communities, like Shiku, through the Restaurants Care Resilience Fund. SoCalGas has donated over \$1 million in relief grants to independent restaurants since 2021.

**[Check it out](#)**

# National



## **Ask Mister Manners: What's a 'kitchen appreciation fee' and why am I paying it?**

The ongoing challenges created by the COVID pandemic have led more restaurants to charge a service fee. It remains a difficult choice for restaurants and elicits mixed reaction from guests.

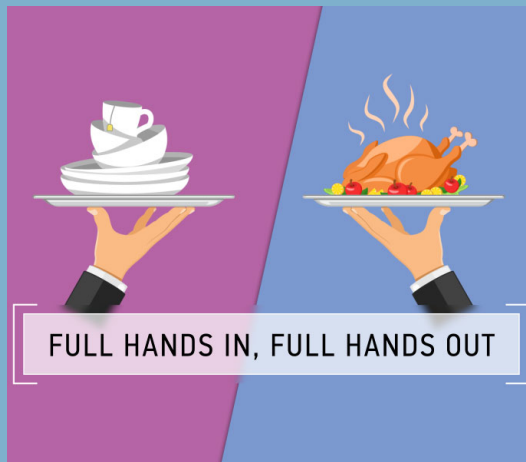
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## **NRA urges SBA to release \$180M in leftover RRF funds**

The National Restaurant Association (NRA) is urging the Small Business Administration to release \$180 million in undistributed federal grants to applicants who applied through the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. The dollars were discovered, undistributed, when the Government Accountability Office published a report two weeks ago.

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## **Get to know the California Restaurant Association Certified Employee Training Program**

CRA member feedback led us to partner with Train 321 on a new, efficient and easy-to-use learning platform. Your new hires can dive in and learn quite a lot – even before their first day at work, and CRA members can access discounted pricing.

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**CRA Partner Adesso Capital is helping restauranteurs expedite their ERC filing**

The ERC was introduced to offer financial relief to businesses impacted by COVID-related government orders. Your business may qualify for \$26,000 per W-2 employee in ERC funds. We've helped hundreds of businesses secure tens of millions in ERC funds.

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## CRA News

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

# WEBINAR



**RESTAURANT EMPLOYEE**  
*development training*

## Webinar Invite: New Restaurant Employee Training Platform

Here by *popular* demand is the CRA's new, easy-to-use training platform for



restaurant workers and managers. This new employee training platform is a result of feedback from CRA members, who are working harder than ever to hire, train and retain employees. It was developed for the CRA by Train321, a leading provider of training courses for major restaurant brands, and it features helpful courses like Front-of-House Basics, Back-of-House Basics, and Bar Basics. It also includes the **required training in sexual harassment prevention**. Register now to walk through the platform and get your questions answered.

[Register here](#)



**CRA Members claim your FREE tickets to the Western Foodservice & Hospitality Expo**

We invite you to register for **the Western Foodservice & Hospitality Expo (WFHE)** today! This is the biggest West Coast event that gets you access to the hottest menu trends, state of the art design and decor, the best of business education and hundreds of leading vendors dedicated to serving the restaurant and food service community — all under one roof.

**Register now**



**Where To Dine in Downtown Los Angeles During the Western Foodservice Hospitality Expo**

It's been three years since the restaurant industry gathered in downtown Los Angeles for the Western Foodservice & Hospitality Expo. The dining scene may look a little different this year. Thankfully, the LA Convention Center's location conveniently allows access to a variety of restaurants and walkable dining.

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## **HealthiestYou by Teladoc**

Your personal health information should be just that—personal. Teladoc's best-in-class privacy protocols ensure that your medical data stays private and secure.

For more information, **[Health Insurance - California Restaurant Association \(calrest.org\)](#)**

## **Event Calendar**

**AUG 3**

12:00 AM

**San Diego Padres Restaurant Industry Night**

**[More Info](#)**

**AUG 9**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Culinary and Cocktail Clash 2022**

**[More Info](#)**

**[Register](#)**

**AUG 10**

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**CRA Legal Center Webinar with Zaller Law:  
Understanding the U.S. Supreme Court's  
Viking River Cruises decision on PAGA**

**[More Info](#)**

**[Register](#)**

**AUG 11**

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**Webinar: CRA Restaurant Employee Training  
Platform**

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