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## CALIFORNIA



### **Opinion: Why restaurants are worth saving**

"Restaurants are so many things that we want an industry to be," writes the CRA's President and CEO, Jot Condie. "They are mostly independently-owned businesses whose owners live in the same community where they operate. In California, 60% of restaurants are owned by people of color. They provide us a brief escape at the end of a long day, and they're a place to go when we have something to celebrate. They help anchor their neighborhood shopping centers, where we often otherwise find dark, empty storefronts left vacant by shops having more and more trouble competing with online retailers."

## FULL STORY

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### **Minimum wage boost being questioned in Alameda**

City leaders in Alameda are considering postponing a planned hike in the minimum wage to help struggling businesses get back on their feet. City council members in Hayward took the same step last week and the city of Fremont is also considering it. The minimum wage in Alameda is \$13.50 per hour; the planned increase would hike it to \$15 per hour this July.

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### **Newsom working in conjunction with West Coast states on tentative plan for reopening**

Gov. Gavin Newsom says we are weeks away from any modification to social distancing mandates, but that he is working in conjunction with the governors of Oregon and Washington on a plan. He also emphasized that local officials will decide what a relaxing of social distancing could look like in individual counties. One idea for restaurants is that they could be allowed to reopen at limited capacity, which has the CRA continuing to push for much more state



### **SF mayor caps fees food delivery apps can charge restaurants at 15%**

Mayor London Breed and San Francisco Supervisors have just capped the commissions that third-party delivery apps charge restaurants: those fees must be limited to 15% during the remainder of the local COVID emergency or until restaurants can reopen their dining rooms.

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### **Valley restaurants donate meals to local hospitals on Easter Sunday**

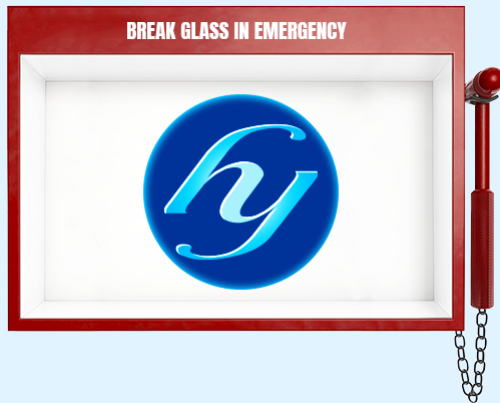
The Fresno chapter of the CRA donated 380 meals to frontline healthcare workers at six Central Valley hospitals on Easter Sunday.

“These people are working incredible hours under incredible stress and the very basic things we need are food, water,” said Alex Costa, owner of Mad Duck Craft Brewing. “We need something to provide energy to our bodies to get past the stress of this and it needs to be fresh, it needs to be healthy and this is the least we can do.”

and federal help for restaurants.

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# UNITED STATES



## National Restaurant Association to Congress: The industry is approaching \$100 billion in losses and needs more federal relief

The NRA is asking Congress for revisions to the Paycheck Protection Program, a program that offers relief to small businesses. For many businesses, it is



## CRA Vice Chairperson Madelyn Alfano tells CNBC about adapting to the coronavirus outbreak

Alfano, owner of Maria's Italian Kitchen, had 348 employees before the COVID crisis began and is now down to 180. She says if all her dining rooms can reopen at full capacity, she can bring everyone back.



turning out to be less helpful than advertised.

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"Receiving the Restaurant Cares grant has given us a lot of hope. This grant will help go towards buying diapers for our 6 month old baby. It will help us feed our children and not fall behind during these times. Thank you from our big, big hearts!!"

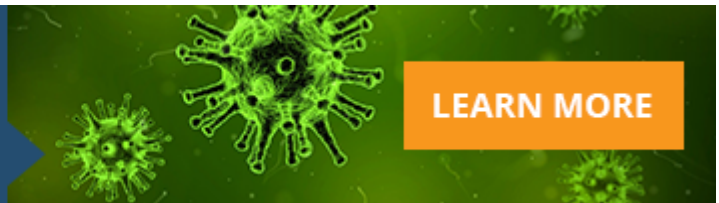
Kionna, COVID-19 grant recipient

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## News You Need to Know: Where are state lawmakers during the COVID crisis?

The state legislature adjourned on March 20th and they're not scheduled to return until May 4th. When they return, they'll have to focus on the public health crisis before they address the unprecedented economic impact to restaurants and other businesses. So, why don't they meet remotely like city councils do? Sabrina explains.

**WATCH NOW**



### **On-demand webinar: Medical treatment anytime, anywhere with no crowds**

Clinton Wolf, the National Restaurant Association's senior vice president of health and insurance will walk listeners through the details of new programs available to members through the Association including:

- Health care solutions,
- Telemedicine options,
- In-home testing, and a
- Free prescription discount card.

This webinar will focus on solutions for restaurants with more than 55 employees.

**Watch webinar**



### **Calling all CA restaurants! Are you open for business?**

Let the CRA know if you are offering pick up, delivery & drive-thru services and we will add you to our [map on DineOutCA](#).

**Check out these California restaurants who are still serving!**

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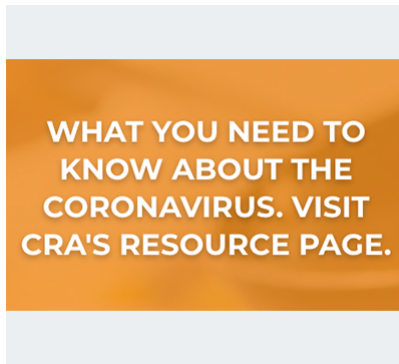
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CRA members: Contact Kim Joy for an easy way to seal your to-go orders from snackers.

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