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Restaurants will be the last industry to recover from the pandemic

“Restaurants were the first businesses forced to shut down, and in California, 12 months later, we are still pushing to safely get our dining rooms back open,” President and CEO of the California Restaurant Association, Jot Condie, said. “The economic losses to restaurants, our workforce and their communities have been disproportionately enormous. Even with the much-needed aid being delivered by the federal and state governments, the next steps that

our public officials take will be critical. Every restaurant owner in this state knows for them, the road to true recovery will be long. And the state must remove any obstacles from that road.”

FULL STORY



More counties moving into less-restrictive COVID-19 tiers

The California Department of Public Health reports that eight counties remain in the most restrictive purple tier, which allows only outdoor dining on site. Thirty nine counties are now in the red tier, nine others have moved into orange, and two are in the yellow tier. Find your **county’s status here**.



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Chicago alderman calls for reimbursement of liquor license fees

A Chicago city leader is proposing to waive local government fees paid by restaurants largely closed during the pandemic. After much work by the CRA, California's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control waived the fees as well. At the same time, some government agencies in California have faced lawsuits filed by restaurants over other fees.

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For an in-depth review of the specific components of the new law, please see the following resources from one of our CRA Legal Center Partners, Fisher Phillips.

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