California Restaurant Association says the state's small business support isn’t enough

“The relief on a state tax liability for forgiven loans is, frankly, just common sense,” said California Restaurant Association President and CEO, Jot Condie. “While it's something to be grateful for, it's not something that should require so much effort or come with so much fanfare. It's regrettable that it took so long for California officials to realize that it's just not fair to tax small businesses on a federal loan that is a forgiven loan.”
So when, really, is LA County going to reopen for indoor restaurant dining?
The state data suggests that a limited reopening of restaurant dining rooms is possible by the end of the month in California's most populated county. However, that assumes that the data will continue to go in the right direction, and that the county’s public health officials will be willing to reopen when the state metrics are met.

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“If you want to add a surcharge and you think that will mitigate your costs and help you, then definitely do that,” said Amit Mehrotra, an assistant professor at New York City College of Technology’s hospitality management department. “But there is a danger of losing customers. There might be some sort of an outrage.”

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This November, we're launching a marketing campaign to promote dining in support of the Restaurants Care relief fund. We're inviting consumers to dine out Al Fresco, dine out to go, dine out delivery – just dine out to help out. It's that simple!

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If you'd like to get involved or sponsor the Dine Out let us know!

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News You Need to Know: State “help” for small businesses isn’t enough

Last week, we promised you a more detailed update on bills being considered - and signed - by Governor Newsom. This week, Sabrina tells us about two of them: they both aim to help struggling small businesses, but neither one will even begin to help save restaurants. One bill is a common-sense measure that saves businesses from a state tax liability connected to PPP loans. The other bill creates a limited tax credit for hiring, assuming restaurants can do any hiring between now and the end of November.

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ServSafe: September is National Food Safety Month

Welcome to Week 3 of National Food Safety Month! You’ve learned all about Personal Hygiene and Cleaning & Sanitation—now it’s time to learn about Safe Food Preparation. This week, you’ll see how to practice safe food preparation and the steps you need to take to prevent cross-contamination.

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