

# Why They're Recommending NO on the RECALL

## **President Joe Biden**

"Governor Newsom is leading California through unprecedented crises. He is a key partner in fighting the pandemic and delivering economic relief to working families and helping us build our economy back better than ever. He's taking on the climate crisis and standing up for the rights of women, immigrants, and the LGBTQ community. He knows how to get the job done because he's been doing it. And to keep him on the job, registered California voters should vote no on the recall election by September 14 and keep California moving forward."

## **U.S. Senator Alex Padilla**

"As California has faced a series of unprecedented crises, Governor Newsom has led boldly. The recall effort is partisan, reckless, dangerous, and will only serve to distract from the critical work of seeing our state through the pandemic and into economic recovery. I believe the recall is a blatant power grab by Republicans. In some states it's voter suppression laws. In some states it's sham election audits. In California it's a recall election."

## **Rep. Karen Bass**

"To waste \$200 million of taxpayer money in an election in September when there's another one in June, is really a mistake. We want to keep Gavin Newsom as Governor, so there's only one thing to vote for — vote no on the recall."

## **Rep. Barbara Lee**

"Gavin's proactive measures and leadership saved lives. That's why Governor Newsom has my unequivocal support and why we will and must defeat this right-wing-driven recall."

## **Los Angeles Times**

"Removing Newsom and replacing him with an untested and unprepared alternative who wouldn't represent the values of most Californians would be a disaster. It would doom the state to months of political and bureaucratic dysfunction and economic uncertainty. ...In tough times, citizens may be tempted to throw out the incumbent and try their luck with someone offering shiny new ideas. That rarely works out for the better. Don't gamble with California's future. Vote no on the recall and let Newsom finish his term. If you're not happy, you'll have a chance in next year's election to choose someone else."

## **San Jose Mercury News**

"California voters should reject the attempt to recall Gavin Newsom. It's an opportunistic, partisan effort to thwart the will of the people and unseat the governor in an extraordinary time of uncertainty and anxiety. ...By the biggest marker of his tenure, he has outperformed most other governors in the country in his control of the spread of COVID-19. California is 12th lowest of the nation's 50 states in per-capita cases and 19th lowest in per-capita deaths. The state ranks 18th best in the percentage of fully vaccinated adults. In each case, the state is better than the national average."

## **San Diego Union-Tribune**

"Newsom has made some shrewd moves to slow the virus, from closing California in March 2020 to requiring teachers be vaccinated or tested last week. California's response has outshone other large states in some ways; current case and hospitalization rates are fractions of those in Texas and Florida. ...The projected \$276 million cost of a recall election is money better spent elsewhere. A no vote on the recall question isn't just a statement about Newsom. It's a statement about his critics abusing and damaging direct democracy."

**Gubernatorial  
Recall  
Election is  
September 14,  
2021**

## **How will the recall election work?**

All California voters will receive a ballot in the mail with two questions: Will the Governor be recalled, and who will replace him?

If a majority vote yes on the recall, the candidate with the most votes becomes California's new Governor.

It is possible for the winner to receive less than 50% of the votes.

Find your polling place at  
[cta.yourvoter.guide](http://cta.yourvoter.guide)

## **RETURN YOUR BALLOT TODAY**

**By Mail:** Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Sept. 14.

**Drop Off:** Drop off your mail-in ballot at any time at your county elections office, any vote center, polling place, or ballot drop-off location by 8:00 PM on Sept. 14.

**In Person:** Dates, times, and locations for in-person early and Election Day voting can be found at [CAEarlyVoting.sos.ca.gov](http://CAEarlyVoting.sos.ca.gov)

More info at [CTA.org/Recall](http://CTA.org/Recall)