

# Refutations against the Shameless Big Lies of the Recall Gavin Campaign Lunatics

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Recently, the dark forces of greed, ignorance and disrespect for human life from the Far Right in California as well as across the United States, whose un-humanitarian and impractical policies driven by anti-social and anti-government ideological extremism and demagoguery, vis-à-vis the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative impacts on the economy, and whose aggressive pursuit of a new Cold War against China and of trade disputes with America's traditional Western Allies as well as blatant disrespect for America's past agreements with international community, all under the grandiose and propagandistic slogan of "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) or "America First" have seriously damaged American national interests domestically and abroad, have been rejected by the American voters during the 2020 General Election, after such policies have made America the most seriously damaged nation on the Planet Earth in terms of loss of human life, economic disruption and social-racial divisiveness, have stepped up their silly campaign for the recall of Mr. Gavin Newsom, the Governor of California. These ideological zealots are using all sorts of "reasons" which are nothing but faulty arguments or even big lies and rumors to carry out a campaign aimed at the subversion of all necessary measures the California Legislature and the Governor have taken to save life and to streamline economic recovery. Their big lies should be categorically rejected by voters with rational thinking and common sense.

"Reason" Number One: The Governor has imposed "Mandatory mail-in voting." Due to COVID-19 and all of health-related worries caused by the pandemic, the Governor and the California legislature did allow voting by mail as a means of convenience but did not "impose" it as "mandatory." In fact, mail-in voting or even voting through government websites are reasonable and necessary measures to facilitate public participation in American democracy. It is absolutely wrong for the Far Right extremists to try to restrict public participation in the American democracy by making the process inconvenient to the voters, such as in the case of the recent passage of a bill limiting voting rights by the Republican-controlled legislature in Georgia in March 2021 by limiting ballot access, making it inconvenient for African-Americans to vote, which is denounced by civil rights communities, and rejected by corporate giants such as Coca-Cola, UPS, Bank of America, CISCO and Home Depot, all in their official corporate statements.

"Reason" Number Two: The Governor has caused "loss of small businesses and jobs" because of "on-going shutdowns;" claiming that "Newsom was too slow to reopen industries after the state crushed the curve in the spring of 2020." In fact, as believed by many knowledgeable people, proven by undeniable facts and statistics, and even

recognized by the Governor himself, “Newsom wasn’t strict enough with shutdown measures, which lacked enforcement or consequences for rulebreakers.”

According to a news report titled *After a Difficult Time Period Restaurant Restart Dining-in But Are Not Able to Find Employees*, published on Saturday March 27, 2021, in Page B3, in Taiwan Times (台灣時報), a Chinese-language newspaper in Los Angeles, restaurant owners suffer from difficulty recruiting employees, with very few applicants showing up, and the effects of placing employment adds on newspapers are less than 20% of pre-COVID-19 periods; a restaurant owner in Santa Monica complained that before COVID-19 pandemic, every hiring add could bring in 100 plus applicants; now the number has dropped to 20-25. This story clearly indicated that what caused “loss of small businesses and jobs” is not the Governor’s failure to reopen the economy or “on-going shutdowns,” but the psychological distress or fear of getting the COVID-19 virus, and the panics causing people to prefer to stay home, to shop online instead of purchasing in physical stores, which are all beyond the Governor’s control. Therefore, the Recall Gavin zealots’ argument is baseless. In fact, over 30% of small- and medium-sized business across the entire Nation have been shut-down; a lot of them have gone bankrupt permanently; California is not alone in this disaster; and the Governor cannot be blamed for it.

Furthermore, the Governor did not cause the “loss of small businesses and jobs” because of “on-going shutdowns;” it is the COVID-19 pandemic that threatened the survival of the American people, disrupted social-economic life in America. The former President Trump’s failed policies of playing “soft” on COVID-19 with lukewarm measures or no measures at all, of non-cooperation with the World Health Organization, and of China bashing as a means to cover up the United States’ systemic unpreparedness in facing a pandemic crisis of national scale, in terms of lack of production facilities to produce enough supplies and equipment (in fact, a large percentage of US corporations’ production facilities are located in China), and in terms of a well-organized national command and coordinating structure, are the most fundamental root causes for America’s suffering. Therefore, it is totally unfair to blame the Governor for the problem. In fact, the Recall Gavin zealots should blame the former President Trump. Instead of fighting a War on COVID-19 by uniting the whole Nation and cooperating with friendly foreign countries, Trump was busy starting a McCarthyite style witch hunt against the mass media which he branded as the “enemies of people” in a semi-Stalinist and semi-Hitlerite fashion, a new Cold War against China, a purge of political dissidents inside the State Department and inside the Republican Party, and finally, engaged in a failed attempt to overturn the outcome of the 2020 General Election, with wild-cat street protests and even violent insurrection in the Capitol Hall.

In addition, the only mistake the Governor has made is to open too early. He has made an apology on this issue, as reported on Friday, March 19, 2021, in the World Journal, a conservative Chinese-language newspaper published in Los Angeles, in the front page, titled *Newsom Admitted That the First Time He Reopen the Economy Was a Mistake That Caused the Drastic Increase in COVID-19 Cases*; the Governor admitted in a special interview with news reporters from the Associated Press that in 2020, due to lack

of tough measure, COVID-19 cases increased during the winter season; the Associated Press reported that the organizers of the Recall Gavin Campaign are Republicans; this clearly indicates the ideological and partisan nature of the campaign.

“Reason” Number Three: The Governor has committed “infringement of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights” through “countless new guns and ammo laws.” Well, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment states that “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.” Let us read this 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment carefully. It talks about “a well-regulated Militia” (not unregulated private citizens as individuals), which, in today’s terms, means the National Guard, “being necessary to the security of a free State” (meaning the democratically elected government), not the security of any private person, whose protection is the job of the law enforcement or the police, “the right of the people,” i.e., members of the National Guards, “to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.” Here “to keep and bear arms” does not necessarily imply the right of members of the “well-regulated militia” to own weapons as private property; it merely indicates that they have the right to control the weapons which legally still belong to the “well-regulated militia;” and its members only have the right of usage, NOT for private purposes but for the defense of law and order. In addition, this right should be “well regulated” as well, just like in the Armed Forces of the United States, the use of weapons is restricted by clearly defined regulations. Granted that private citizens should have the right “to keep and bear Arms,” this right needs to be regulated as well. To be more straightforward, in today’s American English language, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment should be translated and re-written as “A well-regulated National Guard, being necessary to the security of the democratically elected and legally constituted United States Government at Federal, State and City levels, the right of the members of the National Guards to keep and bear Arms for the maintenance of law and order under the direction of the government shall not be infringed.” Therefore, the so-called “countless new guns and ammo laws” implemented by the Governor absolutely does not constitute any “infringement of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights.”

“Reason” Number Four: The Governor has imposed “mandate to wear masks.” This “reason” is so ridiculous that it runs directly against medical common sense and thus, is not worth wasting our time to write even one word of a refutation.

“Reason” Number Five: The Governor has committed “infringements on our 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights to protest and worship,” by limiting assemblies in the places of worship; the Recall Gavin zealots accused the Governor of having “forced lockdowns preventing the rights to worship, even singing.” Let us study the First Amendment first; it reads “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” The Governor did not prohibit the free exercise of religion; online WeChat- or Zoom-based worshipping services were held regularly during the implementation of the Stay-at-Home Order; charitable social services in physical places continued although changes in schedules and places took place; peaceable protests on the street such as Black Lives Matter were held regularly and protected by police forces; in addition, criticism of the Governor has not been restricted at all. Therefore, the

Governor did not limit the right to hold WeChat- or Zoom-based worship services; neither did he limit the right to criticize the Government in newspaper or online; he did not brand dissident journalists as the “enemies of the people,” like what has been done by the former President Trump whom the Recall Gavin zealots admire. What he did is to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus with necessary but totally reasonable and practical measures. Furthermore, there are several stories reported on mainstream mass media about some “evangelical” or “fundamentalist” “Christian” churches that defied the Stay-at-Home Order, held assemblies in places of worship without taking necessary precautions such as maintaining safe social distance of six feet, and ended up in transmission of COVID-19 virus that killed many worshippers. Thus, the Recall Gavin zealots are wrong on this accusation.

“Reason” Number Six: “Laws he endorsed favor foreign nationals, in our country illegally, over that of our own citizens.” The Governor, with support from the California legislature, did offer Californian residents with legal status (i.e., US citizens and Permanent Residents) financial assistance and furthermore extend similar benefits to qualified undocumented foreign nationals, for a good reason, because without doing so, the undocumented will fall into distressful economic conditions, and some of them would be pushed into a corner and might start to steal and rob or even engage in violent rioting, causing severe social damages to the economy and to the legal system; thus, under such special circumstances, offering some financial assistance is necessary both morally and economically. Similarly, the COVID-19 pandemic and its inter-human transmission do not identify immigration status or citizenship; therefore, extending benefits to all residents of California regardless of immigration status is absolutely necessary for the protection of lives of all, including citizens and legal immigrants who constitute the absolute majority of all residents in California. Therefore, the complaint of the Recall Newsom zealots is absolutely baseless; and it reveals nothing more than their narrow-minded xenophobic attitude, their ignorance of basic facts, and their lack of common sense. What the Governor did does not constitute a favoritism for “foreigners over that of our citizens.”

“Reason” Number Seven: “People in this state suffer the highest taxes in the nation, the highest homelessness rates, and the lowest quality of life as a result. First of all, the Governor is not responsibly or “guilty” for the “highest” tax rate; it is the outcome of accumulated legislative maneuvers of past state governments controlled by Democrats and Republicans alike. In fact, the problem of homelessness can only be solved by extensive government involvement with public investment – from both government agencies and non-profit organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity endorsed by the former Democratic President Jimmy Carter, in affordable housing, to cut down land speculation that constitute the most serious cause for housing unaffordability; also, to solve this problem, or any problem caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the substantial increase of taxation on wealthy Californians is an absolute necessity; therefore, it is ridiculous for the Recall Gavin zealots to play the double game of complaining against “highest taxes” and “highest homelessness rates” at the same time. Compared with the World War Two period, when under National Emergency, the wealthiest 1% of Americans might be required to pay up to 90% of their personal income as tax, today’s “highest tax rates” in California” are actually too low for the wealthy, even though the damage of the COVID-19 pandemic is comparable to the Great Depression. Compared

to the current practices in our NATO allies and in other industrial societies such as Sweden, where the wealthy might pay up to 70% of their personal income as tax, our “highest tax rates” are actually too low. The current Biden-Harris Administration’s plan to increase taxation for wealthy people making more than \$400,000 per year is absolutely needed. As a matter of fact, even enlightened wealthy Americans understand this. At the start of the Trump Administration, several years ago, 100 wealthiest American tycoons hold a demonstration at the entrance of the Capitol to demand the Federal Government to increase their tax rate, in a show of genuine American patriotism, corporate social responsibility and humanitarian charity. Secondly, the Governor is absolutely not responsible for the so-called “lowest quality of life,” a wild-cat invention of lies and slanders against the people of California and a grotesque exaggeration of some negative elements in Californian communities. It is true that a small minority of greedy element among wealthy people, after taking advantage of California’s welfare services, prosperous marketplaces, flourishing and dynamic multi-cultures, good climate and environmental conditions to enrich themselves and to enjoy life, have left California for states with slightly lower tax rates, because of the above so-called “highest tax rates in California,” the majority of Californians including the majority of wealthy people, have chosen to stay; furthermore, people in other states and even around the world are still coming or aspiring to come to California. People in this state do NOT suffer as claimed by the Recall Gavin lunatics; they enjoy life. The Recall Gavin zealots could move out of California if they wish. As Californians, we should NOT listen to their propaganda.

“Reason” Number Eight: The Governor “has imposed sanctuary state status and fails to enforce immigration laws.” Well, for the preservation of America’s unique tradition of humanitarianism, and with the support of California’s multi-cultural communities, the Governor did promote good rules regarding this issue. As everyone knows, “to enforce immigration laws” is primarily a responsibility of the Federal Government; instead of attacking the Governor, the Recall Gavin zealots should better address this issue at the Federal level, with a national referendum perhaps.

“Reason” Number Nine: The Governor “unilaterally over-ruled the will of the people regarding the death penalty.” Assuming that this accusation is correct, we Californians need to understand the following basic facts: (1) death penalty cannot deter crimes; and people commit capital crimes due to complicated social-economic, psychologic and ethical reasons; without addressing these issues, death penalty will never work to deter crimes; (2) the United States is among a few countries in the world to continue practicing death penalty; the majority of nations in the civilized world have already abolished death penalty; and the continuation of using death penalty has already caused serious damages to America’s image and reputation as a humanitarian nation. Therefore, instead of using this issue as an excuse to attack the Governor, the Recall Gavin zealots should hire legal consultants to have access to the basic facts regarding this issue.

“Reason” Number Ten: The Governor “seeks to impose additional burdens on our state by the following: removing the protections of Proposition 13, rationing our water use, increasing taxes and restricting parental rights.” Well, first of all, the so-called Proposition 13 passed in 1978 with only 64.79% of votes, short of a two thirds majority; it might or might not work in “normal times,” but NOT during a national emergency

such as today's COVID-19 pandemic crises. It should be re-visited under today's conditions. Therefore, this "reason" is not so reasonable based on today's reality. Secondly, "rationing our water use" is an absolute necessity due to water shortage; the only probable solution to this problem is to construct extensive ocean-water desalination projects similar to those of the Israelis; however, these will surely involve increase of tax on the wealthy in California; and based on the Recall Gavin zealots' open opposition to any tax increase, this viable solution that is so successful in Israel will be opposed as well. Thus, it is totally irrational and irresponsible for the Recall Gavin zealots to even raise the issue. Thirdly, the Governor did try his best to improve education in California to create a more harmonious and inclusive learning environment and has never tried to "restrict parental rights;" thus this accusation is groundless, pure and simple.

"Reason" Number Eleven: Out of deep-rooted racist mentality, some right-wing opponents of the Governor are very upset by his willingness to address the issue of social injustice and discrimination suffered by African-Americans in the past centuries since the founding of the United States. An extremely right-wing Chinese-American political commentator named Guan Shan from Temple City in Los Angeles County accused the Governor of having "totally lost human conscience heartlessly and shamelessly" by signing the AB3121 (Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans). In his article titled *Newsom has totally lost His Human Conscience by Signing the AB3121 to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans* (研究黑人賠償法紐森喪盡天良), online at <https://www.worldjournal.com/wj/story/121206/5100287>, of the World Journal, a conservative Chinese-language newspaper published in Los Angeles, the author made a vehement attack against African-American communities, denied the fact of discrimination against African-Americans, and falsely claimed that Chinese-Americans are the only ethnic group suffering from discrimination and deserving compensation. Well, based on the author's logic, by merely allowing the study of a reparation proposal, not actually starting to offer reparation yet, the Governor has already "heartlessly and shamelessly lost his human conscience," and needs to be removed from office, where is the protection of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right, which the Recall Gavin zealots are claiming to uphold? This case reveals the dark side of stubborn racist mentality as well as anti-democratic and totalitarian attitude of some of the supporters of the Recall Gavin movement.

"Reason" Number Twelve: Some opponents of the Governor Newsom claim that the Government of the State of California is a "one-party dictatorship similar to the Soviet Union," and thus, voters in California should elect Republicans to power in order to "restore check-and-balance." Some Recall Gavin campaign lunatics even have accused the U.S. Democratic Party of being "controlled by the Chinese Communist Party," and try to portray the Governor as a tool of China, in a fashion that is similar to the former Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-Communist witch-hunt back in the 1950s. Other lunatics, in coordination with the former President Trumps calling the COVID-19 virus as a "Chinese Virus" or "Wuhan Virus," went so far as calling COVID-19 a "Chinese Communist Party Virus," in an extremely racist and ideological fashion. They are deeply engaged in China-bashing, trying to portray China as the Enemy Number One of the United States. While their claims have been responsible for the upsurge of racist hate

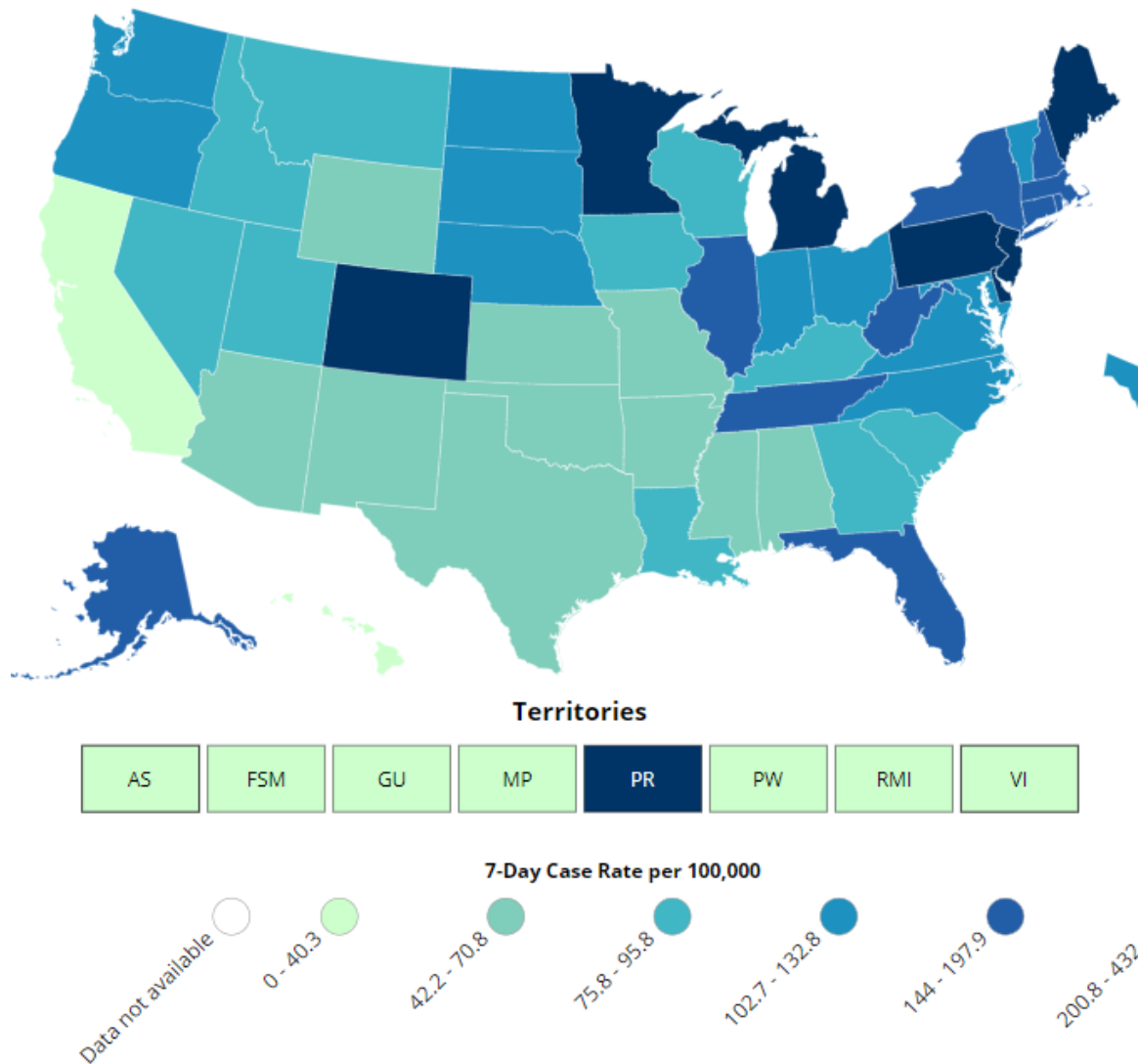
crimes against Asian-Americans, their claims have been rejected by Federal agencies. As reported by a news report titled *Declassified Intelligence: Russia Interfered in the U.S. 2020 General Election* (解密情報：俄干預美 2020 大選), in World Journal (世界日報, [https://www.worldjournal.com/wj/story/121469/5325753?from=wj\\_msg](https://www.worldjournal.com/wj/story/121469/5325753?from=wj_msg)), the same conservative Chinese-language newspaper published in the United States (page A4, March 17, 2021), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), in a report declassified on 15 March 2021 (ICA 2020-00078D), available at <https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/ICA-declass-16MAR21.pdf>, titled *Foreign Threats to the 2020 US Federal Election*, includes the following two statements in page [i]: (1) “**Key Judgment 2:** We assess that Russian President Putin authorized, and a range of Russian government organizations conducted, influence operations aimed at denigrating President Biden’s candidacy and the Democratic Party, supporting former President Trump, undermining public confidence in the electoral process, and exacerbating sociopolitical divisions in the US. [...] A key element of Moscow’s strategy this election cycle was its use of proxies linked to Russian intelligence to push influence narratives—including misleading or unsubstantiated allegations against President Biden—to US media organizations, US officials, and prominent US individuals, including some close to former President Trump and his administration.” This Judgment is reasonably expected; as a matter of fact, Vladimir Putin was a member of KGB, the secret service agency of the former Soviet Union; the former Soviet Union as well as the Communist International under its control, have made similar propaganda against the liberals and progressives, accusing these enlightened political forces as being no different from the conservative and reactionary ones, in a selfish and conspiratorial hope that allowing the conservative and reactionaries to come to power will accelerate the disintegration of Western societies and thus, allowing the Soviet-controlled puppets to seize power through mass discontent and violent “revolution,” for the benefit of Russia alone, all in the name of “Communism;” Russia today, as an heir of the former Soviet Union ruled by the descendants of the Soviet Communist Party bureaucrats, has very little shared economic interests with the United States; therefore, its tendency of undermining American national interests through destabilizing and divisive tactics is logical. (2) “**Key Judgment 4:** We assess that China did not deploy interference efforts and considered but did not deploy influence efforts intended to change the outcome of the US Presidential election. We have high confidence in this judgment. China sought stability in its relationship with the United States, did not view either election outcome as being advantageous enough for China to risk getting caught meddling, and assessed its traditional influence tools—primarily targeted economic measures and lobbying—would be sufficient to meet its goal of shaping US China policy regardless of the winner. The NIO for Cyber assesses, however, that China did take some steps to try to undermine former President Trump’s reelection.” This Judgment is equally reasonable; despite of the fact that China is still governed by the Chinese Communist Party, throughout the entire Cold War, the Chinese Government run into serious disputes and rivalries with the former Soviet Union, and has joined with the United States to defeat the Soviets ever since former President Nixon’s shaking hands with Mao Zedong; since Den Xiaoping started economic reforms to extensively incorporate many capitalist practices in China’s economic system, China has become a heaven for American corporate investment, and now shares a lot of economic and political interests with the United States. Therefore, President Biden’s assessment of China as both a competitor

and a cooperator is objective; and due to Trump's anti-China politics, China's trying to undermine his presidential bid is equally expectable. The Recall Gavin zealots' attempts at China bashing is ridiculous. American voters do NOT vote for a politician just to "balance" the other party, but for the defense and promotion of their own economic, political and cultural interests. If the Republican Party wishes to come to power in California, then what they need is to come up with good policies that can bring tangible and concrete real benefits to the real voters in the real world, instead of playing the game of McCarthyite-style hysteria, fear and slanders, or intangible, abstract and meaningless game of "check and balance."

"Reason" Number Thirteen: The Governor violated the "Stay-at-Home Order" he issued, by attending, in November 2020, a birthday party at the Michelin-starred restaurant French Laundry. Finally, the Recall Gavin zealots came up with a "reason" that seems to be reasonable. However, we need to point out that: (1) the Governor has made an open apology for his mistake, a mistake of private dimension which certainly has damaged his personal image and reputation but little harm to the interests of the public; however, the Stay-at-Home Order he promoted is still a good policy for public safety despite of his personal failure to comply with its stipulations; therefore, by the grace of God the merciful and the compassionate, we should forgive the Governor's personal mistake, based on his genuine and honest repentance as well as on all of the good things he has done to save lives, to relieve the suffering of the poor and to promote economic recovery under the tragic circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic; (2) should the choice for Governorship of the Recall Gavin movement come to power in California, the correct "Stay-at-Home Order" will not be implemented in the first place; instead, some "softer" and lukewarm semi-measures would certainly cause more extensive spread of COVID-19 and consequentially more serious damages in California; (3) despite of all of his shortcomings, the Governor has done a great job saving life in California from the danger of wide spread of COVID-19 pandemic; as reported by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the most recent updates of the CDC COVID Data Tracker US COVID-19 7-Day Case Rate per 100,000 by State/Territory, California's Case Rate is among the lowest (in the range of 0-40.3 persons per 100,000 persons), while the worst states are in the range of 200.8-432.4 persons per 100,000 persons), as shown in the image below. This information is available at [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\\_casesper100klast7days](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days). Thus, the Governor Newsom's performance is excellent.



### US COVID-19 7-Day Case Rate per 100,000, by State/Territory



(Source: [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\\_casesper100klast7days](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days))

The Holy Bible taught us that we are all sinners at the presence of God, and history has taught us that no political leader is perfect angel, every one of past and present American political leaders have shortcomings and all of them do make mistakes; the Founding Fathers of this great Nation, General George Washington and President Thomas Jefferson both felt unhappy about the institution of slavery, left wills to set their slaves free but nevertheless kept their slaves under bondage until death; do these facts deny their great place in world history as heroes of the people who made outstanding contributions to the cause of freedom, democracy and justice? Should we remove their statues from public places as demanded by some Far Left ideologues? The answers to these two questions are no, no and no! By the same token, we should absolutely reject the outlandish argument of the Recall Gavin zealots, and tell the Far Right that political

intolerance and extremism have no place in American democracy! Therefore, this argument, under more extensive scrutiny and more profound analysis, is equally NOT a viable “reason.”

To sum up, all of the arguments of the Recall Gavin campaign zealots are pure nonsense. Currently, the Biden-Harris Administration is implementing an extensive economic recovery plan; California will definitely benefit from this program. We need political stability and unity in order to effectively pursue economic recovery in California. We could hardly afford to allow these zealots to disrupt the recovery process with their selfish and narrow-minded partisan attempt to seize the political leadership in our beloved Golden State. Therefore, all patriotic and decent Californian voters, Democrat and Republican, or independent alike, White, Black, Latino or Asian, should unite in supporting the Governor and defeating the divisive and disruptive Recall Gavin lunatics.