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JULY 19 - 25, 2020**

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**CALIFORNIA POLICY CENTER BULLETIN - JULY 17, 2020**

**THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**The Board of Supervisors Not Scheduled For The Next 3 Weeks.**

The Board will return on August 11, 2020 unless COVID or some other extraordinary event requires action sooner. Nevertheless there is plenty to report, some of which is very disturbing.

**COVID, TEACHERS UNION BLACKMAIL, AND YOU LOSE:** Each week the Board has received a report on the COVID virus status within the County and State. Last week's numbers are included at the end of this section.

Since the meeting, the County's largest school district, Lucia Mar Unified, announced that it will be on distance learning this fall. Soon other County districts followed with the same distance learning announcements.

Several days earlier, the Los Angeles, San Diego, and Sacramento School districts also announced that they will not operate live classrooms either. Not so coincidentally, on Thursday the Governor signed a **new law which prohibits layoffs of teachers or other school employees through June of 2021.**

*So even if the schools are closed, everybody gets paid. That's a very sweet deal courtesy of taxpayers, many of whom are currently on hold with the Employment Development Department, trying to get their unemployment benefits.*<sup>1</sup>

No doubt motivated students in high school can absorb algebra, geometry, and pre-calculus on line along with English and a foreign language. Biology and especially chemistry are more problematical, as the labs are important. The rest of the student pack, which is drifting along anyway, will be in even more trouble. Separately, vocational education requires hands on, not only to learn the skills, but to learn the integrity of craftsmanship.

At the middle school level there is always the pack of smart and socially adept girls who can probably survive distance learning, but the boys and the usual cohort of class jerks and gooners will have a tougher time.

Elementary school seems especially problematical. Why would you do arithmetic and spelling when you can watch Pokémon, do video games, and act out?

One solution could be for neighborhoods to set up their own day schools and use volunteers and the homebound teachers who live there to teach students segmented by age group. They could use the on line curriculum provided by the districts to assist students academically, work the anti-COVID protocols, take temperature taking, supervise distancing and masks to the extent possible, etc. The State, County, and cities could relax zoning and building code requirements to allow this to happen. After all they have done it for restaurants and bars.

**Political and Social Blackmail:** In a profound and audacious attack, the LA Teachers' Union has moved far beyond collective bargaining over pay, benefits, hours, and work rules, which are the legal purpose of public employee labor unions. The union has, in effect, become a revolutionary arm of the Socialist Party and is using the crisis to blackmail the City and community into adopting a variety of woke and progressive social policies.

If other unions around the state and/or nation emulate this radical stand, and if elected officials capitulate, California will be a completed socialist disaster. Note the past tense use of the word completed. In other words your property and human rights will be a fiction. It will only be a little time before they come for your home, savings, and freedom.

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<sup>1</sup>Teachers' Unions Win, Students And Parents Lose  
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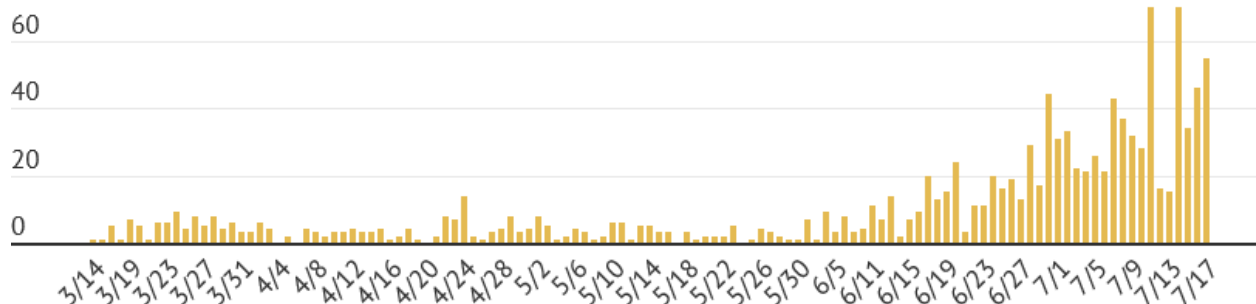
The bullying Union has set the following requirements for return of teachers to the classroom, even if COVID is brought under control:

- 1. Congress passes the HEROES Act, which would allocate an additional \$116 billion in federal-education funding to the states. Obviously this one is not under control of the LA School Board or Mayor and City Council.*
- 2. The state must pass a ballot initiative that would reassess property values for the purposes of raising local taxes. This is a demand for the passage of Prop 15, which would remove commercial, industrial, and agricultural buildings from Prop 13 protection.*
- 3. There should also be a new wealth tax, appropriating (perhaps they meant “expropriating”) the existing assets of the wealthy, as well as a surtax on all incomes over \$1 million annually.*
- 4. Schools will remain closed until and unless some form of “Medicare-for-all” becomes law, thwarting the “boundless greed of the for-profit health industry” which, “combined with this country’s deeply ingrained racism,” has led to worse outcomes for black Americans.*
- 5. Los Angeles must commit to “defund police.”*
- 6. The state must expand the criteria by which residents without U.S. citizenship are eligible for financial and legal protections to the extent that it allows those benefits to flow without even having to apply for them.*
- 7. The union insisted that, even if lockdowns don’t continue in perpetuity, the city must commit to an ongoing program of “rental relief” and eviction protections.*
- 8. There must be a moratorium on the licensing of charter schools.*

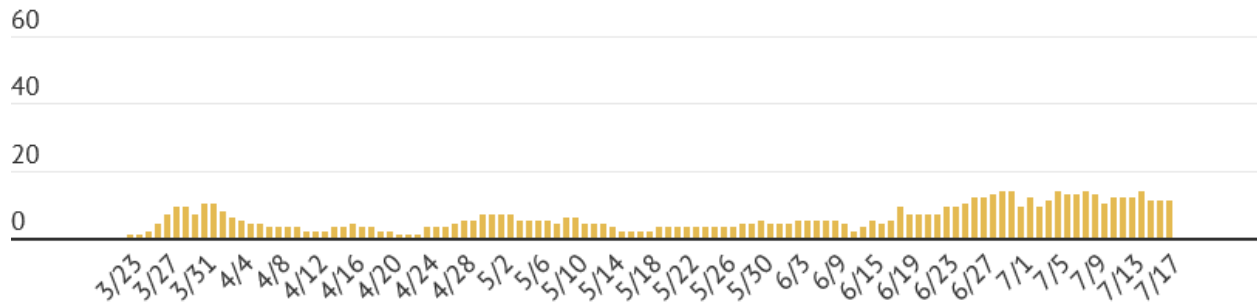
**Please see the COLAB IN DEPTH section starting on page 9 for more details.**

Meanwhile SLO County’s new cases are up and down per the tables below:

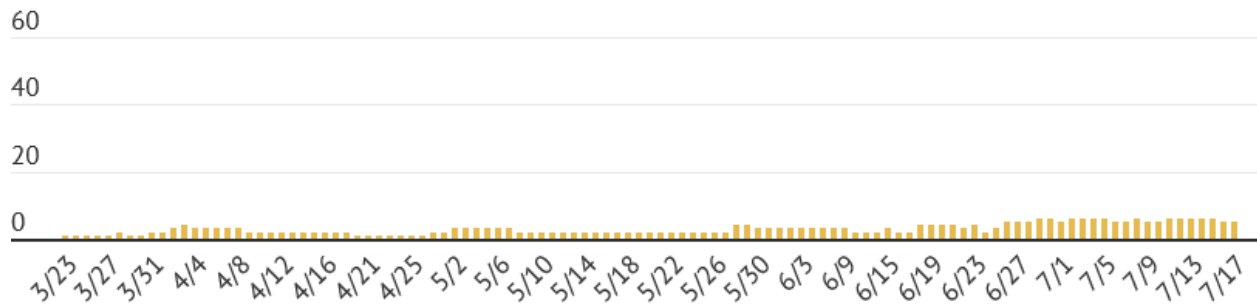
### DAILY NEW CASES



## DAILY HOSPITAL CASES



## DAILY ICU CASES



### Board Majority Defends Proposition 13 at California State Association of Counties

Supervisor Bruce Gibson is the County's official representative to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). It is an important role because CSAC is the counties' representative and lobbying organ in Sacramento. The Association takes positions on pending legislation and pending administrative orders. Gibson is the Chairman of the Finance Committee of CSAC, which was considering its position on various ballot measures for the November 3, 2020 election. Included was Proposition 15, which would remove Prop 13 protection from commercial, industrial, and agricultural operational and support facilities.

It was feared that Gibson would cast SLO County's vote to support Prop. 15, even though the County's officially adopted State Legislative Platform opposes any move to weaken Prop. 13. Gibson has taken pro tax increase positions in the past contrary to County policy.

In this case, Supervisors Compton and Arnold Zoomed in and made the County's position clear.

Supervisor Compton reported in part:

*Today the CSAC Finance Committee chaired by Bruce Gibson (on a Zoom meeting) took two important votes to make recommendations (or not) to the full CSAC board in support/opposition of certain proposition measures:*

1. *Prop 15 Split Roll – Finance Committee voted 14:1 to take “no position” in making a recommendation to the CSAC board on this proposition. Overwhelming opposition. Bruce voted with the majority to take no action/position.*

*Comments were: Bad timing, assessors claim it will cost too much money, 70% of income received would be discretionary and go into the general fund, most small businesses wouldn't benefit from the exemptions, it will hurt rural counties, it will hurt agricultural businesses that are already hurting, and it hurts businesses who are already hurting over COVID 19 issues.*

2. *Prop 19 – Portability – Finance Committee voted to “Oppose” as a recommendation to the full CSAC board. Vote was 8:2 (the Motion was to Oppose Prop 19) to oppose.*

*Comments were overall that it hurt counties.*

*Debbie and I spoke on Prop 15, John was on the radio at the same time so couldn't join the meeting.*

Supervisor Gibson reportedly voted along with the majority to take no position along with most of the Committee to take no position. It would have been much better to have voted firmly against supporting the ballot measure for the basic reasons that the Committee invoked to take no position.

### **No APCD Meeting Scheduled in July**

The quasi-autonomous agency typically meets every other month. Its primary focus has been to close the Oceano Dunes State Park to off road recreational vehicles and on road campers and trailers.

### **Planning Commission Meeting of Thursday, July 23, 2020 (Scheduled)**

#### **Summary:**

The agenda contains 3 items, which include permit requests for: 1) a 28 unit affordable housing project near the intersection of Las Tablas Road and Highway 101; 2) a modification to an existing cannabis dispensary in Oceano; and 3) a large cannabis farm about 2.2 miles east of Pozo on River Road. None of the items seem to have major policy impacts. See site maps below.

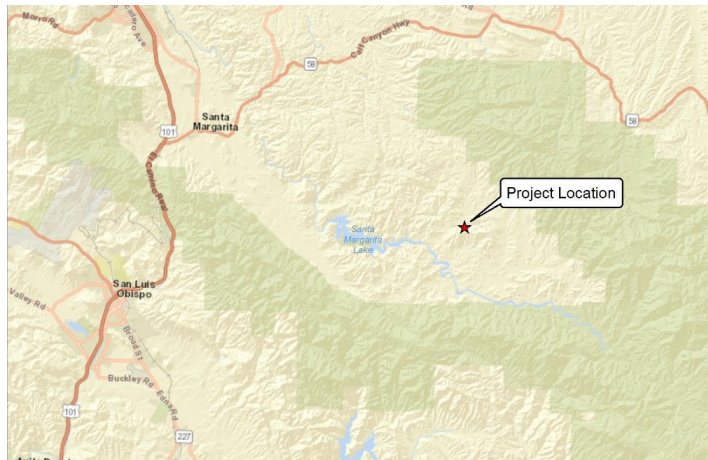


**Affordable Housing Site**





### Oceano Cannabis Dispensary Permit Modification



East Pozo Cannabis Grow (A neighbor is protesting)

## LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, July 14, 2020 (Completed)

**Item 1 - Update on COVID-19 in San Luis Obispo County.** There was a verbal report and discussion of the resurgence of the virus. The economic impacts are still not being reported on a regular systematic basis.

**Item 3 - Request to 1) approve responses to the FY 2019-20 Grand Jury report titled "San Luis Obispo County Public Safety Services and the Oceano Dunes"; and 2) forward the responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by August 23, 2020.** The Board essentially ignored the Jury's recommendations, which were not keyed to the structural and legal realities. The Jury recommended that the County seek State reimbursement for public safety services which are provided to the Oceano Dunes State Park.

State Park Rangers are peace officers and provide the frontline law enforcement and emergency aid services within the Park. The County becomes involved with more serious crimes, first aid, and jailed violators. County fire responds to a number of medical and other incidents. Special State legislation would be required for the County to be able to charge State Parks for mutual aid and other services. The County may have bigger fish to fry in this regard.

The staff did not believe that the County has the authority or the need to follow up on this recommendation. It recommended that the Board so inform the Presiding Judge and the grand Jury.

**Item 19 - Hearing to consider: 1) adopting a resolution authorizing the Planning and Building Director to file the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) 5-year Plan and application and execute agreements and any future amendments for up to \$5,235,012 to the California Department of Housing and Community Development; 2) authorizing a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$192,228 for Fund Center 290 – Community Development and Fund Center 142 – Planning and Building, by 4/5 vote; and 3) Board direction regarding the prioritization of eviction prevention and rapid re-housing for projects requesting 2019 PLHA funds.** The Board approved the large multi-year housing grant to promote permanent housing especially for the homeless, but only after a discussion which focused on the likely distribution of projects among the various supervisorial districts.

Table 1: PLHA Final Funding Recommendations

Activities	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Homeownership:</b> Activities related to homeownership	\$87,250	\$109,063	\$109,063	\$109,063	\$109,063
	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
<b>Housing Trust Fund:</b> Matching portion of funds placed into a Housing Trust Fund	\$523,501	\$654,376	\$654,376	\$545,314	\$545,314
	60%	60%	60%	50%	50%
<b>Homeless-serving and Prevention:</b> Assisting persons who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness	\$218,126	\$272,657	\$272,657	\$381,720	\$381,720
	25%	25%	25%	35%	35%
5% set-aside for General Administration	\$43,625	\$54,531	\$54,531	\$54,531	\$54,531
	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
<b>Total Dollars</b>	<b>\$872,502</b>	<b>\$1,090,627</b>	<b>\$1,090,627</b>	<b>\$1,090,628</b>	<b>\$1,090,628</b>
<b>Total Percentage</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

*All dollar amounts identified in years 2 through 5 are estimated.*

The program is largely funded by a State-imposed \$75 fee for recording deeds. Other tax money is involved as well.

**Item Not on the Agenda – Supervisor Hill’s Absence.** The matter was discussed. County Counsel opined that the Board did not have the power to appoint a temporary substitute for Supervisor Hill. She pointed out there are still 4 Supervisors, which is a sufficient number to continue policy operations.

It would be interesting to see what happens if the Board were to appoint an interim regardless of County Counsel’s position. Would someone legally object or would some official challenge the appointment? Why not roll the dice? There is nothing to lose. The worst case would be that someone would obtain a court injunction to stop them or vitiate the action. Rumor has that there could be some



disagreement about who to appoint. The Board majority wouldn't wish to have Gibson gain an ally. On the other hand, they do have 3 votes.

**Background:** It is possible that a matter relating to the temporary replacement of Supervisor Hill on the Board may arise. Supervisor Hill is in a care facility dealing with depression. Under provisions of State Law regarding a declared state of emergency (COVID), a Board is required to have a pre-approved list of surrogates who can be appointed during a disaster. Reportedly, the County does not maintain such a list. The Board may be able or may even be required to appoint a qualified elector from the 3rd District to provide representation until Supervisor Hill can return.

### Local Agency Formation Commission Meeting of Thursday, July 16, 2020 (Completed)

**There were no major policy items contained in this meeting agenda.** The items pertained to administrative and contractual matters related to administering the agency.

## COLAB IN DEPTH

IN FIGHTING THE TROUBLESOME, LOCAL DAY-TO-DAY ASSAULTS ON OUR FREEDOM AND PROPERTY, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE LARGER UNDERLYING IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC CAUSES



## AN ABUNDANCE OF AUDACITY

BY NOAH ROTHMAN

Everyone wants to reopen schools. At least, that's what we're told. More in sorrow, society's most patronizing voices remind us that there's a pandemic outside. "There will be no way to just 'live with it,'" *The Atlantic's* [Alexis Madrigal avers](#). "There will only be dying from it for the unlucky, and barely surviving it for the rest of us." Talk about bleak. Only the most callous among us would

consign teachers to this waking Cormac McCarthy novel. When and if we discover some palliative therapeutic or vaccine that will deliver us from this nightmare, only then can we even begin to contemplate returning to life as it once was.

That this happy talking point has managed to survive the efforts by the union representing teachers and administrators serving the unified school district of Los Angeles is a feat of triumph over cognitive dissonance. In L.A., the union recently voted overwhelmingly against reopening classrooms in the fall, even though surveys have repeatedly found that [California's parents favor](#) either a partial or full reopening. Unsurprisingly, the city has sided with the union over the communities that its members serve. But to judge from the list of demands the union made as a prerequisite for their return to on-site learning, the pandemic is just one of their concerns.

In the spirit of never letting a crisis go to waste, this [institution has predicated the resumption of in-person teaching](#) on the adoption (at the city, state, and national level) of a variety of items on the progressive wish list.

According to the union, schools cannot reopen until Congress passes the HEROES Act, which would allocate an additional \$116 billion in federal-education funding to the states. Additionally, the state must pass a ballot initiative that would reassess property values for the purposes of raising local taxes. There should also be a new wealth tax, appropriating the existing assets of the wealthy, as well as surtax on all incomes over \$1 million annually.

Schools will remain closed until and unless some form of “Medicare-for-all” becomes law, thwarting the “boundless greed of the for-profit health industry,” which, “combined with this country’s deeply ingrained racism,” has led to worse outcomes for black Americans. Los Angeles must commit to “defund police” if the city’s parents ever hope to send their kids to school again. After all, “Police violence is a leading cause of death and trauma for Black people, and is a serious public health and moral issue.” And the state must expand the criteria by which residents without U.S. citizenship are eligible for financial and legal protections to the extent that it allows those benefits to flow without even having to apply for them.

Losing the plot further, the union insisted that, even for lockdowns to continue in perpetuity, the city must commit to an ongoing program of “rental relief” and eviction protections. “There is no ‘safer at home’ for those who do not have a home,” the union insists. There must be a new program of paid sick leave for all L.A.-based businesses. And, in the interests of job security, there must be a moratorium on the licensing of charter schools.

If you haven’t already reached the inevitable conclusion toward which this document was leading, the union spells it out explicitly: “Normal Wasn’t Working For Us Before. We Can’t Go Back.” Indeed, if these unrealizable demands are any indication, teachers *do not want to go back*.

Once again, this document informs us, teachers are “eager” to get back into the classroom. Surely, that is the case for the passionate and dedicated individual educators who love their jobs and know [the status quo is a disaster](#). But at the level of organized labor, the barriers that are being erected before those “eager” teachers are wildly unpopular and functionally insurmountable.

The union insists that it will not allow its member to be used “as kindling” in the effort to “reignite the economy.” If any more onerous burdens must be assumed, they will fall disproportionately on the vulnerable students that distance learning is failing and the parents who cannot provide for themselves or their families while they’re doing the teachers’ work for them.

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## **L.A. TEACHERS UNION: GIVE US \$250 MILLION, OR KEEP SCHOOLS CLOSED**

**BY EDWARD RING**

The second-largest public school district in the United States is in turmoil. Los Angeles Unified School District, with over 600,000 students in kindergarten through twelfth grade at over 1,000 schools, may not be open for the business of teaching on August 18. How to handle the COVID-19 pandemic is the issue, and there is nowhere near a consensus on how to handle it.

The union representing LAUSD teachers is the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA), which has recently put out a lengthy document outlining what they believe are “[Safe and Equitable Conditions for Starting LAUSD in 2020-21](#).” It’s a doozy.

Laced throughout the document are references to the disproportionate effect COVID-19 has on “people of color.” The document leads off with a section entitled “The Same Storm, But Different Boats,” making the case that LAUSD’s student population is disadvantaged compared to the general population. They are more likely to live in higher-density housing, more likely to live in multi-generational households, more likely to live further away from medical care, more likely to use mass transit, etc., etc. Their point: All of this “structural racism” means that compared to other school districts in California, *more* will have to be done before LAUSD can open.

The problem with this litany is it predates COVID-19 and ignores a crucial question: Are disadvantaged communities going to be better off or worse off if schools don’t reopen? If it is impossible to meet all of the conditions that might be necessary to ensure that schools in low-income communities eliminate all these extra risks and disadvantages, then what?

**UTLA Conditions to Reopen Go Well Beyond Medical Concerns**

According to the UTLA, the “total additional expenses to restart physical schools could be nearly \$250 million.” Moreover, this sum of money, monstrous as it is, will “not take into account measures to address the increased need for mental health and social services, the educational needs of children who may have fallen behind in the shift to crisis distance learning, regular testing of students and staff, or the long-term effects on students that will need to be addressed over multiple years. Finally, these costs do not include investments into distance learning, which will continue to be provided, either to all students under a full distance learning.”

So UTLA is looking for somewhere between a quarter-billion and a half-billion dollars before they’ll agree to reopening schools. And to be clear – LAUSD was in serious financial trouble before COVID-19 came along. To recap:

- In exchange for 180 days of classroom instruction per year, the average LAUSD teacher [makes over \\$100K per year](#) in pay and benefits (grossly understated estimate because it doesn’t take into account paying down their unfunded pension and retirement health care liabilities).
- The [“modest” strike settlement](#) negotiated between LAUSD and UTLA in early 2019 left LAUSD in worse financial shape than before.
- Taking all expenditures into account, California spends, on average, [over \\$20,000 per K-12 pupil per year](#). There is not a revenue problem, there is a spending problem.
- An under-reported reason the teachers [unions want to unionize – or abolish – charter schools](#) is because they need to fold more pupil counts, and hence more revenue, into their annual budgets. Only in this way can they hope to spread their existing pension debt over a larger revenue base.

### **So where will \$250 million (or more) come from?**

At the federal level, the UTLA is calling for federal assistance including an emergency bailout, along with increased Title I funding, increased Individuals With Disabilities Education funding, and “Medicare for All.”

At the state level, UTLA is calling for passage of the proposed property tax increase that is already on the November ballot, along with a “Wealth Tax” of 1 percent a year, and a “Millionaire Tax” of up to 3 percent surtax on high-income Californians.

And at the local level, UTLA wants to “Defund Police,” provide free housing to anyone, ten additional sick days for all private employees, a moratorium on charter schools, and “financial support for undocumented students and families.”

None of this political agenda is new, apart perhaps from “defund the police.” Even UTLA admits this in their conclusion, which leads off with “Normal Wasn’t Working For Us Before.” Perhaps on that, everyone can agree. LAUSD was failing to deliver educational outcomes for its students that they deserve. LAUSD was in financial trouble. And the student population of LAUSD had a higher than average percentage of students from low-income families. But we didn’t shut down the schools.

### **The Medical Debate is All That Matters Right Now**

Almost lost in UTLA’s position on reopening the LAUSD schools, given their ongoing fixation on race, class, and every other perceptible category of disadvantage, is the medical debate. But here again, just as with the political and financial conditions they’ve set for reopening schools, what they’re asking for is impossible to achieve. Some are tougher than others.

For example, UTLA is asking for “drastically reduced class sizes to no more than 12 per classroom.” They are asking for personal protective equipment for all staff and students, presumably to mandate that everyone including students wear masks. If you read the entire list of steps UTLA considers necessary in order to open schools (pages 7, 8, and half of page 9), it is clear that what they are asking for cannot be achieved without – and they’re being forthright about this – an infusion of over \$250 million for this school year, with no end in sight. Is this necessary?

Here is where, with tragic and ongoing consequences, political priorities have distorted the public health debate over how to handle COVID-19. From the start, the priority has been to lock down the healthy, instead of quarantining the vulnerable. And from the start, any information that might point to inexpensive therapies has been suppressed.

Here is a partial list of mitigating factors that ought to be included in the discussion of school openings:

- The number of pre-adolescent children who have become sick with COVID-19 is statistically negligible.
- Children also do not appear to spread COVID-19.
- Older children can catch COVID-19 but the rate of cases that either are fatal or leave serious long-term damage is statistically negligible.

- Healthy teachers can take several measures to protect themselves from possible exposure to infection, including the approved methods – face shields, masks, frequent hand washing, social distancing.
- Teachers with health conditions or in at-risk age groups should consider taking a leave of absence or retiring.
- Preventive steps can be taken including getting an updated Rubella vaccine, taking 400 mg per week of hydroxychloroquine, taking zinc lozenges, getting at least 8 minutes per day of exposure to full sun or taking vitamin D3, taking Pepcid, and taking chewable vitamin C.

These preventative measures may not all be valid. But there is strong evidence that some of them are valid. They have been unfairly dismissed.

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## **TEACHERS UNIONS WIN, STUDENTS AND PARENTS LOSE**

**BULLETIN FROM CALIFORNIA POLICY CENTER- JULY 17, 2020**

**Millions of California students – and parents – at home this fall:** This week, the Los Angeles Unified School District acceded to teachers union demands and canceled in-person classes when the school year begins. The San Diego Unified School District made the same decision. These two biggest districts in the state educate more than 720,000 students. Each of these students becomes part of a lost year of learning and social development, with a disproportionate impact on minority students and working-class families.

**Gov. Newsom's take:** Gov. Newsom praised the LAUSD/SDUSD decision, saying, “Two things are non-negotiable: our children’s health and the absolutely essential importance of educating



our children. To me it's an 'and,' not an 'or.'" Contrary to the governor's implication, it's also an "and" for supporters of in-person school reopening. And given the disaster of the virtual education experiment, this side has a stronger case.

**Other places across the state follow suit:** Following LA's precedent, other major districts in the state also announced this week that they would not reopen physical classrooms when the school year begins. Sacramento County, which educates more than 250,000 students, said its schools will remain closed. The Fresno Teachers Association demanded classes in the state's third-largest district remain entirely online. Long Beach Unified, the state's fourth-largest district, and San Francisco Unified, the state's sixth-largest, announced they will remain remote when the school year begins.

**The Californian redoubt of Orange County:** The Orange County Board of Education, hewing to scientific and empirical evidence showing that children face far less risk from Covid than the flu and don't seem to transmit the virus, voted to open schools as normal.

**Teachers unions' ransom note:** In the latest episode of National Review's Radio Free California, David and Will discuss the LA teachers union's ransom note to the public demanding higher taxes, the termination of school police, universal healthcare, and more money in return for reopening schools.

**Teachers unions use kids as pawns in their charter chess match:** As I told *The Center Square*, "The LA teachers union is shamelessly exploiting COVID-19 and holding children's education hostage to achieve its ultimate goal of banning school choice. Rather than looking at the widespread evidence and expert opinion, including the American Association of Pediatrics, that schools can reopen safely, unions are using kids as pawns for their own benefit." (The National Academy of Science has since come out in support of school reopening as well.)

**One rhetorical question destroys the teachers union position:** The LA teachers union, unsurprisingly, frames its broad demands as a way to help poor kids. But as CPC contributor Edward Ring points out in his latest contribution, "The problem with this [teachers union] litany is it predates COVID-19 and ignores a crucial question: Are disadvantaged communities going to be better off or worse off if schools don't reopen?"

**Biden's "teachers' unions first" agenda:** CPC contributor Larry Sand discusses how Joe Biden promises to put teachers unions before students. "In fact, Biden said in May that if he is elected, "Charter schools are gone." Every parent of the 600,000 California students in charter schools should hear Joe's threat.

**Teachers unions’ sweet deal.** Susan Shelley reminds us in her *OC Register* column this week that teachers unions face no potential consequences for holding kids’ education hostage:

California teachers’ unions won a victory when Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a budget trailer bill that bases school funding levels for the new school year on the attendance in the previous school year. This cheats growing charter schools, often non-union, of the revenue to educate newly enrolled students. The new law also prohibits layoffs of teachers or other school employees through June of 2021.

So even if the schools are closed, everybody gets paid. That’s a very sweet deal courtesy of taxpayers, many of whom are currently on hold with the Employment Development Department, trying to get their unemployment benefits.

**O say can you... lean on me?** The *LA Times* ran a 3,000-word op-ed this week arguing that the national anthem should be canceled. Apparently, it’s racist. “Its lyrics are ornate and Anglophile, with syntax that frustrates the efforts of normal human Americans to follow along — to deduce who or what, exactly, is gleaming and streaming. As for the music: It’s as British as beef Wellington.” (Some cultural stereotypes are apparently still OK.)

The clickbait headline -- “It’s time to cancel ‘The Star-Spangled Banner.’ Here’s what should replace it” -- doesn’t try to hide its cancel culture motivations. The proposed replacement? “Lean on me” by Bill Withers. It’s a classic song, no doubt. But one of its lines -- “You just call on me brother, when you need a hand” -- is surely a little too “problematic” for today’s zeitgeist.



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOME WORK**

**SAVE PROP. 13**

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And the entire California State Assembly**

*Whereas* Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (ACA 1) creates dozens of exceptions to Proposition 13's two-thirds vote protection, which would cost taxpayers billions in the coming years, including Parcel Taxes and Bond Debt that puts the security of home ownership at risk;

*Now Therefore I hereby exercise my right of Petition*, urging you to **VOTE NO** on ACA 1 or any Constitutional Amendment that would weaken Proposition 13.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

One of hundreds of thousands of Members and Supporters of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Please do not remove the section below. The form will be detached before petitions are released to the State Assembly.

**Dear HJTA President Jon Coupal:**

**Yes**, I'm returning my signed Petition to you so you can compile the thousands you receive and deliver them to my Assembly Member and the entire State Assembly. To help HJTA fight ACA 1 and ALL threats to Prop. 13, I am also enclosing a special donation of:

\$25    \$15    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First, Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions or gifts to the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are not tax-deductible.

Sign up with your e-mail address below to receive taxpayer e-mail updates:

➔ \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address will be used only for communications from HJTA. We will not trade or rent your e-mail address, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

My check is enclosed, payable to Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association or HJTA.

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  
 Visa                       Mastercard  
 Discover                     American Express

Card #:

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALERT**

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AUTHOR & NATIONALLY SYNDICATED COMMENTATOR BEN SHAPIRO APPEARED AT A COLAB ANNUAL DINNER



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

General Member: \$100 – \$249  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Member: \$250 - \$5,000  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sustaining Member: \$5,000 +  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sustaining Membership includes a table of 10 at the Annual Fundraiser Dinner)*

General members will receive all COLAB updates and newsletters. Voting privileges are limited to Voting Members and Sustainable Members with one vote per membership.

### MEMBER INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Radio  Internet  Public Hearing  Friend

COLAB Member(s) /Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **NON MEMBER DONATION/CONTRIBUTION OPTION:**

**For those who choose not to join as a member but would like to support COLAB via a contribution/donation.**  
I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to COLAB and my check or credit card information is enclosed/provided.

Donations/Contributions do not require membership though it is encouraged in order to provide updates and information.  
Memberships and donation will be kept confidential if that is your preference.  
Confidential Donation/Contribution/Membership

### PAYMENT METHOD:

Check  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  Amex NOT accepted.

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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