

POLITICAL ADVOCACY

The GA team hit the ground running in 2024—proactively responding to threats, mobilizing for current battles and trying new strategies that can be replicated elsewhere, as issues pop up.

Here are the five things you need to know to combat policies which limit fair and open competition and ways to act now.

1) Attend ABC of California In-Person Legislative Action Day on Tuesday, March 19th!



ABC California Legislative Day 2024 Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. In-Person, Sacramento, California

Join ABC California at the Capitol to meet with your elected officials and discuss how legislation can impact member companies, journeymen, and apprentices.

Attending these one-on-one meetings with representatives provides our association with an opportunity to tell the real story of the construction industry in the state of California.

A reception with other ABC California members will follow the day of legislative meetings.

Please contact Sophie at semerson@nmgovlaw.com for more information on the event, as well as instructions for how to RSVP. An RSVP is required to attend the event.

Please join us in attending our first ABC of California Legislative Day since the pandemic, to be held on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 9:00 am–6:00 pm.**

The biggest difference with this legislative day from past ones is that all the meetings will be held at the new Capitol Annex Swing Space at 1021 O Street, Sacramento, CA 98514.

This is our opportunity to tell legislators and their staff directly about the onerous regulations and policies facing your business at the local, state and national level. We will have their undivided attention and we must make the most of it.

We will begin the day with a kickoff meeting at 9:00 am.

Here is a current list of meetings we have scheduled with legislators or their staff:

- 9:30am** – Kevin Guzman (Sen. Ashby) (NorCal), Room 7320
- 10:00am** – Asm. Josh Hoover (NorCal), Room 4540
- 10:30am** – Asm. Aguiar-Curry (NorCal), Room 8320
- 10:30am** – Julie Cravotto (Asm. Addis.) (Central CA/NorCal), Room 5350
- 11:00am** – Asm. Jim Patterson (Central CA/NorCal), Room 4310
- 11:00am** – Asm. Juan Alanis (NorCal), Room 4640
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm LUNCH**
- 1:30pm** – Sen Brian Dahle (NorCal), Room 7230
- 2:00pm** – Tim Rainey (Spkr. Robert Rivas) Leg Office Bldg., Room 399 (Central CA/NorCal)
- 2:00pm** – Asm. Carlos Villapudua (NorCal), Room 6340
- 2:30pm** – Erik Brahms COS (Asm. Megan Dahle) (NorCal), Room 5710
- 3:00pm** – Sen. Marie Alvarado-Gil (NorCal), Room 7240
- 3:00pm** – Asm. James Gallagher (NorCal), Room 4740 **(15 min.)**
- 3:30pm** – Asm. Heath Flora (NorCal), Room 4730
- 4:30pm** – Idriss Mezzour (Asm. Stephanie Nguyen) (NorCal), Room 5720

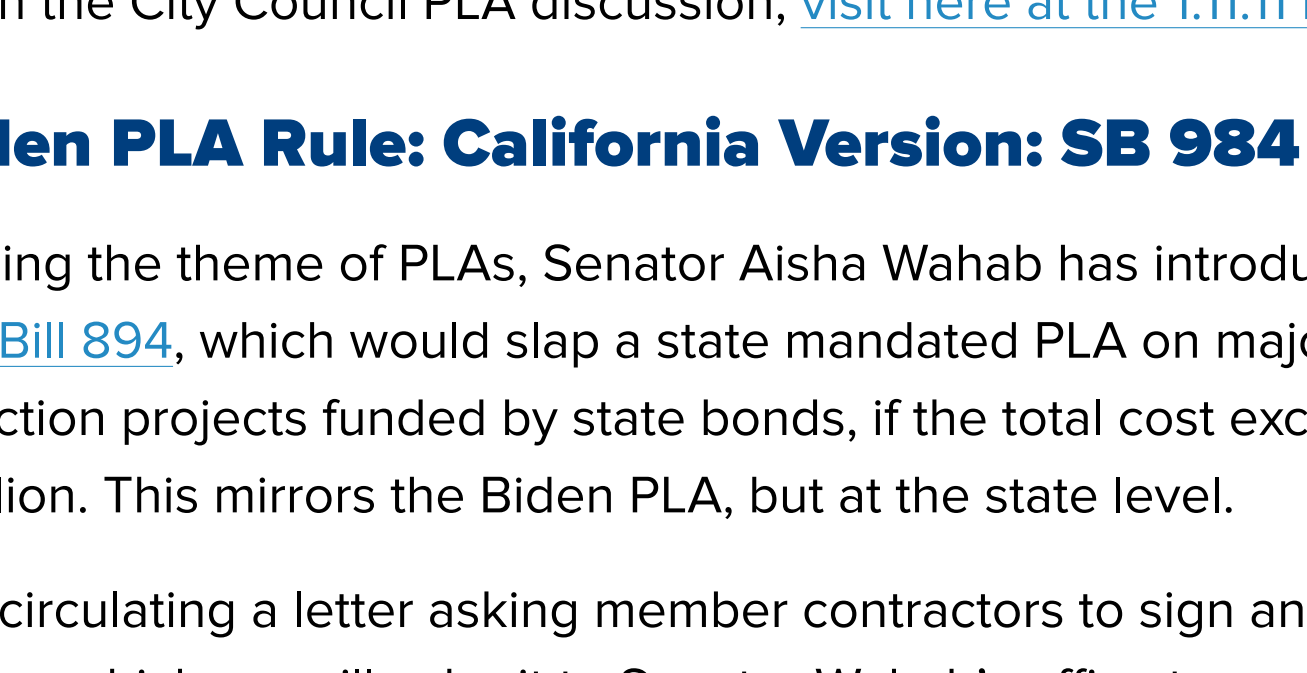
As the largest chapter in California, we have 14 meetings scheduled with 5 more in process for a total of 19 meetings.

The after-reception will start at 5:00 pm at a soon to be announced location.

We will be sending out targeted communications asking if you are interested in meeting with your direct representative. However, if you are interested and available only at certain times, we will accommodate you for whatever works for your schedule. Since the offices in the Swing Space are small, we recommend no more than 5 participants attend each meeting.

RSVP to me at matthew@abcnorcal.org.

2) Battle for YOLO: West Sacramento, Washington Unified School District, Yolo County Board of Supervisors



Yolo County has gone from NO PLA's to potentially 3 at the outset of 2024. On Wednesday, January 17th, the West Sacramento City Council and Washington Unified School District both had the gall to discuss PLAs at the same time. ABC NorCal staff was on hand to provide public comment at the West Sacramento City Council meeting—in which city council members could not decide among themselves how to proceed on next steps.

We will continue to monitor the situation and meet with local elected officials to educate them on the reasons a PLA would not be suitable in Yolo County.

To watch the City Council PLA discussion, [visit here at the 1:11:11 mark](#).

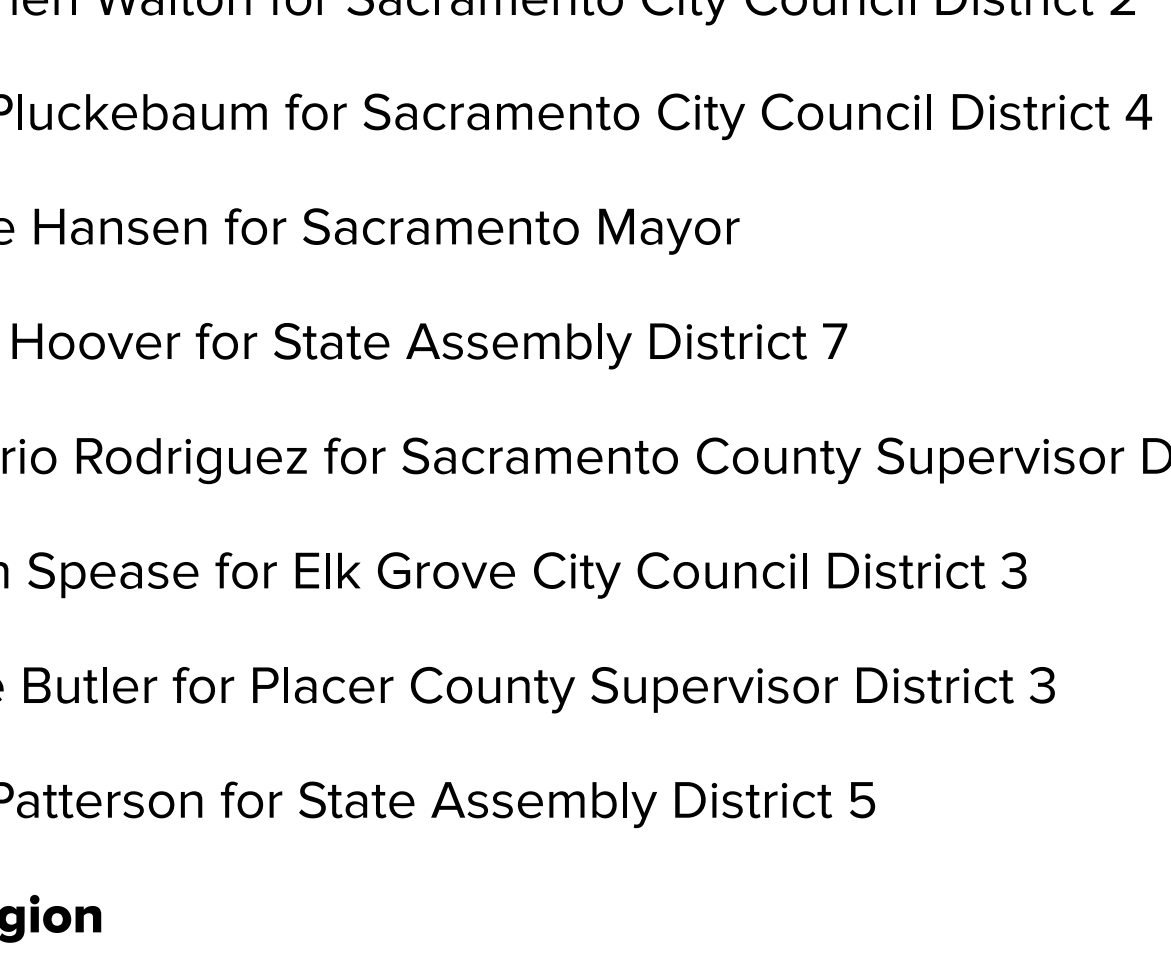
3) Biden PLA Rule: California Version: SB 984

Continuing the theme of PLAs, Senator Aisha Wahab has introduced [Senate Bill 894](#), which would slap a state mandated PLA on major construction projects funded by state bonds, if the total cost exceeds \$35 million. This mirrors the Biden PLA, but at the state level.

We are circulating a letter asking member contractors to sign and attach their logo, which we will submit to Senator Wahab's office to request a meeting.

Please reach out if you would like to sign our letter.

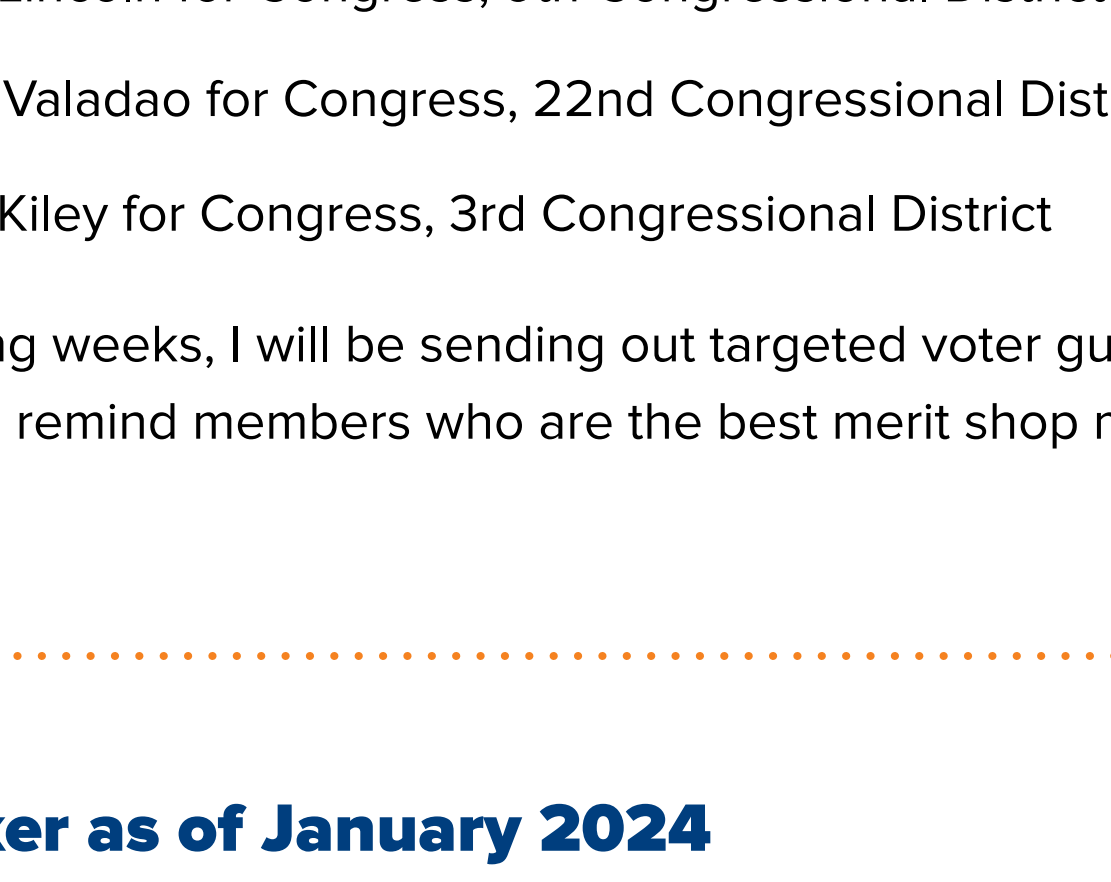
4) Biden DOL Independent Contractor Rule



The Biden administration's Department of Labor is moving forward with a final rule that creates an ambiguous and difficult to interpret standard for determining independent contractor status.

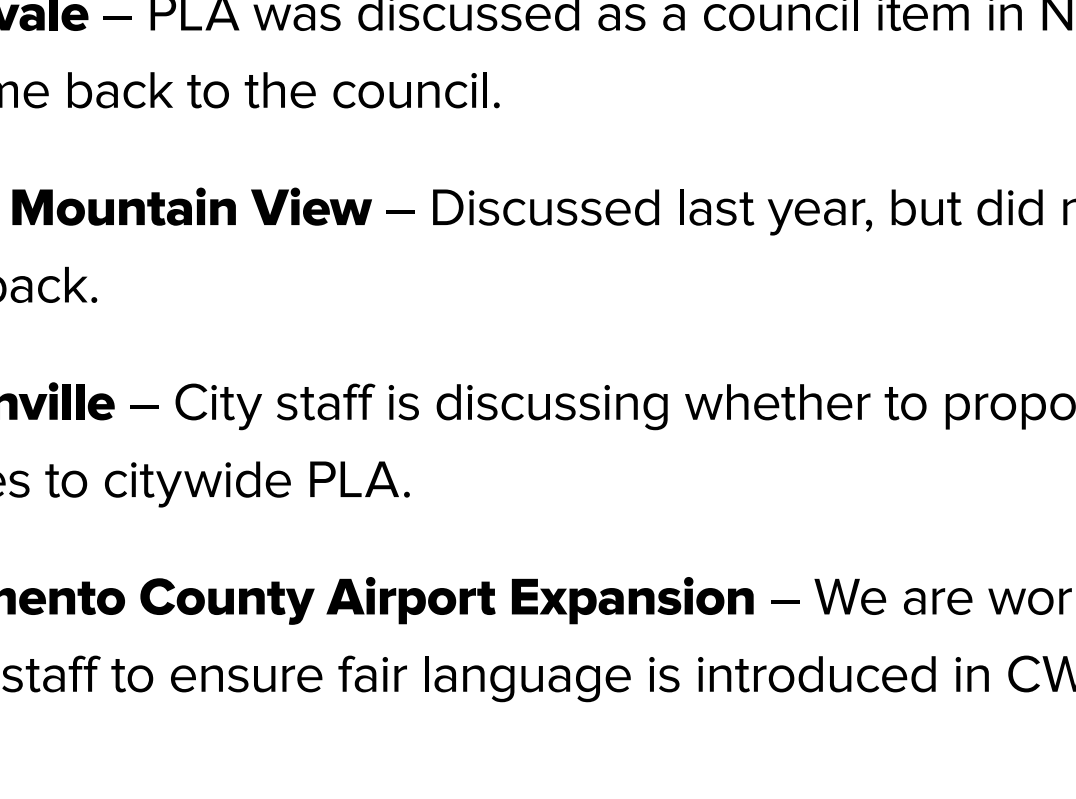
Matthew attended a press conference held by Assembly Republican leaders and Congressman Kevin Kiley, who criticized the rule. They spoke on behalf of our member contractors and as the leading constructive industry representative voice.

To watch the full press conference, [visit here](#).



5) Get Your Vote On or Get Out of Business!

State and Local Elections



Sacramento Region

1. Stephen Walton for Sacramento City Council District 2
2. Phil Pluckebaum for Sacramento City Council District 4
3. Steve Hansen for Sacramento Mayor
4. Josh Hoover for State Assembly District 7
5. Rosario Rodriguez for Sacramento County Supervisor District 4
6. Kevin Spease for Elk Grove City Council District 3
7. Dave Butler for Placer County Supervisor District 3
8. Joe Patterson for State Assembly District 5

Fresno Region

1. David Tangipa for State Assembly District 8
2. Nathan Magsig for Fresno County Supervisor District 5

San Joaquin Region

1. Carlos Villapudua for State Senate District 5
2. Edith Villapudua for Assembly District 13

San Jose/Santa Clara Region

1. Madison Nguyen for Santa Clara County Supervisor District 2
2. David Cohen for San Jose City Council District 4
3. Matt Mahan for San Jose Mayor

Here are candidates ABC National has endorsed and donated to this election cycle:

Federal Elections

1. John Duarte for Congress, 13th Congressional District
2. Kevin Lincoln for Congress, 9th Congressional District
3. David Valadao for Congress, 22nd Congressional District
4. Kevin Kiley for Congress, 3rd Congressional District

In the coming weeks, I will be sending out targeted voter guides by region to remind members who are the best merit shop minded candidates.

PLA Ticker as of January 2024

- 1. City of West Sacramento** – PLA discussed on January 17th and at strategic planning retreat.
- 2. Washington Unified School District** – PLA discussed at special board of education meeting on January 17th.
- 3. Yolo County** – Board of Supervisors will bring up PLA on March 26.
- 4. San Joaquin County** – CWA looks likely to be brought up to Board of Supervisors.
- 5. Sunnyvale** – PLA was discussed as a council item in November, and will come back to the council.
- 6. City of Mountain View** – Discussed last year, but did not act and will come back.
- 7. Watsonville** – City staff is discussing whether to propose making changes to citywide PLA.
- 8. Sacramento County Airport Expansion** – We are working with airport staff to ensure fair language is introduced in CWA.

Ask Matthew and Susan

Have questions or concerns about anything listed above, or have a new issue you would like to bring to our attention?

Email: matthew@abcnorcal.org | susan@abcnorcal.org

Your Government Affairs team is working every day to fight for you and your business.

Thank you for your time...until next month.

Sincerely,

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