



October 18, 2022

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State Capitol, Room 319  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Secretary of the Senate Erika Contreras  
State Capitol, Room 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

We, the undersigned Members of the California Assembly and Senate, request that the Legislature be recalled from joint recess, pursuant to Joint Rule 52(b). We request the Speaker of the Assembly and the President pro Tempore of the Senate to reconvene the Legislature immediately to address legislation specific to the following:

- 1) Consideration of legislation to suspend the state gas tax, establish a gasoline supply reserve, and expedite permitting to increase supply.
- 2) Consideration of legislation to re-classify crimes such as domestic violence, human trafficking and rape of an unconscious person as “violent” felonies under California penal code; and restore real penalties for retail theft and smash and grab robberies.
- 3) Consideration of legislation to declare a homelessness emergency in California and ban homeless encampments within 1,000 feet of sensitive areas including schools and childcare facilities.

These are urgent matters that cannot wait until next year for the Legislature to take action. Record high inflation combined with \$6-\$7 per gallon gas prices are straining family budgets and causing substantial financial hardships for Californians. Policy decisions made at the State Capitol are the reason why drivers here are paying \$2.00+ more for a gallon of gas than the rest of the nation. We cannot wait any longer for the Legislature to take action to bring down gas prices.

Regarding the increase in violent crime, as was demonstrated in the release by the Department of Justice’s annual crime report, crime is up in nearly every category, including violent crimes. The

Attorney General recently proposed adjustments to the definition of “nonviolent” felonies<sup>1</sup> and we believe urgent action is warranted.

Finally, despite California taxpayer money being poured into various programs designed to address the homelessness crisis, the human suffering on our streets has increased by nearly 70% in the last two years in our Capitol City alone. We believe it is necessary to expedite legislation<sup>2</sup> patterned after a recently adopted Los Angeles City measure<sup>3</sup> to protect California’s most sensitive areas where children are present or gather.

Please print this request in the respective Daily Journals immediately so that it may be considered in order to reconvene as soon as possible.

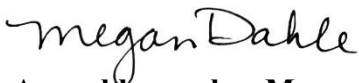
Respectfully,



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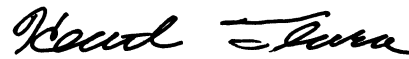
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<sup>1</sup> <https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2022/10/rob-bonta-attorney-general-violent-crime/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://jones.cssrc.us/sites/default/files/Senator%20Jones%27s%20bill%20tackling%20homelessness.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://jones.cssrc.us/sites/default/files/LA%20Homeless%20Measure.pdf>



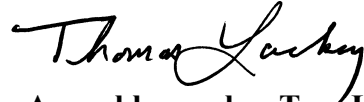
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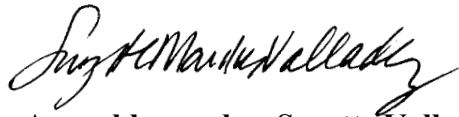
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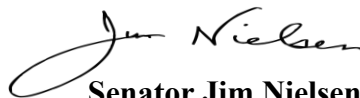
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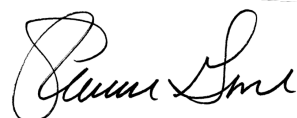
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