



# Latino Caucus of California Counties

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## Latino Leaders Hold Press Conference in Sacramento Urging NO on the Recall

**Sacramento, California** – Today, the Latino Caucus of California Counties (LCCC), local elected officials, and key labor leaders held a press conference urging all Californians to vote “NO” on the upcoming recall against Governor Gavin Newsom. A successful recall would roll back progress on key issues for the Latino community, such as protecting immigrants, expanding healthcare, addressing housing and homelessness, and closing the digital divide. Ballots are expected to start arriving in mailboxes on Monday, August 16 and the special election will be held on Tuesday, September 14.

“I want to thank our LCCC members, our local elected officials, our labor leaders, and everyone who attended this critically important press conference,” said **LCCC President V. Manuel Perez (Riverside County – 4<sup>th</sup> District)**. “There is a strong likelihood that this recall will be determined by the ever-growing block of Latino voters. Because of this, it is imperative that Latino leaders throughout the state strongly urge our people to oppose the recall. A lot of money has been spent on spreading misinformation to divide Latinos, therefore we as community leaders must deliver the truth. Throughout his tenure as Governor and especially during the pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom has repeatedly taken steps to support immigrant communities. Additionally, he appointed California’s first U.S. Senator, Senator Alex Padilla. If he is recalled, progress that we have made for the Latinos over the past few years will be rolled back. We cannot let this happen. For these reasons, we strongly urge all Latinos and Californians to vote NO on the recall.”

Other speakers included LCCC Vice President Debra Lucero (Butte County), LCCC Member Carmen Ramirez, LCCC Member Rodrigo Espinoza (Merced County), Sacramento City Councilmember Eric Guerra, West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero, and California Labor Federation Legislative Advocate Manuela Boucher-de la Cadena. Other attendees included LCCC Member Ed Valenzuela (Siskiyou County).

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