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Dear Supervisors,

I am forwarding you an email which discusses illegal homeless encampments throughout CA State. Live Oak Arana Creek is the one near Capitola Road and Soquel that I unsuccessfully and constantly asked to remove since January 2024 and it is still here. I am requesting to make the Sheriff's Department be responsible to walk through that area on a daily basis to prevent homeless encampment from getting set up by drug addicts and sexual predators, remove current homeless encampment that they did not remove on May 2, 2025 and finally keep the Sheriff's Department accountable for not doing so.

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Since January 2024, I requested to remove the homeless encampment at Arana Creek that gets protected by the Sheriff Department to attract my Autistic daughter by bad influence and abusing her wellbeing and safety. For over decade Sheriff Department assisting the Behavioral Health Division to continue jeopardize the well being and safety of my Autistic daughter and extend their skills for intentional, knowledgeable and willful neglect of the Behavioral Health Division vulnerable client. In my experience from 2011, the prevention of bad influence and abuse never was in practices of BHD and Sheriff Department. Both Departments coordinate their abusive actions to block against stabilization of my daughter following her release from Santa Rosa

Behavioral Hospital on October 22, 2024. Mobile crises team refused to do their job, refused my calls and refused others calls. Instead, not for the first time, the Sheriff's Department was directed to fabricate criminal charges against my daughter for obstructing police officers. It required me to find a solution by filing for a CareAct that also gets blocked by BHD management. Unprofessionalism, incompetence and brutality of assigned to my daughter BHD unethical employees explained by their illegal actions against her stabilization by group of UNLICENSED BY CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE so called "FAKE MENTAL HEALTH CLIENT SPECIALISTS" who entered into a criminal conspiracy. Santa Cruz County Personnel Department continues hire and accommodating with high salary those without CA State BBS license who will agree to inject and execute illegal AGENDA of criminal syndicate BHD against the wellbeing and safety of society. The CAREAct filed with Santa Cruz County Superior Court doesn't help because it is under control of agents assigned by BHD administration who are unlicensed weird wurdulak who knowledgably support a criminal conspiracy. The total and absolute corruption runs the Emeline complex where no one was kept accountable yet. The Emeline complex is looking constantly to involve more criminal minds to build up false accusations against my Autistic daughter and involve her instability, unmonitored and neglected health condition and corrupted mind by the BHD Corrupt Mind Program against her own wellbeing and safety and as well as destroy my wellbeing and safety. Nothing did ever stopped the BHD criminal syndicate during decade of continued unstoppable torture.

Below is email about Newsom, Legislature seek further crackdown on homeless encampments.

Sincerely,

Ludmila Boiko



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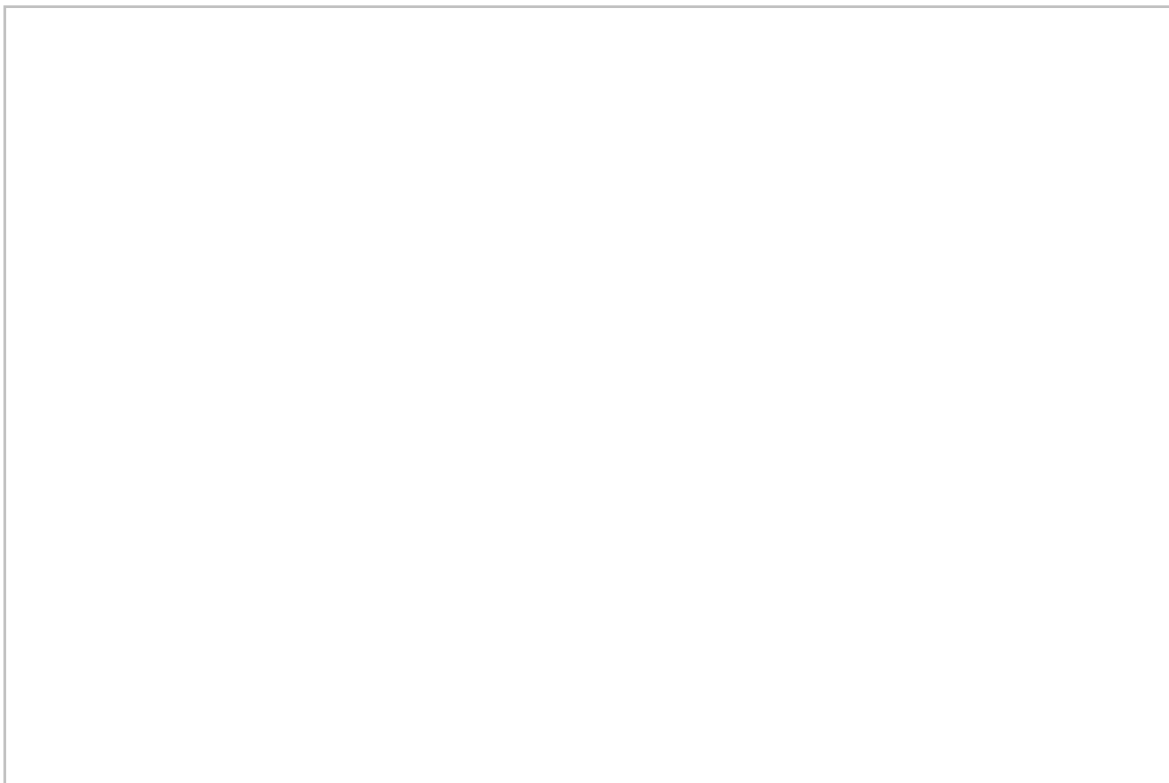


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Good morning, California.

Newsom, Legislature seek further crackdown on homeless encampments



Gov. Newsom helps clean up a homeless encampment along a freeway in San Diego on Jan. 12, 2022.
Photo by Mike Blake, Reuters

As Gov. Gavin Newsom pushes local governments to do more about removing homeless encampments across California, one of the state's own agencies is being accused of not doing enough to clear illegal campsites, writes CalMatters' [Marisa Kendall](#).

On Monday the governor issued a "model ordinance" that [cities and counties should use to clear encampments](#). These guidelines include banning persistent camping (or more than three days) in one location, banning encampments that block sidewalks and more. Newsom also said the state would release \$3.3 billion to "communities statewide" to combat homelessness. The money comes from the \$6.4 billion [Proposition 1](#) that voters narrowly approved in March of last year.

Though the governor can't force local governments to adopt the ordinance, his request that they do so follows [an executive order he issued last summer](#) directing state agencies, including the California Department of Transportation, or Caltrans, to remove encampments. The agency is tasked to build and maintain highways, and spent more than \$51 million addressing encampments in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

But city officials and staff say [Caltrans still takes too long to sweep a camp](#), at times taking months to respond. In some extreme cases, camps remain for a year or two, said San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan.

- **Mahan:** “The longer we allow people to remain encamped along the freeway or along an on and off ramp, the more the encampment becomes established and people come to the location and we get a significant accumulation of waste.”

Because city workers, for the most part, are prohibited from going onto Caltrans property to clear camps themselves, the Legislature is considering a bill that would make it easier for the [agency to cooperate with local governments](#).

The measure would require Caltrans to hire a liaison to work with cities and counties, and to arrange clear timelines when Caltrans should respond to a city’s request to clear an encampment. It would also allow Caltrans to reimburse cities for when they use their own resources and personnel to clear encampments on Caltrans property.

The reimbursement provision is particularly popular among city officials: Mahan, for example, said it can cost as much as \$100,000 to remove a long-standing encampment.

Read more about [Newsom’s new ordinance](#) and the [Caltrans bill](#) from Marisa.

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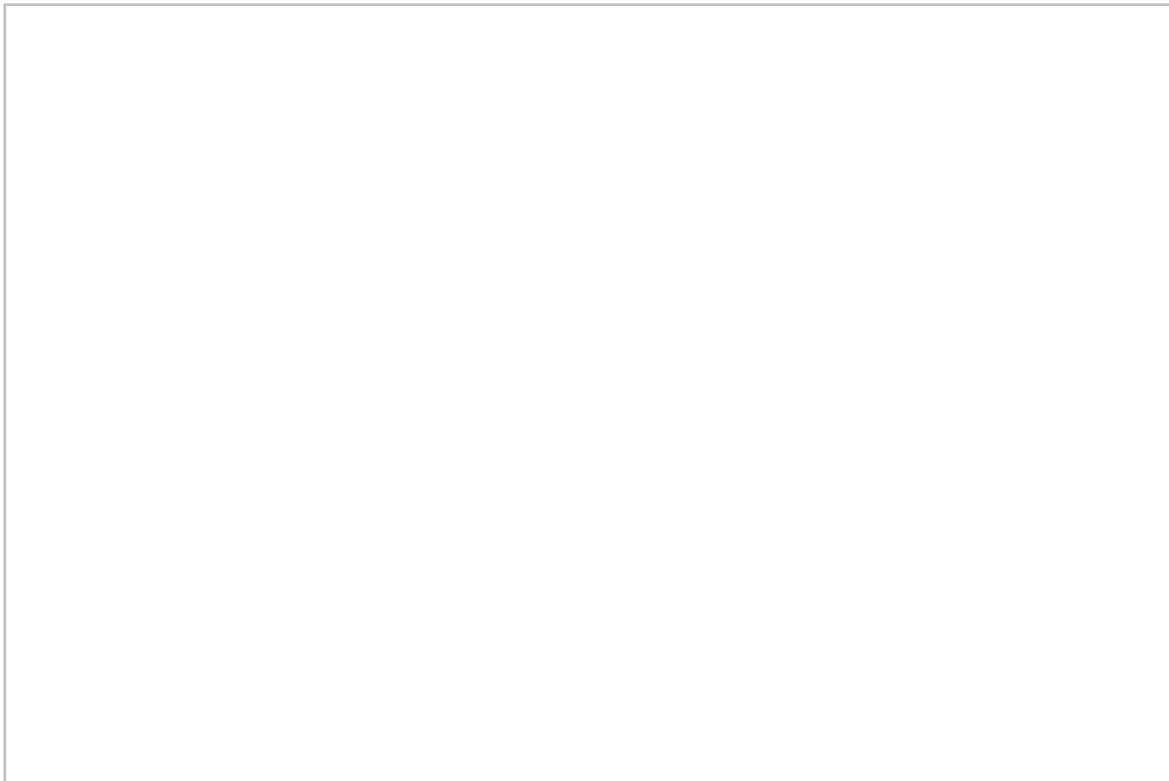
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Assembly passes bill to fine social media companies



A student uses her cellphone outside the Ramon C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts High School in Los Angeles on Aug. 13, 2024. Photo by Damian Dovarganes, AP Photo

In a rare showing of bipartisanship, Democratic and Republican legislators in the Assembly on Monday spoke in support of a bill that would hold social media platforms financially liable up to \$1 million [for the harms they inflict on young users](#).

- **Assemblymember [Josh Lowenthal](#)**, a Long Beach Democrat and bill author: "Across the aisle and across the world, we all know that these platforms are harmful and addictive. ... In fact, some platforms seem to be flagrantly ignoring problems that we have identified by actively rolling back what little safeguards they've previously offered."

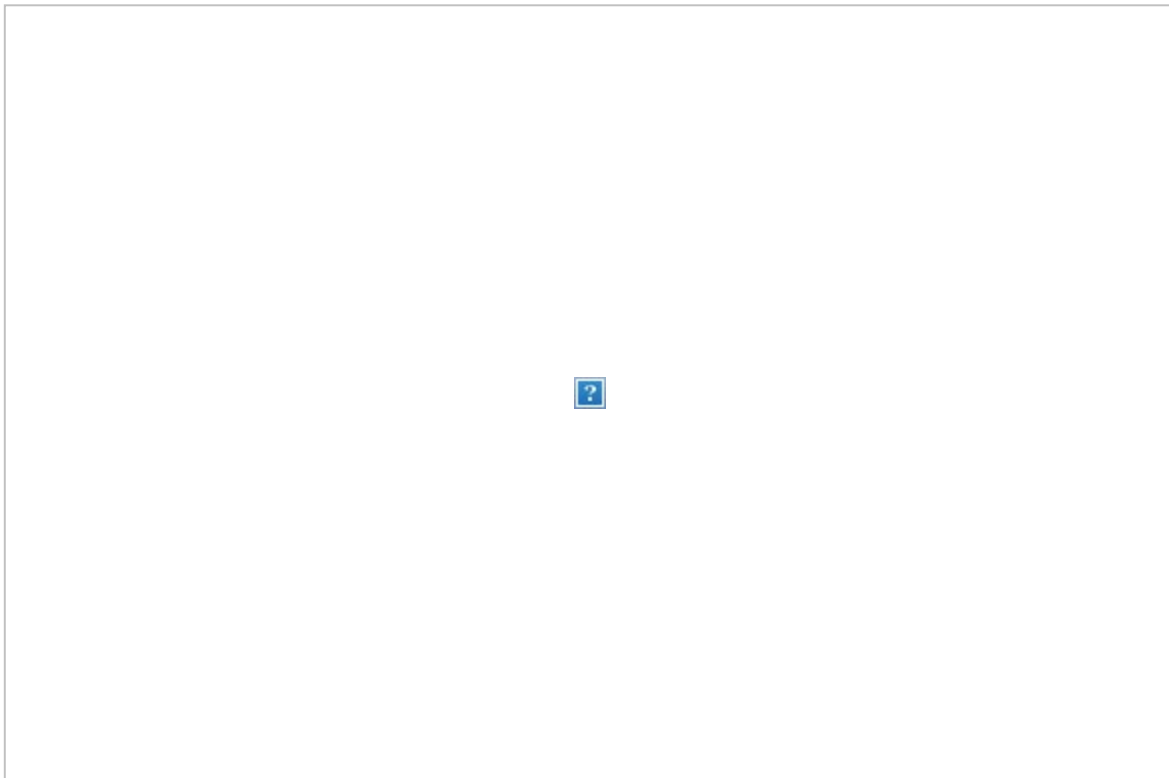
The bill is one of several the Legislature is considering to rein in the damage technology companies can cause with their products, including [chatbots](#) and other [artificial intelligence tools](#).

During the floor session, lawmakers brought up several examples of dangerous social media content, including bill co-author Assemblymember [Joe Patterson](#), whose neighbor died from a fentanyl overdose in 2020 that was purchased through social media. The Rocklin Republican also cited a [CalMatters op-ed](#) about a young daughter developing an eating disorder after being flooded with pro-anorexia social

media posts.

The Assembly passed the bill with 59 “yes” votes on the floor. Though there were no votes in opposition, 20 legislators did not vote, [which is the same as voting no](#).

What happened to prisoners released during COVID?



A prisoner's jacket hangs at Valley State Prison's gymnasium in Chowchilla on Nov. 4, 2022. Photo by Jae C. Hong, AP Photo

During the pandemic, the Newsom administration released thousands of people from state prisons as COVID spread through close quarters.

Now, data obtained and analyzed by CalMatters shows for the first time [what happened to some of those former prisoners](#).

In total, between April 2020 and December 2021, the corrections department freed about 14,800 people early. Nearly one-third of those prisoners ended up back in prison.

The data shows that:

- Most prisoners who were released early steered clear of serious crimes that would land them back in prison.
- Thirty people returned to prison for first- or second-degree murder offenses, representing fewer than 1% of the group.
- The top three reasons people went back to prison were illegally possessing a gun (14% of all cases), assault (10%), and burglary (9%). Vehicle theft, second-degree robbery and domestic abuse each accounted for about 4% to 5% of offenses.

Using news reports, press releases, statements from district attorneys and data from the corrections department, CalMatters' [Byrhonda Lyons](#) pieces together the details of what happened to some of the thousands who went back to state prison.

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