CALIFORNIA’S ECONOMIC RECOVERY

“California’s strict public health measures during the pandemic protected its economy, setting the stage for an even faster recovery in the state than nationwide”

- California’s early action saved lives, resulting in some of the lowest case rates and transmission rates and most vaccinations in the entire country.
- Now, California is leading the nation’s economic recovery and has created more jobs than any other state for 4 months straight.
- Historic $76 billion surplus, invested in those businesses and workers still struggling: $6.2 billion tax cut and $4 billion grant program for small businesses, $12 billion tax rebate program for two out of every three Californians, $1 billion in grants to workers who lost their jobs, and $5.2 billion in rent relief for low-income Californians.

California took early action to protect the health and wellbeing of Californians, consistently resulting in some of the lowest case rates and transmission rates in the nation while hospitalizations dipped to the lowest point since March 2020 – with more than 43 million vaccinations having been administered in California, over 70 percent of adults have at least one shot.

Now, California is leading the nation’s economic recovery and creating record numbers of jobs:
- **Created more jobs than any other state** for four consecutive months, totaling 495,000 jobs – amounting to 23% of the entire country’s new jobs.
- **California’s economy contracted less than other states** that had fewer restrictions (Texas, Florida, etc.), with U.S. economic output shrinking 3.5% compared to CA’s 2.8%.
- **Historic $76 billion surplus** that’s being invested in California’s businesses and workers.
- **Continuing to lead the nation in new business starts and U.S. economic industries.**

But the state still has a long way to go in recovering the jobs and business lost due to the pandemic, which is why Governor Newsom and his California Comeback Plan are making historic investments in small businesses and workers hit hardest by COVID-19:
- **Biggest state tax rebate in American history** – Golden State Stimulus tax rebate checks for two out of every three Californians.
- **Largest small businesses relief program in the nation**, investing a total of $4 billion in direct grants to California’s small businesses, on top of a massive $6.2 billion tax cut.
- **Largest statewide renter assistance in the country**, providing $5.2 billion to help low-income renters pay 100% of their back-rent.
- **Creating opportunities for Californians who lost their jobs**, investing $1 billion in new grants for workers to earn and learn, go back to school, or start their own business.
LEADING THE NATION’S ECONOMIC RECOVERY
California’s economy contracted less than other states throughout the pandemic – “Lockdown’ states like California did better economically than ‘looser’ states like Florida” – and now the state is now set to lead the nation’s economic recovery.

Throughout the pandemic, California has continued to lead in key economic metrics:

- California continues to “reign supreme in technology, entertainment, agriculture and other vital industries,” including manufacturing output and business, global trade, and energy, mining, and construction.
- Household income for Californians increased $164 billion, almost as much as Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania combined.
- California continues to lead the nation in new business starts and, just this year, the state has seen nearly 100 IPOs from California-based companies.
- In 2020, over 50% of the nation’s venture capital funding went to California, double what the next three states (NY, MA, TX) had combined.
- 64 of the Time100 Most Influential Companies and 20 of Fortune’s 100 Fastest-Growing Companies are based in California, both more than any other state.

LEADING THE NATION’S JOB CREATION FOR 4 MONTHS STRAIGHT

- California has led the nation’s job creation for four months straight, creating 495,000 jobs – that’s 23% of the entire country’s new jobs. In April, “California was the locomotive of U.S. job growth,” creating 38% of the nation’s jobs; in February, we created 41% of the nation’s jobs.
- “California continues to lead every other state in employment in tech, biotech, entertainment, manufacturing and more.”