

Californians Pay The Highest Gas Prices In America, And Adam Gray Made Them Worse. Gray Voted For The Largest Gas Tax Hike In California History, Leading To A 113% Increase, And Skipped Multiple Votes To Suspend It. He Said He Was QUOTE "Proud To Have Been A Part Of It"

Gas Tax

In 2017, Gray Voted In Favor Of Legislation That Raised The Gas Tax By 43 Percent, Or 12 Cents Per Gallon, Raised Vehicle Fees, Resulting In Every California Driver Paying More

In April 2017, Gray Voted In Favor Of Senate Bill 1. ("SB-1 Transportation Funding," [California Legislative Information](#), 4/6/17)

Bill Votes	
Date	04/06/17
Result	(PASS)
Location	Assembly Floor
Ayes Count	54
Noes Count	26
NVR Count	0
Motion	SB 1 Beall Third Reading Urgency By FRAZIER
Ayes	Aguilar-Curry, Arambula, Berman, Bloom, Bocanegra, Bonta, Burke, Caballero, Calderon, Cervantes, Chau, Chiu, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Dababneh, Daly, Eggman, Frazier, Friedman, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Gloria, Gomez, Gonzalez Fletcher, Gray, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Levine, Limón, Low, McCarty, Medina, Mullin, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, O'Donnell, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Reyes, Ridley-Thomas, Rodriguez, Rubio, Santiago, Mark Stone, Thurmond, Ting, Weber, Wood, Rendon
Noes	Acosta, Travis Allen, Baker, Bigelow, Brough, Chávez, Chen, Choi, Cunningham, Dahle, Flora, Fong, Gallagher, Harper, Kiley, Lackey, Maienschein, Mathis, Mayes, Melendez, Obernolte, Patterson, Salas, Steinorth, Voepel, Waldron
NVR	

("SB-1 Transportation Funding," [California Legislative Information](#), 4/6/17)

- **SB 1 Was A Transportation Bill That Hiked Gas Taxes And Vehicle License Fees.**
"Senate Bill 1, which would fix California's pothole-ridden roads and unstable bridges by hiking gas taxes and vehicle license fees, squeaked by in the Senate 27-11. It then headed to the Assembly, where it passed narrowly, 54-26. Earlier Thursday, the Legislature's Democratic leaders began showering reluctant legislators with transportation projects for their districts." (Katy Murphy, "California Legislature Passes 12-Cent Gas Tax Hike," [The Mercury News](#), 4/6/17)
- **SB 1 Raised The Excise Tax On Gasoline By 12 Cents Per Gallon And Diesel By 20 Cents Per Gallon, And Required Additional Annual Adjustments Based On Inflation.**
"Increases a number of taxes and fees for transportation purposes: a) Increases the excise tax on gasoline by \$0.12 per gallon, starting November 1, 2017. b) Increases the excise tax on diesel fuel by \$0.20 per gallon, starting November 1, 2017 ... Requires that the tax rates and fees specified in this bill, other than the diesel sales tax, are adjusted annually based on the California Consumer Price Index (CPI)." (SB-1 Transportation Funding Assembly Floor Analysis, [California Legislative Information](#), 4/6/17)
 - **Gas Taxes Were Raised By 43 Percent Or 12 Cents A Gallon.** "The deal negotiated by Gov. Jerry Brown and legislative leaders passed without a vote to spare and will raise gas taxes by 43 percent, or 12 cents a gallon, while also increasing diesel taxes. The hikes take effect Nov. 1." (Jonathan J. Cooper, "California Gas Tax Passes After Republican Lawmaker Wins \$500 Million Promise," [CBS Sacramento 13](#), 4/7/17)
- **Every Driver In California Ended Up Paying More.** "A \$52 billion transportation bill – which will see every driver in California paying more to cover the cost – now only needs the Governor Jerry Brown's signature for it to become law. Senate Bill 1's passing saw the urgency

clause enacted in the legislature, and both the State Assembly and State Senate worked late into Thursday night to see it through.” (“State Legislature Votes To Raise Price Of Gas For Road Repair,” [KMJ Now](#), 4/7/17)

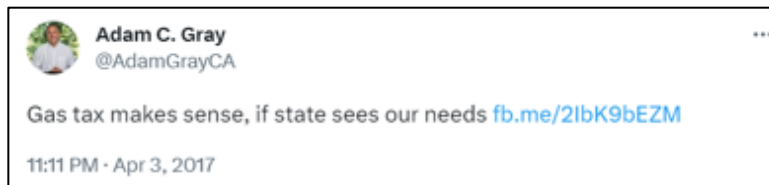
- **The Bill Would Raise Gas Taxes And Vehicle Fees By \$5.2 Billion A Year.** “After a week of fierce debate between opposing interests, the state Legislature on Thursday approved a plan to raise gas taxes and vehicle fees by \$5.2 billion a year to pay for the repair of California’s pothole-ridden, decaying system of roads, highways and bridges.” (Patrick McGreevy And Meanie Mason, “California Legislature Votes To Raise Gas Taxes, Vehicle Fees By \$5.2 Billion A Year For Road Repairs And Transit,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 4/6/17)
- **SB 1 Created New Vehicle License Fees.** “It will create a new vehicle license fees starting Jan. 1.” (Katy Murphy, “California Legislature Passes 12-Cent Gas Tax Hike,” [The Mercury News](#), 4/6/17)
 - **Cars Worth Under \$5,000 Would Pay A \$25 Per Year Which Would Be Paid By Nearly Half Of California Drivels; Cars That Are Worth Between \$5,000 To \$25,000 Would Pay \$50 By About 40 Percent Of California Drivers; And The Highest-End Luxury Cars Would Pay As Much As \$175 More.** “The nearly half of California drivers whose cars are worth under \$5,000 would pay a \$25 fee each year, while those with vehicles valued between \$5,000 and \$25,000 — about 40 percent of drivers in the state — would pay \$50. Drivers of the highest-end luxury cars would pay as much as \$175 more.” (Katy Murphy, “California Legislature Passes 12-Cent Gas Tax Hike,” [The Mercury News](#), 4/6/17)
- **Since SB 1 Passed, The Excise Tax Has Increased By 36 Cents Due To Adjustments For Inflation, Increasing From 27.8 Cents Per Gallon To 63.4 Cents Per Gallon.** (“Sales Tax Rates For Fuels,” [California Department Of Tax And Fee Administration](#), Accessed 9/11/23)

Motor Vehicle Fuel (Gasoline) Rates by Period				
Period	Sales Tax Rate (plus applicable district taxes) <i>Excludes Aviation Gasoline</i> ^[1]	Prepayment of Sales Tax Rate (per gallon) <i>Excludes Aviation Gasoline</i> ^[2]	Excise Tax Rate (per gallon) <i>Excludes Aviation Gasoline</i> ^[3]	Excise Tax Rate for Aviation Gasoline (per gallon)
07/2026–06/2027	2.25%	\$0.080	\$0.634	\$0.197
07/2025–06/2026	2.25%	\$0.075	\$0.612	\$0.190
07/2024–06/2025	2.25%	\$0.080	\$0.596	\$0.186
07/2023–06/2024	2.25%	\$0.080	\$0.579	\$0.18
07/2022–06/2023	2.25%	\$0.090	\$0.539	\$0.18
07/2021–06/2022	2.25%	\$0.055	\$0.511	\$0.18
07/2020–06/2021	2.25%	\$0.050	\$0.505	\$0.18
07/2019–06/2020	2.25%	\$0.060	\$0.473	\$0.18
07/2018–06/2019	2.25%	\$0.060	\$0.417	\$0.18
11/2017–06/2018	2.25%	\$0.050	\$0.417	\$0.18
07/2017–10/2017	2.25%	\$0.050	\$0.297	\$0.18
07/2016–06/2017	2.25%	\$0.050	\$0.278	\$0.18

(“Sales Tax Rates For Fuels,” [California Department Of Tax And Fee Administration](#), Accessed 9/11/23)

NOTE: *The gas tax in California has increased by 113 percent since SB 1 went into effect in November 2017.*

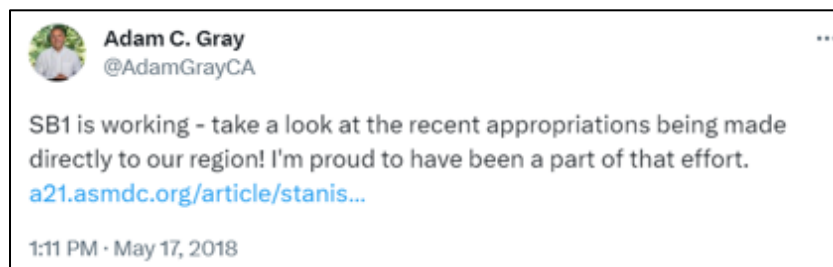
In April 2017, Gray Tweeted That A Modesto Bee Editorial That Argues That A Gas Tax “Makes Sense.” (Adam Gray, [Twitter](#), 4/3/17)



(Adam Gray, [Twitter](#), 4/3/17)

In April 2017, Gray Acknowledged That A Gas Tax Disproportionately Impacts Rural Communities, But Still Said “We Are Prepared To Work With” The Governor On The Tax. “The burden of new taxes must fall equally on all shoulders, not disproportionately impacting rural communities. With housing prices near job centers through the roof, more people are forced to commute farther (consuming more gas) than many others. In these same rural communities, where agriculture is the primary economic driver, the proposed gas taxes will increase costs to grow and transport goods. These are the last folks we should ask to cough up new taxes. The Valley must get its fair share of transportation investments – including public transit funding. Our ACE rail extension and Amtrak expansion should be guaranteed. Some people will call that pork; we call it transparency, ensuring we know exactly how our money will be spent. Gov. Brown said this plan ‘is not eating cotton candy. This is real spinach. This is broccoli.’ Well Governor, when you eat your vegetables the entire body benefits – not just some parts at the expense of others. If you commit to improving the health of the transportation system in the entire state, we are prepared to work with you.” (Sen. Anthony Cannella and Assemblyman Adam Gray, Op-Ed, “Gas Tax Must Be Fair For The Valley’s Working Families,” [The Modesto Bee](#), 4/4/17)

In 2018, Gray Tweeted That He Was “Proud To Have Been A Part Of That Effort” To Pass SB 1. (Adam Gray, [Twitter](#), 5/17/18)



(Adam Gray, [Twitter](#), 5/17/18)

In February 2022, Adam Gray Said He Was “Proud” Of SB 1, Saying “We’re Going To Get More Out Of That SB 1 Than We’re Going To Pay In.” ADAM GRAY: “And frankly, I don’t like paying the gas tax more than anybody else. And frankly gas is too expensive, and we ought to be looking at ways that we can do something about that. But at the same time, we’re going to get more out of that SB 1 than we’re going to pay in. I’m proud of that, I’m proud of the work we did. This community won in that discussion.” (Citizen Watch, [Listen Notes](#), 2/26/22, 7:05 – 7:25)

In September 2022, Gray Said He Was “In Favor” Of A Gas Tax Holiday For Californians. ADAM GRAY: “I put together a bipartisan coalition, part of the Problem Solvers Caucus here in California, which is a group of equal Democrats and Republicans, who are in favor of a gas tax holiday that would have been immediate relief. And instead, we ended up with some relief via rebates, tax rebates essentially, that haven’t landed in people’s bank accounts yet.” (Alexan Balekian, “EXCLUSIVE: Adam Gray Questions Newsom’s Climate Change Goals, Urges Him To Veto Farmworker Voting Bill,” [YourCentralValley](#), 9/9/22, 6:15 – 6:38)

- **Gray Said He Was “Frustrated” He Couldn’t Get The Gas Tax Holiday Over The Finish Line.** ADAM GRAY: “That’s the problem with doing those kinds of programs versus just doing immediate gas tax suspension. We introduced a bill to do it, we called on people to move it, we had bipartisan support. You know, I’m still frustrated we couldn’t get that over the finish line.”

(Alexan Balekian, "EXCLUSIVE: Adam Gray Questions Newsom's Climate Change Goals, Urges Him To Veto Farmworker Voting Bill," [YourCentralValley](#), 9/9/22, 6:45 – 6:58)

In October 2022, Gray Bragged About Helping Write The Bill To Suspend The Gas Tax, Calling It "Great Work." ADAM GRAY: "I was the founder of the California Problem Solvers Caucus in Sacramento, which is a group of equal Democrats and Republicans that sit down and try to hash out difficult issues and come up with solutions. I'm real proud of that. It's been a great group, we've done a lot of great work. We actually wrote the bill to suspend the gas tax. So those of you that are watching the TV commercials and the campaign are following it. When they keep talking about suspending the gas tax, that's the California bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, I was an author of the bill. (Real Estate Jerky Radio Show, [Listen Notes](#), 10/29/22, 7:40 – 8:10)

Tax Suspension Votes

Gas Tax Suspension Vote 1: On March 14, 2022, Gray Did Not Vote On AB 1638, Which Would Have Suspended The Gas Tax Immediately

The San Joaquin Valley Sun Headline: "Calif. Lawmakers Reject GOP Push To Cut Gas Prices By 50 Cents Per Gallon" (Reid Stone, "Calif. Lawmakers Reject GOP Push To Cut Gas Prices By 50 Cents Per Gallon," [The San Joaquin Valley Sun](#), 3/14/22)

In March 2022, "Facing Historic High Gas Prices, California Lawmakers Rejected A Parliamentary Maneuver To Expedite Consideration Of A Bill To Suspend The State's Highest-In-The-Nation Fuel Tax." "Facing historic high gas prices, California lawmakers rejected a parliamentary maneuver to expedite consideration of a bill to suspend the state's highest-in-the-nation fuel tax. By an 18-39 vote, members of the California State Assembly rejected a push by Assembly GOP Leader James Gallagher (R–Yuba City) and Asm. Kevin Kiley (R–Rocklin) to consider Assembly Bill 1638." (Reid Stone, "Calif. Lawmakers Reject GOP Push To Cut Gas Prices By 50 Cents Per Gallon," [The San Joaquin Valley Sun](#), 3/14/22)

VIDEO: On March 14, 2022, State Assemblymember Kevin Kiley Moved To Suspend The Rules And Take Up AB 1638, Which Would Suspend The Gas Tax Immediately And Save Californians 50 Cents A Gallon. STATE REP. KEVIN KILEY: "I'd like to make a motion. I move to suspend the rules as we've done multiple times today already to take up my bill, Assembly Bill 1638, without reference to file. This will suspend the state gas tax immediately and save Californians fifty cents a gallon." CHAIR: "That motion requires a second. Seconded by Ms. Davies. Members, this motion is not debatable. This takes 54 votes to suspend the constitutional three readings requirement on AB 1638 and the clerk will open the roll." (Assembly Floor Session, [California State Assembly](#), 3/14/22) Minute 1:25:10 – 1:25:44

- **According To The Roll Call, Gray Did Not Vote To Suspend The Rules And Take Up AB 1638:**

▼ AGUIAR-CURRY	▲ DAVIES	LOW	▼ RUBIO
▼ ARAMBULA	▲ FLORA	MAIENSCHEN	SALAS
▼ BAUER-KAHAN	▼ FONG, M.	▲ MATHIS	▼ SANTIAGO
▼ BENNETT	▼ FONG, V.	▼ MAYES	▼ SEYARTO
▼ BERMAN	▼ FRIEDMAN	▼ MCCARTY	▲ SMITH
▲ BIGELOW	▼ GABRIEL	▼ MEDINA	▼ STONE
▼ BLOOM	▲ GALLAGHER	▼ MULLIN	▼ TING
▼ BOERNER HORVA	▲ GARCIA, C.	▼ MURATSUCHI	▲ VALLADARES
▼ BONTA, M.	▼ GARCIA, E.	▼ NAZARIAN	▲ VILLAPUDUA
▼ BRYAN	▼ GIPSON	▲ NGUYEN	▲ VOEPEL
▼ CALDERON	▼ GRAY	▼ O'DONNELL	▼ WALDRON
▼ CARRILLO	▲ GRAYSON	▲ PATTERSON	▼ WEBER, A.
▼ CERVANTES	▼ HOLDEN	▼ PETRIE-NORRIS	▼ WICKS
▲ CHEN	▼ IRWIN	▼ QUIRK	▼ WOOD
▲ CHOI	▼ JONES-SAWYER	▼ QUIRK-SILVA	▼ MR. SPEAKER
▼ COOLEY	▼ KALRA	▼ RAMOS	
▼ COOPER	▲ KILEY	▼ REYES	
▲ CUNNINGHAM	▼ LACKEY	▼ RIVAS, L.	
▼ DAHLE	▼ LEE	▼ RIVAS, R.	
▼ DALY	▼ LEVINE	▼ RODRIGUEZ	

...the Constitution Article IV Section 8(b)(1) Motion to Suspend the Rules

FILE:
▲ AYE 18 ▼ NO 40 VOTE: 2/3

(Assembly Floor Session, [California State Assembly](#), 3/14/22)

Here's how local lawmakers voted on the gas tax suspension:

- Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno): No Vote Recorded
- Frank Bigelow (R-O'Neals): Yes
- Heath Flora (R-Ripon): No Vote Recorded
- Vince Fong (R-Bakersfield): Yes
- Adam Gray (D-Merced): No Vote Recorded
- Devon Mathis (R-Porterville): Yes
- Jim Patterson (R-Fresno): Yes
- Rudy Salas (D-Bakersfield): No Vote Recorded
- Carlos Villapudua (D-Stockton): No Vote Recorded

(Reid Stone, "Calif. Lawmakers Reject GOP Push To Cut Gas Prices By 50 Cents Per Gallon," [The San Joaquin Valley Sun](#), 3/14/22)

- **According To The Assembly Daily Journal From March 14, 2022, Gray Was Not Present That Day.** (Proceedings Of The Assembly, Assembly Daily Journal, [2021-2022 California Legislature](#), 3/14/22)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY			
IN ASSEMBLY			
Assembly Chamber, Sacramento Monday, March 14, 2022			
The Assembly met at 1 p.m. Hon. Kevin Mullin, Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly, presiding. Chief Clerk Sue Parker at the Desk. Reading Clerk David A. Bowman reading.			
ROLLCALL			
The roll was called.			
Quorum Call of the Assembly			
Assembly Member Gallagher moved a quorum call of the Assembly. Motion carried. Time, 1:10 p.m. The Speaker pro Tempore directed the Sergeant at Arms to close the doors, and to bring in the absent Members.			
Quorum Present			
At 1:20 p.m., Speaker pro Tempore Mullin declared a quorum of the Assembly present.			
The rollcall was completed, and the following answered to their names—70:			
Aguiar-Curry	Dable	Low	Rodriguez
Arambula	Daly	Maienschein	Rubio
Bauer-Kahan	Davies	Mathis	Salas
Bennett	Fong, M.	Mayes	Santiago
Berman	Fong, V.	McCarthy	Smith
Bigelow	Friedman	Medina	Stone
Bloom	Gabriel	Mullin	Ting
Boerner Horvath	Gallagher	Muratsuchi	Valladares
Bonta, M.	Garcia, E.	Nazarian	Villapudua
Bryan	Gipson	Nguyen	Voepel
Calderon	Grayson	O'Donnell	Waldron
Carrillo	Holden	Patterson	Ward
Cervantes	Irwin	Petrie-Norris	Weber, A.
Chen	Jones-Sawyer	Quirk-Silva	Wicks
Choi	Kalra	Ramos	Wood
Cooley	Kiley	Reyes	Mr. Speaker
Cooper	Lackey	Rivas, L.	
Cunningham	Lee	Rivas, R.	

(Proceedings Of The Assembly, Assembly Daily Journal, [2021-2022 California Legislature](#), 3/14/22)

Under AB 1638, California's Imposition Of The Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Would Be Suspended For A Six-Month Window. "By an 18-39 vote, members of the California State Assembly rejected a push by Assembly GOP Leader James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) and Asm. Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) to consider Assembly Bill 1638. Under the bill, California's imposition of the motor vehicle fuel tax would be suspended for a six month window." (Reid Stone, "Calif. Lawmakers Reject GOP Push To Cut Gas Prices By 50 Cents Per Gallon," [The San Joaquin Valley Sun](#), 3/14/22)

Gas Tax Suspension Vote 2: On March 24, 2022, Gray Did Not Vote When Considering Legislation To Bring A Gas Tax Suspension To The Floor

VIDEO: On March 24, 2022, State Rep. Kevin Kiley Asked For A No Vote To Appeal The Ruling Of The Chair. Kiley Accused The Chair Of Sparing Members A Vote “On An Issue That Is Of Profound Importance To Every Californian.” CHAIR: “Mr. Kiley is appealing the ruling of the Chair. That requires a second. Seconded by Mr. Fong. We have two minutes. Mr. Kiley you have two minutes specifically to the ruling of the Chair on the rules of the House and this parliamentary matter.” KILEY: “I think Mr. Fong very clearly explained that the Chair is overtly breaking the rules of this chamber in order to spare members a vote on an issue that is of profound importance to every Californian. I ask for an Aye vote on the appeal of the Chair.” CHAIR: “Mr. Kiley, you’ll actually be asking for a no vote because the question before the body is, is the ruling of the Chair to be sustained? And I have my two minutes now, Mr. Kiley. And I have ruled on the matter. I have explained the rationale. The original motion to withdrawal was sent to the rules committee. The bill in chief had been properly referred to the transportation committee. We have tried to move forward with the business of the house. And Mr. Gallagher was out of order repeatedly, trying to speak to the substance of the matter when it was a procedural matter. I have made my ruling in this matter. The question before the body is shall the decision of the chair be sustained. Ms. Reyes is asking for an aye vote, Mr. Kiley is asking for a no vote. Clerk will open the roll.” (Assembly Floor Session, [California State Assembly](#), 3/24/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

- **Gray Did Not Vote On The Appeal Of The Ruling Of The Chair:**



(Assembly Floor Session, [California State Assembly](#), 3/24/22)

- **According To The Assembly Daily Journal From March 24, 2022, Gray Was Present That Day.** (Proceedings Of The Assembly, Assembly Daily Journal, [2021-2022 California Legislature](#), 3/24/22)

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly Chamber, Sacramento
Thursday, March 24, 2022

The Assembly met at 9 a.m.
Hon. Kevin Mullin, Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly,
presiding.
Chief Clerk Sue Parker at the Desk.
Reading Clerk David A. Bowman reading.

ROLLCALL

The roll was called.

Quorum Call of the Assembly

Assembly Member Maienschein moved a quorum call of the
Assembly.
Motion carried. Time, 9:14 a.m.
The Speaker pro Tempore directed the Sergeant at Arms to close the
doors, and to bring in the absent Members.

Quorum Present

At 9:22 a.m., Speaker pro Tempore Mullin declared a quorum of the
Assembly present.

The rollcall was completed, and the following answered to their
names—75:

Aguiar-Curry	Daly	Lee	Rivas, L.
Arambula	Davies	Levine	Rivas, R.
Bauer-Kahan	Flora	Low	Rodriguez
Bennett	Fong, M.	Maienschein	Rubio
Berman	Fong, V.	Mathis	Santiago
Bigelow	Friedman	Mayes	Seyarto
Bloom	Gabriel	McCarty	Smith
Boerner Horvath	Gallagher	Medina	Stone
Bonta, M.	Garcia, C.	Mullin	Ting
Bryan	Garcia, E.	Muratsuchi	Valladares
Calderon	Gipson	Nazarian	Villapudua
Carrillo	Gray	Nguyen	Voepel
Cervantes	Grayson	O'Donnell	Waldron
Chen	Holden	Patterson	Ward
Choi	Irwin	Petrie-Norris	Weber, A.
Cooley	Jones-Sawyer	Quirk	Wicks
Cooper	Kalra	Quirk-Silva	Wood
Cunningham	Kiley	Ramos	Mr. Speaker
Dahle	Lackey	Reyes	

(Proceedings Of The Assembly, Assembly Daily Journal, [2021-2022 California Legislature](#), 3/24/22)

According To Ashley Zavala Of Kron4News, The Result Of The Procedural Vote To Stick With The Decision Of The Chair Was To Essentially Not Bring The Gas Tax Suspension Bill To The Floor. “NEW: California Republicans in the Assembly again can’t force a vote on the state’s gas tax. The results of the procedural vote to stick with the decision to essentially not bring it to the floor, with many Dems not voting: ...” (Ashley Zavala, [Twitter](#), 3/24/22)

Ashley Zavala @ZavalaA

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Assembly Chamber Video, Thursday, March 24th, 2022

FILE:
▲ AYE 45 ▼ NO 18 VOTE: Majority Present

1:04 PM · Mar 24, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

3 Retweets 2 Quote Tweets 2 Likes

(Ashley Zavala, [Twitter](#), 3/24/22)

Gas Tax Suspension Vote 3: On April 7, 2022, Gray Did Not Vote On Killing AB 1638, A Bill That Would Suspend California's Gas Tax For Six Months Just Before Adjourning For Spring Break

VIDEO: On April 7, 2022, State Assemblymember Reyes Moved To Strike Item Number One From The File. On This Vote, The Republican Leader Was Asking For A “No” Vote. STATE REP. REYES: “I move to strike item number one from the file.” CHAIR: “Second by Mr. Ward. Members this is a procedural motion requiring 41 votes. The Clerk will open the roll. All members vote who desire to vote. Majority leader is asking for an aye vote. Republican Leader asking for a no. All those who desire to vote, takes 41. Clerk will close the roll and tally the vote. Ayes 43. Noes 15. The item is stricken from the file.” (Assembly Floor Session, [California State Assembly](#), 4/7/22) Minute 45:29 – 46:00

- **According To The Roll Call, Gray Did Not Vote On Striking Item Number One From The File:**



(Assembly Floor Session, [California State Assembly](#), 4/7/22)

According To State Assemblymember Kevin Kiley, The Legislators Who Voted To Strike The Item From The File Were Voting To Kill A Gas Tax Suspension Bill. “The legislators who voted to ‘strike’ my gas tax suspension bill before heading to Spring Break.” (Kevin Kiley, [Twitter](#), 4/11/22)



(Kevin Kiley, [Twitter](#), 4/11/22)

Gas Tax Suspension Vote 4: In May 2022, Gray First Did Not Vote On An Effort To Suspend The State's Gas Tax, Then Changed His Mind And Voted To Bring The Bill To The Floor

San Joaquin Valley Sun Headline: “Dems Reject Effort To Force Vote To Suspend Calif. Gas Tax” (Reid Stone, “Dems Reject Effort To Force Vote To Suspend Calif. Gas Tax,” [San Joaquin Valley Sun](#), 5/26/22)

“For The Third Time In As Many Months, A Republican-Led Effort To Force A Vote To Suspend California’s Gas Tax Failed Due To Lack Of Action From California Democrats.” (Reid Stone, “Dems Reject Effort To Force Vote To Suspend Calif. Gas Tax,” [San Joaquin Valley Sun](#), 5/26/22)

In May 2022, Assemblymember Heath Flora Called For A Motion To Suspend The Rules On The Floor In Hopes Of Bringing AB 2457 To A Floor Vote For Immediate Action. “For the third time in as many months, a Republican-led effort to force a vote to suspend California’s gas tax failed due to lack of action from California Democrats. This time, however, Republicans sought to promote a bill drafted by a Democrat aiming to shake-up sky-high gas prices. Wednesday, Asm. Heath Flora (R–Ripon) called for a motion to suspend the rules on the floor of the California State Assembly in hopes of bringing Assembly Bill 2457 to a floor vote for immediate action.” (Reid Stone, “Dems Reject Effort To Force Vote To Suspend Calif. Gas Tax,” [San Joaquin Valley Sun](#), 5/26/22)

On May 25, 2022, California Assembly Republicans Attempted To Suspend The Rules So They Could Force A Vote On AB 2457, A Gas Tax Suspension Bill. “California Republican state lawmakers in the Assembly move to suspend the rules so they can force a vote on the gas tax suspension bill, AB2457. That motion to suspend rules fails. Needed 40 votes.” (Ashley Zavala, [Twitter](#), 5/25/22)

- **According To The Roll Call, Gray Did Not Vote On The Motion.** (Ashley Zavala, [Twitter](#), 5/25/22)



(Ashley Zavala, [Twitter](#), 5/25/22)

Initially, It Appeared That Assemblymembers Gray And Rudy Salas Failed To Show Up To Cast A Vote On The Motion. “As has become routine relative to gas tax reprieves, the procedural vote on the effort failed by a final vote of 31-32 with 15 Assembly members failing to appear to vote. The procedural motion required 40 votes to force the bill to the floor. For a brief moment on Wednesday, it appeared that Gray and Asm. Rudy Salas (D-Bakersfield) failed to show-up to cast a vote on the motion.” (Reid Stone, “Dems Reject Effort To Force Vote To Suspend Calif. Gas Tax,” [San Joaquin Valley Sun](#), 5/26/22)

John Duarte Pounced On The Opportunity To Highlight Gray’s Missed Vote. Duarte Later Tweeted That Gray “Changed His Mind After The Initial Vote.” (John Duarte, [Twitter](#), 5/25/22)



(John Duarte, [Twitter](#), 5/25/22)

“Gray Recorded A Vote In Favor Of The Motion To Bring His Bill To The Floor.” “Gray recorded a vote in favor of the motion to bring his bill to the floor. However, the measure did not receive universal support from Valley lawmakers. Joining Gray and Flora in support of a vote on the gas tax holiday was Asms. Carlos Villapudua (D–Stockton), Devon Mathis (R–Porterville), Frank Bigelow (R–O’Neals), Jim Patterson (R–Fresno), Vince Fong (R–Bakersfield), and Salas.” (Reid Stone, “Dems Reject Effort To Force Vote To Suspend Calif. Gas Tax,” [San Joaquin Valley Sun](#), 5/26/22)

According To The Updated Vote Tabulation At 7:27:12 PM (PST), Gray Changed His Vote To “Aye” On The Motion To Suspend The Rules. (Vote Tabulation, Motion To Suspend The Rules By Flora, California Regular Session, 5/25/22)

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY REGULAR SESSION 2021-22 Vote Tabulation			
Seq 1.34			05-25-2022 7:27:12 pm
Ayes 22			
Noes 47			
NV 9			
Motion to Suspend the Rules By FLORA			
AYES - 22			
BIGELOW	FLORA	MATHIS	SEYARFO
+ CHEN	FONG, V.	+ MAYES	SMITH
CHOI	GALLAGHER	NGUYEN	+ VALLADARES
+ CUNNINGHAM	+ GRAY	PATTERSON	VOEPFL
DAHLE	KILEY	+ SALAS	+ WALDRON
DAVIES	LACKEY		
NOES - 47			
AGUIAR-CURRY	GABRIEL	+ MCCARTY	RUBIO
ARAMBULA	+ GARCIA, C.	HEDINA	+ SANTIAGO
+ BAUER-KAHAN	+ GARCIA, E.	MULLIN	STONE
BENNETT	GIPSON	MURATSUCHI	+ TING
BLOOM	GRAYSON	+ NAZARIAN	+ VILLAPUQUA
BONTA, M.	+ HANEY	QUIRK	+ WARD
BRYAN	HOLDEN	QUIRK-SILVA	WEBER, A.
CALDERON	+ JONES-SAWYER	RAMOS	+ WICKS
CARRILLO	KALRA	REYES	+ WILSON
+ COOPER	LEE	RIVAS, L.	WOOD
+ FONG, M.	LEVINE	+ RIVAS, R.	MR. SPEAKER
+ FRIEDMAN	+ LOW	RODRIGUEZ	
NOT VOTING - 9			
BERMAN	COOLEY	NAJENSCHN	VACANCY
BOERNER-HORVATH	DALY	O'DONNELL	VACANCY
CERVANTES	IRWIN	PETRIE-NORRIS	
# Vote Added upon Lifting of Call at Member's Desk.			
+ Vote Added, Changed or Corrected.			
@ Member Absent or Excused.			
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