On September 26, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsome signed SB 2 into law. On January 1, 2024, California Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) will go into effect. SB 2 creates new mandates for the issuance of concealed carry permits and public carry regulations. For information on the new mandates of SB 2, please see the letter from Sheriff Shannon Dicus and click here to read SB 2.

On December 20, 2023, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California issued a preliminary injunction, which prohibits the enforcement of SB 2 provisions that restricted the carrying of concealed weapons in some of the areas deemed as "sensitive places." While the court order is effective, CCW permitholders will not be subjected to enforcement of the following subdivisions of Penal Code Section 26230:

- (7) Hospitals, mental health facilities, nursing homes, medical offices, urgent care facilities, and other places where medical services are customarily provided,
- (8) Public transportation,
- (9) Establishments where intoxicating liquor is sold for consumption on the premises,
- (10) Public gatherings and special events,
- (11) Playgrounds and private youth centers,
- (12) Parks and athletic facilities,
- (13) Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Fish and Wildlife property, except hunting areas,
- (15) Casinos and gambling establishments,
- (16) Stadiums and arenas,
- (17) Public libraries,
- (19) Amusement parks,
- (20) Zoos and museums,
- (22) Churches, synagogues, mosques, and other places of worship,
- (23) Financial institutions, and
- (26) Any other privately owned commercial establishment that is open to the public, unless the operator clearly and conspicuously posts a sign indicating that license holders are permitted to carry firearms on the property,
- And "parking areas."

For further information regarding the court order, click here. On December 30, 2023, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay on the December 30, 2023, injunction; however, on January 6, 2024, the stay was denied. The injunction issued on December 30, 2023, remains in effect. All remaining provisions of SB 2, including sensitive areas not listed above, took effect on January 1, 2024.