



SAVE OUR CAPITOL!

Stop the billion-dollar demolition and rebuild project! Restore the historic Capitol Annex instead.

The Legislators want taxpayers to pay for luxurious new offices for themselves, the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor. The Project would use revenue bonds for funding which would cost 30% more in interest on the debt over 30 years.

Instead of pursuing this wildly irresponsible waste of taxpayer dollars, the Legislature should restore the historic Capitol Annex at a much lower cost. Spend all other available monies on Californians suffering from the pandemic, lockdown, and wildfires.



People in crisis must come first!

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Stop stealth practices which deny the People truth, transparency, and trust in self-governance.

2016 The Capitol Annex Project was conceived in a secretive Joint Rules Committee (JRC) meeting, without public input—the same public that now will be on the hook for the cost of the extravagant, expanded workplace at a time when more employees are working from home and the Governor has mandated more telecommuting.

2018 The project was approved without providing information to the Historic State Capitol Commission. This Commission is required by law to advise the Legislature on any changes to the historic Capitol and grounds.

2020 Two of the seven members of the Capitol Commission resigned in protest of these stealth practices and began to get out the word to the public and the media about what is at stake.



West Steps, California State Capitol

Save Our Capitol! is calling for bipartisan participation to stop this waste of lawmakers' time and taxpayers' money.

As proposed, the project would:

- **Blockade** free and open access to the West Steps where Californians assemble to exercise our constitutional freedoms of religion, of speech, of the press, and the right to petition the government for redress of grievances;
- **Demolish** the historic Capitol Annex where government offices are located;
- **Bulldoze** 100+ irreplaceable trees in Capitol Park;
- **Violate** agreements with Tribal Communities for preservation of ancestral artifacts.

Everyone who loves and cares about California—its people, its promise, its future—has a stake in this project which has been designed to move forward without delay and without public input.



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Alternatives already exist!

Preserve the historic Capitol Annex and use the “Swing” Building for additional office space.



Historic Capitol Annex

Offices of the Executive and Legislative branches would remain at the historic Capitol within the existing footprint of the restored historic Annex. Additional needs for space, including administrative staff, would be accommodated permanently within the nearby “Swing” Building at 10th and O Streets.

**The “Swing” Building
is fully funded—
\$450 million.**

**It has more office
space than the
proposed new Annex.**

It has on-site parking.

It already is being built!



Swing Building, 10th and O Streets

Save Our Capitol!

People in crisis must come first!

Stop the billion-dollar demolition!
Stop the blockade of the West Steps!
Stop the destruction of all trees in Capitol Park!

Restore the historic Capitol Annex and use the “Swing” Building for offices.

- This alternative would restore the Annex within its existing footprint, would eliminate the proposed Visitor Center and underground parking, and would preserve the sacred ground and ancestral artifacts of the Tribal Communities—compelling reasons why the billion-dollar demolition is not needed.
- Comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Historic Preservation Standards and Guidelines. Comply with current codes for fire, electrical, heating and air conditioning systems, and accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- Upgrade existing underground parking for safety and security. Relocate all additional parking to the “Swing” Building and elsewhere off-site.

Preserve architectural integrity

- Eliminate the Visitor Center which would blockade access to the West Steps. Utilize more virtual tours.
- Reactivate the Historic State Capitol Commission required by law to review and advise the Legislature on any changes to the historic Capitol and grounds, “to insure its proper architectural and historical integrity,” *California Legislature Resolution #35 1976*.

Save all trees

- Since the restored Annex would not exceed the existing footprint, no trees would need to be removed. Trees would need to be protected from impacts during restoration construction.
- Fund the Master Plan of Trees for Capitol Park, as had been agreed to in 2012, to plan for the preservation of the Park for the next 50 years.

Protect the environment and the public process

- Everyone who loves and cares about California—its people, its promise, its future—has a stake in this project, designed with exemptions to the standard injunction process permitted under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). We need your help to restore the historic Capitol and to preserve, not only our environment, but also informed self-government as required by CEQA.
- Enforce CEQA and recirculate the final plans with an updated Environmental Impact Report.
- Permit public participation in the process and public access to all governing documents and public records.

Save taxpayer dollars

- Estimated costs for the restored Annex are \$200 to \$300 million.
- Require oversight by the Office of the Auditor General and the Legislative Analyst's Office for all plans, construction, and expenditures.



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The California State Capitol and Capitol Park are included in city, state, and national historic preservation registries.



We need your help to stop the demolition.

1. Go to www.SaveOurCapitol.org
2. Click the “Take Action” button on the home page to scroll to the bottom of the site.
3. Fill out the form/drop-downs asking for your title, name, etc.
4. Our system uses the same process as legislators’ websites to ensure your email is delivered. Therefore, we must use the same form fields as their websites, which is why we need your title, name, zip code, etc.
5. BEFORE clicking “Send Email,” be sure to read the text starting with “I am your constituent....”
6. If you’d like to make changes to your message, you may do so by clicking directly into the box and editing the text.

Save Our Capitol!

Save Our Capitol! is working to preserve the historic Capitol and its surrounding Park as the center and symbol of Californians' right to truth, transparency, and trust in our form of self-governance.

We need your help! Together we can save California's history.

Fill out these form fields to be able to send the email to your legislator

Once you've reviewed the email, click Send Email to submit the letter to your legislator

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SEND EMAIL

I am your constituent and a taxpayer, and I write today to express my opposition to the Capitol Annex Project.

The many Californians are suffering right now to even consider spending more than \$1 billion on the demolition of the historic Capitol Annex to rebuild new offices for the governor, legislators, and their staff.

Save Our Capitol! has outlined solutions to restore the Capitol Annex.

Send me emails about this campaign

We are living in unprecedented times which require that we be fiscally responsible to ensure short-term and long-term stewardship of our environment, our resources, and our history.

Save Our Capitol! is dedicated to the historic preservation of the Capitol and its Park as the center and symbol of the People’s right to truth, transparency, and trust in our form of self-governance.

More information at www.SaveOurCapitol.org