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Vicki Nohrden Slams Legislature's Budget

State Senate Candidate and Community leader Vicki Nohrden slammed the California legislature's budget proposal submitted late Monday night. As the state faces a \$54 billion budget shortfall, legislators chose not to cut spending.

"For families and businesses who are cutting their budgets and learning to live with less, it is shocking to see our legislature blatantly avoid hard decisions and forge ahead with a bloated and oversized budget saddling taxpayers with [\\$20 billion of debt](#)," Vicki said.

Vicki Nohrden pointed to several aspects of the proposal as especially egregious.

"This proposal would increase the tax burden on businesses by billions of dollars. At a time when our businesses are already struggling, this will be a nail in the coffin for many California businesses to close up shop and move elsewhere."

She also drew attention to the more than \$20 million earmarked to enforce AB5, a bill restricting the rights of independent contractors, including midwives, sports coaches, photographers, writers, and more.

"Yes, Sacramento is spending money to prevent you from earning it," Vicki said. "How will that help rebuild our economy?"

The budget proposal was narrowly submitted before the June 15 deadline, after which legislators' own salaries would not be funded.

"It's nice to see that legislators are more worried about their salaries than the jobs and businesses of the taxpayers they represent," Vicki said. "That's not the legacy of public service I want to leave."

Vicki's public service has included time advocating inside government systems. She served on the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury, worked as a family liaison for the county's juvenile courts, and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children.

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