



## Dem Governors from CA, NJ and PA Say Vaccine Required Before Return to Normal

Democrat Governor Tom Wolfe of Pennsylvania said that the state cannot fully return to normal until a “foolproof” vaccine is available. New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy said that his state cannot firmly enter the “new normal,” when life will once again return to all our workplaces, downtowns, and main streets until there is a proven vaccine. California Governor Gavin Newsom said the Golden State would not be “going back to normal” until a vaccine is available.

Pennsylvania cannot fully return to normal until a “foolproof” vaccine is available, Gov. Tom Wolf (D) said on Wednesday.

When asked if the return of large events are contingent on a vaccination, Wolf said Pennsylvanians need to be confident that the novel coronavirus is under control and treatable. He said he believes it will take a vaccine or “some assurance that they’re not going to get sick” to attend big events, go shopping, and return to school.

“Ultimately I think what it’s going to take for everybody to feel safe going to a Penn State game or a basketball game is that they have some confidence that they’re not going to get sick by being in close contact with somebody else,” Wolf said, noting that the state is focusing on testing and contact tracing.

“I think that’s what it’s going to take to really get our economy back to normal, and I really think that can’t happen fully, 100 percent until we have a vaccine that is foolproof,” Wolf said. “That’s my own stance.”

Two other Democrat governors have also hinged their hopes of future normalcy on the development and availability of a vaccine.

“Until a proven vaccine is widely available, we cannot firmly enter the ‘new normal,’ when life will once again return to all our workplaces, downtowns, and main streets,” New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy (D) stated bluntly on Monday.

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## **CA Officials Threaten to Withhold Funds from Rural County After Leaders Open Economy**

California: Tulare County supervisors voted 3-2 to open up for business despite Governor Newsom’s lockdown orders; they received a letter from his Emergency Services office threatening to withhold some of the \$47-million in federal

CARES Act relief funds it received from the federal government. Tulare County Supervisor Dennis Townsend said this policy was taking away people's livelihood and the county has spent about \$1.4-million on its COVID-19 response so far. It is estimated that the county lost between \$18-25 million in tax revenues with the economy shut down.

Just hours after Tulare County supervisors voted to open up for business despite Gov. Gavin Newsom's lockdown orders, officials received a letter threatening to withhold some of the \$47 million in federal CARES Act relief funds it had been awarded.

"It is my understanding Tulare County has taken steps that are inconsistent with the Governor's Executive Orders and the State Public Health Officer's directives," the letter from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services said.

"These problematic and concerning actions jeopardize public health and safety, not only within the county, but beyond, through community contact and spread," the letter said. It went on:

*If Tulare County believes there is no emergency, such that it can ignore the Governor's Executive Orders or the State Public Health Officer's directives, the county would not be able to demonstrate that it was extraordinarily and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This could jeopardize its disaster fundin.*

The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported on how local officials were responding to the suffering of local businesses when they voted to reopen:

*"It's become an issue of needing to get people back on their feet, back to work," said Supervisor Dennis Townsend, who authored the county's measure that permits virtually all businesses to reopen and halts local enforcement of the California stay-at-home directive. "By trying to protect*

*people, we were taking away the livelihood of people.”*

The *Visalia Times Delta* reported on the rift between state and local governments:

*The supervisors’ 3-2 decision allows nearly all businesses to reopen that fall under Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the state’s plan. That includes dine-in restaurants, churches, barbers, gyms, movie theaters and shopping malls.*

*As for the disaster funding, Townsend said the county has spent about \$1.4 million on its COVID-19 response so far. By comparison, the CAO estimates the county will lose between \$18-25 million in tax revenues with the economy shut down.*

*On Monday, Newsom singled out Tulare and neighboring Kings counties as two of five that will remain closed under newly relaxed criteria for restarting California’s economy. He pointed to severe outbreaks at nursing homes and meatpacking plants as obstacles the bi-county region would need to overcome before its economy could progress.*

The *Times Delta* reported that Chairman Pete Vander Poel said “holding Tulare County hostage” because of nursing homes and the “corporate bad actors” who operate them for a profit is unfair because it is, after all, the state regulates those facilities.

But some businesses are nervous since state officials have bullied them.

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# Michigan Gov. Loses Again to 77-Year-Old Barber as Judge Rules Shop Can Stay Open

Owosso, Michigan: A judge ruled that Karl Manke will not have to close his shop because the state has failed to prove he was an imminent danger to public health. The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs suspended Manke's license without a hearing.

Karl Manke, a 77-year-old barber in Owosso, Michigan, has defeated Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel in court for the second time in about a week.

The *Argus-Press* reported:

*Judge Matthew Stewart ruled that Karl Manke will not have to close his shop after the state again failed to prove he was an imminent danger to public health.*

*Stewart said the state did not arrest Manke when he was cited, so he didn't represent "an imminent health danger."*

"(The attorney general) has not presented any studies underlying the doctor's conclusion. (The attorney general) has not shown any nexus between the cutting of hair and an increased risk of transmission," Stewart wrote, the *Detroit Free Press* reported.

“(The attorney general’s) filings rest more on general facts about COVID-19 than specific practices or conditions at (Manke’s) business.”

Nessel’s office said she would appeal the ruling.

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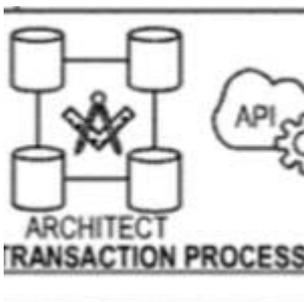
“It’s an unbelievable abuse of power,” attorney David Kallman told radio host Steve Gruber, stating there is no legal basis for the action.

“This is pure retribution by the governor’s office and by the AG. This is so petty and vindictive, it’s beyond the pale,” Kallman said.

After her defeat, Nessel attacked Manke publicly.

We want him to discontinue his conduct, which we think is aiding and abetting the spread of the virus,” Nessel claimed.

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# Federal Reserve and Congress

# Plan Crypto US Dollar, VISA to Convert Cash into Digital Dollars

Visa has filed a patent application to create 'digital fiat currency' on a centralized computer system using blockchain technology. Bills have been introduced in both the House and the Senate that would create a digital dollar at the Federal Reserve. The digital dollar would be ideal for providing financial benefits to citizens (in exchange for total obedience). A Masonic symbol appears in the schematic drawing inside the patent. Unspoken in this article is that this move will facilitate phasing out currency altogether by allowing VISA to use its payments system to exchange fiat dollars for crypto dollars. The cashless society, which long has been the dream of bankers and globalist, soon will become a reality. - GEG

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) published today that Visa V has filed a patent application to create digital currency on a centralized computer using blockchain technology. This patent applies to digital dollars as well as other central bank digital currencies such as pounds, yen, and euros and so the physical currency of a central bank anywhere in the world could be digitized.

Described as 'Digital Fiat Currency' the patent was initially filed by Visa on November 8, 2019, with the USPTO commenting today, "It takes quite a while..." to publish the filing of a patent. Visa's patent is described as a central entity computer that receives requests that include the serial number and denomination of a physical currency. The creation of the digital currency and the removal of the physical currency from circulation in a fiat currency system is recorded on a blockchain.

"Visa has a vast global team of inventors and innovators

working on cutting edge payment technologies. Each year we seek patents for hundreds of new ideas,” says a Visa spokesperson. “While not all patents will result in new products or features, Visa respects intellectual property and we are actively working to protect our ecosystem, our innovations and the Visa brand.”

J. Christopher Giancarlo, Senior Counsel at Willkie Farr and Gallagher and former Chairman of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, commented on Visa’s patent filed with the USPTO: ‘This confirms when the U.S. does big things like the space program and the Internet, there are partnerships between the private and public sector. This patent filing is evidence the private sector is very much at work on the future of money.’ Giancarlo has been very active at the virtual ‘Consensus Distributed’ conference this week hosted by Coindesk.

Congress considered the idea of a digital dollar when debating the CARES Act, the third COVID-19 relief package. Although the digital dollar was not included in the final legislation, separate bills have been introduced in both the House and the Senate that looks to legally create a digital dollar at the Federal Reserve and also a digital dollar wallet at the U.S. Treasury. The digital dollar was suggested to provide economic stimulus benefits and possibly universal basic income to Americans.

The full abstract of the patent filed by Visa is described as, “Techniques are disclosed which include receiving, by a central entity computer, a request for digital currency. The request includes a serial number and a denomination of a physical currency. The central entity computer generates the digital currency for the denomination and linked to the serial number.” Visa’s patent goes on to state, “The generating includes recording the digital currency on a blockchain. The central entity computer transmits a notification of the generation of the digital currency. The central entity

computer causes removal of the physical currency from circulation in a fiat currency system.” An image of the patent filing is listed below.

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