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#### Is Golf An Endangered Species? How a 500-Year Old Sport Can Disappear

By Harvey Silverman, Contributor, Golf Business

It might take years, decades, centuries, or eons for a biological mass to become extinct. But here's the thing - extinction eventually occurs. Political forces in my state of California are initiating golf's endangerment with something called AB-672. If passed, this new law would circumvent California's seemingly sacred Public Park Preservation Act of 1971. It would place all California municipal courses, which make up 22% of the total course count, in the crosshairs of politicians and developers (some joined at the hip) looking to carve them up for housing. Yes, California needs more housing, especially affordable housing. What makes this law egregious and dangerous is the singling-out of municipal golf courses – all other open and public green spaces will sally forth with legal protection. But what happens if AB-672 becomes law? When would targets be placed on privately-owned daily fee and private clubs? ... READ MORE >>

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By Steve Eubanks, Contributor, Golf Business

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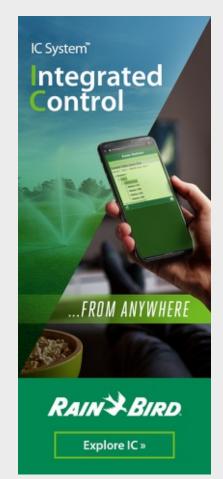
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