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United Day of Action for Defense of Public Workers

Whereas, the state budget proposed by Governor Schwarzenegger in January 2008, would reduce funding to all sectors of the state budget including CSU and CCC systems by over \$800 million; and

Whereas, the proposed budget will produce a variety of impacts that would be detrimental to the well-being of the people of California, and hurt access, affordability, and quality of education through larger class sizes, reductions in campus services, reductions in instructional support and research programs, and student fee increases unaffordable to some; and

Whereas, the proposed reductions to the state budgets could eliminate many well-paid jobs and depress wages for essential employees, creating a harmful economic impact on California and generating less personal income tax and sales tax revenue for the state's general fund; and

Whereas, revenue could be enhanced by restoring the upper-income tax bracket that was previously lowered, instituting oil-severance taxes as applied in other states, closing tax loopholes for yacht and private jet owners, increasing corporate and business property taxes to a comparable rate with other states and by other measures, and

Whereas, the Justice Policy Institute has found that states that made larger investments in higher education experienced better public safety outcomes such as declines in violent crime rates; and,

Whereas, in an unprecedented manner, the California Community Colleges and the California State University system have joined together to advocate for higher education funding that respects the needs of California's students, families, workers, and employers, as well as the economic welfare of our state,

Therefore Be it Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council seek concurrence with other unions, central labor councils and state federations, including CFT, in requesting that the California Federation of Labor convene a meeting of public worker labor unions with the purpose of joining forces with our allies to organize a massive rally in Sacramento and/or effective local demonstrations, as soon as can be effectively carried out in order to pressure Governor Schwarzenegger and the state legislature to rescind proposed state budget cuts and student fee increases.

Submitted by Allan Fisher, AFT 2121, and adopted by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council on June 2, 2008.

Respectfully,



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