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We Light Up Your Life!

GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER IS COUNTING ON YOU TO *NOT* SHOW UP AT THE POLLS

California Special Election

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The self-proclaimed "People's Governor" has strategically planned this special election wagering on low voter turnout

There is Much at Stake

**By Patric J. Abaravich,
President/Editor**

Eighty million dollars. Some are even estimating the governor's *special election* will cost California taxpayers closer to \$100 million. Money we simply can ill afford.

Why has Schwarzenegger called a special election rather than waiting until March to put his initiatives on the primary ballot? Because he is counting on you to **not** show up at the polls. Californians are notorious for low voter turnout. And the governor is wagering you'll stay home while his conservative troops arrive in droves to the polls to support him.

The fact is, there are very serious propositions on the November 8th ballot. They are bipartisan. I don't care if you're a Republican, Democrat or an Independent; if passed, they could have very grave implications that stretch from your family to the statehouse.

Many Californians had great expectations when the "People's Governor" was elected. But sadly, his record is speaking volumes. It is painfully clear that Schwarzenegger's allegiance is to his corporate campaign contributors, rather than hard working Californians. Just take a look at what he's accomplished so far:

- Cut permanent disability benefits up to 70% and allowed insurance companies to increase profits while denying workers medical care
- Raided \$2 billion from the state school budget, promised to pay it back, then withheld the money
- Alienated firefighters, police officers, nurses and numerous public employee groups around the state
- And while he vowed to not take money from special interest groups, he has raised more than \$26 million, much of it coming from California's biggest special interests.

Now, he wants to silence Californians, permanently reduce school funding by \$4 billion, make teachers the scapegoat and take away their due process, and give him the authority to have a mid-year budget power grab if state revenues fall below expenditures.

And let's not forget he's trying to get rid of the 8-hour work day, and he's proposed privatizing the public pension system that would eliminate a secure pension for millions of Californians and ends death benefits for the survivors of police and firefighters.

There has never been a more critical time for you to take a stand and vote. I know all of us have heard plenty on Proposition 75. Although defeating this measure is vital, there are several propositions on the governor's *special election* ballot that simply must not pass.

**Moved?
Voting Absentee?
Not sure where
to vote?**

For complete voter
information, visit
www.ss.ca.gov/

International Viewpoint

A Message from AFL-CIO President John J. Sweeney

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. First he tried to weaken public pensions and eliminate survivor and disability benefits for police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. Then he declared an emergency and tried to eliminate a worker's right to a lunch break.

What will Arnold do next?

We can stop wondering because it is here.

Governor Schwarzenegger has called a special election November 8 to seek retribution from workers who challenged his attack on their pensions and job safety. The crown jewel of this attack is Paycheck Deception. We all know that this tops Grover Norquist's ★ "to do list" and now he has Schwarzenegger doing his bidding. At an expense of \$80 million to California citizens, this vindictive attack on workers includes:

- The first is a paycheck deception initiative much like the one that was resoundingly rejected by California voters seven years ago. The only difference this time around is that the initiative singles out public employees. Corporations would still be able to contribute freely to elections, but unions would be so restricted by bureaucracy and red tape that it would silence our voice in the political process.
- Another would undermine teachers' tenure making it hard to keep the best and most experienced teachers in our schools.
- And the final proposal would allow the governor to make mid-year budget cuts if revenues fell below expenditures. This is a blatant power grab by Schwarzenegger at the expense of Californians.

Make no mistake – this is not just a California fight. It is a national fight. We need to respond with force.

In 1998, Prop 226 was a measure on the ballot that is very similar to Prop 75. Prop 226 was backed by Pete Wilson and Grover Norquist, a right-wing Washington insider who has orchestrated anti-union campaigns all over the country.



California voters rejected Prop 226 in 1998 and union members overwhelmingly voted NO. Prop 75 is Norquist's attempt to push Prop 226 all over again in California.

Norquist and his campaign strategists have spent the past seven years sharpening their campaign tactics and devising another ballot measure they think they can pass. Just like in Prop 226, it's up to us to stop them.

-California Labor Federation

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Union members are highly encouraged to get actively involved in the November Special Election. Become a phone bank coordinator or help pass the word at your work site. For more information, contact the California Labor Federation Southern California Political Department at 213-736-1770 ext. 27 or visit www.calaborfed.org

Call Steward INFORMATION

Any Local 728 member representing the producer in filling calls or needing assistance, please contact this local office during business hours. The local office operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you need to hire prior to 8 a.m., after 6 p.m., or over the weekend, please phone the Call Steward at 818-207-3094.

Members seeking weekend work should call the Steward at the Local on Friday to put your name on the weekend availability list.

Anyone who hires off roster or hires any member who is not current with their dues without first calling the Call Steward, shall have charges filed against them and shall be subject to the assessments levied by the Trial Board if found guilty.

Our present contract work week consists of any five (5) consecutive days out of seven (7) consecutive days.

Don't Get Left Behind!

**Exciting things
are happening at
your union!
Don't miss the
next regular
General
Membership
Meeting**

**Saturday,
Nov. 12, 2005**

9:00 a.m.

at

**IATSE Local 44
12021 Riverside Drive
North Hollywood**

*Be sure to bring
your union card!*

Deceased

Brother Gregory A. Pierce, 57 years old, passed away October 3, 2005.

First Notice

New applicants for membership are: Ryan Allen, James E. Bandy, Donald Francis, David Haws, Steven Henderson, Hunter Laizure, Wisnick Luberice, Charles McNamara, Ryan Meyer, Joel Potter, Nick Rossello, Jeremy R. Schonwald, Alexander Taylor and Joseph Vineyard.

Second Notice

New applicants for membership are: Gerard Ary, William Carlson, Malik Haughton, Thomas G. Hurn, Kelly Jones, Fritz De Jong, Julio Gomez, Paul Lohr, Francisco Martinez, Sam T. Wayman and Ryan White.

New Members

The following members were sworn into Local 728 on Sept. 30, 2005: Nelson A. Castillo and John M. Savedra.

The following members were sworn into Local 728 on Oct. 7 2005: Greg Nadal and Matthew Zschoche.

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Propositions and

Prop 73

Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Endorsement: No Recommendation

Prop 74

No on 74

Public School Teachers, Waiting Period for Permanent Status. Dismissal, Initiative Statue.

AKA: "Punish New Teachers" Act

What opponents are saying: This initiative reduces job security and contract protections for teachers. It requires teachers to teach for five years instead of two years before gaining permanent status and contract protections. This initiative does nothing to improve our schools and will make it harder to attract and keep good teachers. Teachers would also lose the right to even have a fair hearing on their dismissal for a full five years. Current law already allows for firing teachers who are not performing in the classroom, no matter how long they've been on the job.

Prop 75

No on 75

Public Employee Union Dues. Restrictions on Political Contributions. Employee Consent Requirement. Initiative Statute.

AKA: "Paycheck Deception"

What opponents are saying: Prop 75 is intended to silence the voice of union members in politics and prevent us from fighting back against big business. Union political contributions would be restricted but corporations would be untouched by the initiative. Corporations already outspend labor 24 to 1 in national politics and Prop 75 would make this imbalance even worse. Under current law, unions must inform workers of their right to opt out of political contributions at any time. And, they must send audited financial statements to ensure that no unauthorized dues are used for politics. Therefore, only employees who choose to join the union and choose not to opt out of the political contributions have their dues used for politics. Consequently, 25% of state employees contribute no money to their union's political activities.

Prop 76

No on 76

State Spending and School Funding Limits. Initiative. Constitutional Amendment.

AKA: "Cuts School Funding" Act

What opponents are saying: This is a "Budget Power Grab." Prop 76 would allow the governor to make devastating midyear budget cuts if revenues fall below expenditures. It would gut Proposition 98, the law voters approved to guarantee minimum funding to our schools. It eliminates the requirement that the state must restore any money owed to schools when education funding falls below the minimum guarantee. This measure would devastate our public schools and other vital services, cutting school funding by over \$4 billion every year - \$600 per student, leading to more overcrowded classrooms, teacher layoffs, and fewer textbooks and classroom materials.

Endorsements

Prop 77 *No on 77*

Court Order. Redistricting. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

What opponents are saying: Amends process for redistricting California's Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts, putting the process in the hands of a three-member panel of retired judges, selected by legislative leaders. This measure requires immediate redistricting which is unnecessary, costly, and will produce unfair results by using outdated census data. Even Republican Secretary of State Bruce McPherson believes this measure is fatally flawed because it cannot be implemented under the timeline contained in the measure.

Prop 78 *No on 78*

Discounts on Prescription Drugs. Initiative Statute.

AKA: "Bad Prescription" Initiative

What opponents are saying: The big drug companies are going to spend millions trying to fool voters and keep them from passing the real prescription drug relief contained in the Alliance-backed Prop 79. This phony measure says only that drug companies can enter a "voluntary" program to reduce prices ... but why will they? They have no real incentive to lower the sky-high cost of prescription drugs. A "No" vote on this measure is necessary to provide consumers with real relief from soaring drug prices, because whichever measure gets the highest number of votes becomes law.

Prop 79 *Yes on 79*

Prescription Drug Discounts. State-Negotiated Rebates. Initiative Statute.

AKA: "Cheaper Prescription Drug Prices" Act

What proponents are saying: Sponsored by consumer, senior and health organizations, Proposition 79 would provide deeper, enforceable discounts to twice as many Californians than the drug industry backed Prop 78. Proposition 79 would use the purchasing power of the State of California to negotiate the best price for up to 10 million Californians, who now pay more than anybody else in the world for prescription drugs. Prop 79 is supported by Consumers Union, Health Access California, Breast Cancer Action, Congress of California Seniors, the League of Women Voters of California, and many other organizations.

Prop 80 *Yes on 80*

Court Order. Electric Service Providers. Regulation. Initiative Statute.

AKA: "Affordable Electricity and Preventing Blackouts" Act

What proponents are saying: This is a common sense consumer initiative that will help prevent energy blackouts and massive fraud by unregulated private energy producers like Enron. It will override the failed energy deregulation policies, put utilities back in the business of serving the public, and encourage development of more renewable energy sources. The ultimate result will be more affordable energy for ALL Californians.

About the Federation

The California Labor Federation works with local unions to:
Endorse candidates who support labor issues;
Endorse propositions that benefit California's working families;
Get union members out to vote on Election Day;
Hold officials accountable once they are elected

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CHARLES, CHRISTOPHER R.
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KLINE, RONALD
KNIEST, JAMES
KOVACS, LESLIE J.
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LaRUE, LaRUE S.
LEE, SCOTT C.
LENNON, T.PATRICK (PACKY)
LERMA, DOUG R.
LEVIN, RONALD M.
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Mac DONALD, AMA
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*Representatives from the state unemployment
quality control and fraud division are checking up*

Are You “On the Books?”

By R. Bruce Prochal, Treasurer/Call Steward

Greetings everybody! This month, all I really have to say is that if you really want to work, the work is out there. The “books” have been consistently very thin for the last two months. I have been filling calls with many of our members as soon as they call in to place themselves “on the books.”

This brings me to my topic this month. Are you collecting “unemployment?” If you are, you had better be “on the books.” Let me tell you why.

On a recent morning, I answered one of what seems like hundreds of calls that come to me every day. I was caught completely off guard when I found myself speaking to a representative of the Employment Development Department’s Quality Control and Fraud Division who was inquiring about one of our members.

To make long story short, a lot of questions were asked. The key question was, “Is he registered as out of work?” Unfortunately, the member in question was not “on the books.” Who knows if and how he will be penalized? Generally, your benefits are suspended and you may be required to repay some or all of the benefits paid to you.

For years, this Local has urged you to get “on the books” when applying for unemployment benefits. Do I need to say more?

I did not think so! Until next time ... RBP

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Ensure that you and your equipment are always operating in conditions that do not put yourself or anyone else at risk

Too Many Industry-Wide Accidents

By Alan M. Rowe, Master Instructor

It is a cliché to say that safety starts with common sense, but it is true. We are in the busiest time of the year and with so much going on, there's a lot of pressure to work quickly. Unfortunately, this is often done at the expense of personal safety.

There have been far too many accidents industry-wide where people have not taken the time to think about what they are doing. Since most of what we deal with is hot, heavy, or lethal, it is very important not to rush what we are doing. Please make sure that you and your equipment are always operating in conditions that do not put yourself or anyone else at risk.

Overall, the best way to protect yourself is to be an active participant. This is not only true at work, but also off-set as well. Protect yourself on set by knowing what is going on around you and what other departments are doing. Don't wait to find out how someone else's plans are going to affect you – ask them before it becomes an issue.

A good way to protect your career is by getting involved with the Local and our Training Program. Getting additional training will help you keep up with new technology and to better understand the technology we use everyday. Our industry and our world is constantly changing and the best way to stay on top of it all is to get involved now instead of having to play catch-up later.

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CORTINA, HUGO P.
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DUBOIS, DAVID W.
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PARKS, DINO
PENTEK, JEFFREY D.
PULFORD, DARRIN M.
SANDERS, RALPH A.
STERN, THOMAS EVANS
STROMP, MICHAEL G.
TIMMER, BRAD D
TODD, JOHN DOUGLAS
TOWNSEND, FREDRICK A.
WILLIS III, JOHN
WYCOFF, ERIC

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STEWART, JOHN JEFFERY
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PRODUCT HIGHLIGHT

Electronic Dimmer Racks Programming Modules

Dimming Technology has come a long way in the past few years. One of the most underused pieces of equipment that we have is the programming module on electronic dimmer racks. Through these programming modules you can assign the DMX address, set levels, park dimmers, assign dimmer curves, set panic modes, adjust dimmer level retention settings as well as several other functions and it is all done without a console. ETC and Strand have both recently come out with advances in these systems that will network dimmer racks together and can be programmed from a laptop computer. The benefit to us is that these racks can be configured, monitored and troubleshot from the Lighting Console without having to have someone run back to the dimmer shack every time there is a problem with a dimmer or circuit. For more information you can check out Strand's website at <http://www.strandlighting.com> or ETC's website at <http://www/etconnect.com>. This topic is also thoroughly covered in our DMX Networking/Dimming Technology class through the Local.

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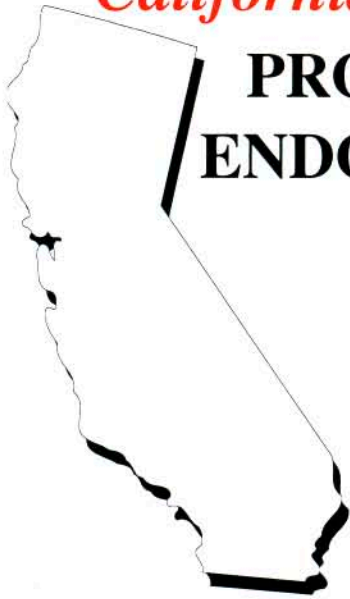
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California Special Election



PROPOSITION ENDORSEMENTS

NO on Prop 74

NO on Prop 75

NO on Prop 76

NO on Prop 77

NO on Prop 78

YES on Prop 79

YES on Prop 80

A breakdown of each proposition and comments from the California Labor Federation and the Alliance for a Better California can be found on Pages 4 & 5

NEED MORE INFO?

Go Surfing

Type in "California Special Election" in Google and the search engine will give you 18,500,000 results.

Here are a few sites we found helpful:

www.ss.ca.gov/

www.calaborfed.org

www.betterca.com

www.aflcio.org

In fairness to our governor, you can read all about him (from his viewpoint) by going to www.governor.ca.gov/.

About the Alliance

The Alliance for a Better California is a coalition of nearly 2.5 million teachers, firefighters, nurses, police officers, health care workers, and average, every day people who are devoting their careers to helping people. The goal of the alliance is to improve the quality of life for all Californians: good schools, affordable health care, safe communities, and a better quality of life.

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