

# **2006 Pre-Primary Convention**

# **Proceedings**

**Oakland - March 8, 2006**



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Summary  
of the  
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of the  
2006 Pre-Primary Election  
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**Call to Order**

President Connie Leyva called the 2006 pre-primary convention of the California Labor Federation to order. The flag salute and presentation of colors was led by four members of the Oakland Fire Department, Local 55, Roy Palatino, Dennis Stock, Kenny Delgado and Chris Dalripple. Reverend Ronald E. Swisher of the Taylor United Methodist Church led an Invocation.

**Reports of Committees**

**Rules Committee** – Mary Bergan of the American Federation of Teachers reported that the Executive Council, which acts as the Rules Committee, met on December 19th, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. At all times a quorum was present. The rules were made available to all delegates and approved by vote.

**Standing Rules of Order**

**1. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.** The Convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order on all matters not provided for by the Constitution or specified in these Rules.

**2. RULES—ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES.** The adoption of the standing rules shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the duly qualified delegates to the Convention, present and voting. When once adopted, such standing rules shall remain in effect, unless

suspended or amended as provided in these rules.

**3. AMENDMENT OF STANDING RULES.** No standing rule of the Convention shall be amended except by an affirmative vote of a majority of the duly qualified delegates to the Convention, present and voting. No such amendment shall be considered until it shall have been referred to and reported by the Committee on Rules.

**4. ATTENDING THE CONVENTION.** This is a private meeting for those authorized to attend and is not open to the general public. Authorized delegates may bring guests to the convention only with prior approval of the Federation. Elected officials, candidates, their staff or members of the public press will not be pre-approved. Space for guests will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

**5. CONVENING OF THE CONVENTION.** The Convention shall convene at 10:00 a.m.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Whenever there is a majority and minority division on any Committee, both the majority and minority shall be entitled to report to the Convention. The discussion and vote of concurrence or non-concurrence shall be first on the minority report.

**7. COMMITTEE QUORUM.** A majority of any Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business.

**8. PASSAGE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS BY CONVENTION.** A majority of the

delegates present and voting shall be required to act on a Committee report. No motion shall be acted upon until an opportunity to speak has been given the delegate making the same, if he or she desires.

9. *ROLL CALL VOTE.* At the request of 30 percent of the delegates present and voting, any motion shall be voted on by roll call per capita vote of the delegates. When a roll call has been ordered, no adjournment shall take place until the result has been announced.

10. *PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS DURING DEBATE.* When a question is under debate or before the Convention, no motions shall be received but the following, which shall take precedence in the order named:

First: To adjourn;

Second: To recess to a time certain;

Third: For the previous question;

Fourth: To set as a special order of business;

Fifth: To postpone to a stated time;

Sixth: To postpone indefinitely;

Seventh: To refer to, or re-refer to Committee;

Eighth: To divide or amend;

Ninth: To lay on the table.

11. *MOTIONS IN WRITING.* Upon request of the Chair, a motion shall be reduced to writing and shall be read to the Convention by the Chair before the same is acted upon.

12. *CONTENTS OF MOTIONS.* No motion, whether oral or written, shall be adopted until the same shall be seconded and distinctly stated to the Convention by the Chair.

13. *MOTION TO RECONSIDER.* A motion to reconsider shall not be entertained unless made by a delegate who voted with the prevailing side, such motion shall require a two-thirds vote to carry.

14. *MOTION TO TABLE.* A motion to lay on the table shall be put without debate.

## 15. *RECOGNITION AND DECORUM OF DELEGATES.*

(a) Delegates when arising to speak shall respectfully address the Chair and announce their full name and the identity of the organization which they represent.

(b) In the event two or more delegates arise to speak at the same time the Chair shall decide which delegate is entitled to the floor.

(c) No delegate shall interrupt any other delegate who is speaking, except for the purpose of raising a point of order or appealing from a ruling of the Chair.

(d) Any delegate may appeal from a decision of the Chair, without waiting for recognition by the Chair, even though another delegate has the floor. No appeal is in order when another is pending, or when other business has been transacted by the Convention prior to the appeal being taken.

(e) Any delegate who is called to order while speaking shall, at the request of the Chair, be seated while the point of order is decided, after which, if in order, the delegate shall be permitted to proceed. The same shall apply while an appeal from the Chair is being decided.

(f) No delegate shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who desire to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than twice on the same subject without permission by a majority vote of those delegates present and voting; nor longer than five minutes at a time without permission by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting.

(g) Any delegate may rise to explain a matter personal to herself or himself and shall forthwith be recognized by the Chair, but shall not discuss a question in such explanation. Such matters of personal privilege yield only to a motion to recess or adjournment.

16. *VOTING NOT TO BE INTERRUPTED.* When once begun, voting shall not be interrupted. No delegate shall be allowed to change his or her vote, or to have his or her vote recorded after the vote is announced.

17. *RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.* (As provided for in the Constitution of

the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO– Article XIV, F, Section 4) No recommendation may be presented from the floor of the convention for action on any office unless the recommended action concerning such office has already been rejected by convention action.

**18. TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.**

All endorsements shall be by at least a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and voting, in accordance with the per capita formula

specified in the Constitution of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO–Article XIV, F, Section 5.

*Credentials Committee* – Cindy Tuttle of Operating Engineers Local 3 reported that the credentials committee met in March 6 and 7th, 2006. They provided an updated list of attendees the preliminary report of the credentials committee was approved

**Address**

**Connie Leyva  
President**

**California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO**

Good morning again and welcome again to the pre-primary convention of the California Labor Federation. Today, March 8th, is International Women's Day. In 1975 the United Nations proclaimed March 8th to be the day for women around the world to commemorate their struggles and celebrate their achievements, but its history actually goes back more than a



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century ago. In 1857 when garment workers in New York organized a massive rally, a rally that was staged in order to protest the 12-hour workdays that they were working, their poverty wages and sexual harassment which occurred and was common in their job in that day.

Today in the year 2006 about 150 years later, how far have we come? We have made some great strides, but there is still work to be done. When Wal-Mart, the largest employer in the world -- not just in the United States, but in the world -- can pay women less than what they pay their male counterparts to do the same job, I would say that we still have work to do.

March 8th has become known as the day that marks women's efforts to attain justice and equality and to recognize the contributions of women leaders. I would ask all of our women leaders, which is all of you in this room, to please stand and be recognized. Please stand, Ladies. I thank each of you for the hard work that you do every day for the working women and men in California.

In November of 2005 just a few short months ago labor proved once again that we've still got it. Our efforts showed that when we work together, we win together. The governor and his special interest groups may have had more money than we had, but we had something that they didn't have. We have heart, and we have the desire and the will to do what's right for working Californians.

When unions are strong, everyone benefits, union workers and nonunion workers alike. Unions help create a system that spreads out the rewards of hard work. Unions turn bad jobs and low wages into good jobs with livable wages. The best middle class jobs program is mass organization. We're happy today to take our next step politically. We need to keep up the momentum from our last victory and strategize for the future.

In addition to the important decisions we'll be making today on endorsements, we will also have a presentation on a new program to build union power and union strength in

California. It's a plan that can be even more important than the endorsements we make. It's not about who we endorse, but it's about how we win.

The governor is raising \$120 million, more than any other governor -- gubernatorial candidate in the history. If we're going to beat the deep pockets of the right wing, we need to rely on our strength. Our strength is each and every one of you in this room and our

## **Ron Dellums Speaks on Demanding from Strength**

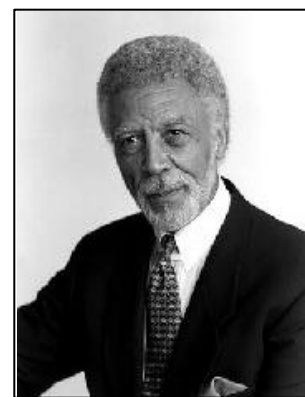
Ron Dellums, fourteen-term congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives and mayoral candidate for the City of Oakland, addressed the delegates on his thoughts on the current position of the labor movement. He spoke reminiscently of his Uncle C.L. Dellums, who was one of the founding members of the Sleeping Car Porters Union in the Bay Area. Then he moved onto more contemporary issues and this year's election, supporting the delegates' actions in the previous year's special election and urging them to continue to take a more authoritative stance.

"We're always fighting from a defensive position. I even talk to young people now. They're singing the same chant that we sang when we were kids. "What do you want? Freedom. When do you want it? Now." See, the brother is nodding his head. He's as old as I am. Well, if you're still singing the same chant 40

memberships. We need to be out there talking to our members, and we need to hold each other accountable. We need to rebuild the California dream for all working people in our state. Working Californians must be able to buy a home in California, have health care for their families and have a secure retirement through their pensions. We can rebuild this dream, and we will rebuild this dream, and we're going to start today. Thank you.

years, that's 40 years of dreams deferred. At what point do we plant our feet and say, "No, the next time we battle, my friend, we will be on the offense"? That's where I think you need to go now."

"You now have a steering committee that you put together that's going to look at strengthening labor and strengthening your upcoming role in the election. I applaud all of that. So during the couple of days that you're here, come together significantly, come together and decide that you're going to turn it around and no longer fight from a defensive position. Fight from offense."



**Ron Dellums**

## **Report of the Strategic Planning Committee**

Lou Paulson, President of the California Professional Fire Fighters spoke on the development of the Strategic Planning Committee. "If we look a few years back -- all we did was defend ourselves. You can look back to the re-call, and that's when the war really started. We can go back and look at the loss in health care over that initiative, and we knew that we didn't do our best work in 2004, and we expected that in 2005 that we were going to be under attack again. We didn't think it would be that deep, that breadth, that large, but we knew it was coming."

"So the executive board and the council got together and decided to form a strategic planning committee. Fourteen of the largest locals got together, and we realized we had to raise the bar if we were going to win last year."

"Together and we committed to raise the bar for 2005. We've committed to something we had never -- we had talked about it, but we never did, which was accountability. We wanted every local, every union, every state council and the Federation to set standards and benchmarks to see how we did, and we do know how we did, and we got committed to fight the tough battles."

“The war started with the re-call. We were in a huge battle last year. The war won't be over until this November when we get rid of this



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governor, and don't forget that. So we've got to beat Arnold, and we've got a plan to do that. We need more union volunteers to knock on more doors, to call more members, to visit more worksites and to build a campaign that will change the state of California.”

“We're building a win. We're laying the foundation. We're putting aside everything else. We're realizing that we can do good work, but we haven't reached our full potential. We can win if we're united and we stay united....Our opposition is well funded. They're very organized. But what we proved last year and what we can prove this year is if we stay united, stay together, we can beat the Governor.”

Chuck Mack of the Teamsters also spoke about the current actions of the Strategic

Planning Committee, on how labor plans to win the 2006 general election. “The question that we want to put before this membership is the question that we know is going to be out there, the number one question: Are we ready to beat Arnold? That's the question. Are we ready to beat Arnold? We can do that if we reach our members. We've got the ability to do that if we can reach our members. We can't do it alone, but if we reach our members and they understand how important this is, we are going to mobilize not just our members, but we're going to do like the firefighters did. We're going to mobilize our neighborhoods, and we're going to mobilize our communities.”

“The World has changed. We all know that, and we've got to change and make the changes that will give us the opportunity to move forward and continue to build the legacy that we have within the labor movement. So let's commit to these goals: Mobilizing the members in massive numbers, turning out members to vote in greater numbers, building stronger unions and finally beating Arnold Schwarzenegger come this November.”

## **Address**

**ART PULASKI**

**Executive Secretary-Treasurer**

**California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO**

Before the split of the national labor movement, which created for us as a whole, all of us around the country, one of the most challenging years that we had last year; added to by the aggressive attacks that we were under from particularly the national administration. I remember before the schism at the national executive council of the AFL-CIO, when they were still trying to reach out to the Bush administration, the Secretary of Labor was invited to a meeting. After a somewhat abusive talk by her, there was a question-and-answer period. One of the international presidents challenged the Bush administration over the new bureaucracy of the new LM 30 reporting. In response she pulled out of her briefcase a packet with files in it, and she selected one of the files,

and it was obviously a file which had the name of a that particular union on it. She proceeded to read about every legal action and indictment that had been taken against every local union of that international union. And it was clear that she had with her a dossier of every international union that was present in that room, and it was the last time a Bush administration representative was invited to meet with the labor movement nationally. The Labor Secretary said, "This is why we need these new LM reporting." IAM President Buffenbarger stood and he said, "That's bullshit." He said, "The reason that you know about any legal challenges to any of our unions is because we self-police and we reported it to you, and that's how you know."

And so it represents the times in which the Bush attacks became even more intensified against workers across the country. And as he declared war abroad, he intensified his hostilities against workers at home. And after we lost our



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great leader in Los Angeles, Miguel, his successor, Martin Ludlow, another good man, last week was forced by the federal government to resign his post for political reporting activities that he engaged in a previous job. But the Feds went after him and forced him, a good man, to resign. And if you don't think that's part of a concerted effort on the part of a vile administration, keep looking. Look to the news that covered that same time last week the fact that the Feds invaded the offices of the next largest labor council in America, the New York City Labor Council, and engaged in an early, pre-dawn raid, confiscating the equipment, the computers and the records of that labor council in hopes to bring their leadership to their knees as well. I suspect that practically every union in this room knows of experiences by their international union where their locals have been investigated, attacked, challenged and indicted for any one of a number of reasons, many of them simple. It's harassment. It's an attempt to silence our voice in a different kind of way than we suffered in the special election last year.

The national rift of our movement was a real challenge to us, but in California our unions stayed unified in the face of the onslaught of the Bush-think-alike Arnold Schwarzenegger. In the last half-century of California most of the Governors have been Republicans. Warren and Knight were conservative, maybe moderate and worked with some of our unions. But you could talk to them. But with the succession of Republicans it got worse and it got worse. It leaned further to the right. Pete Wilson disdained unions. He always fought us. But he

never dared call us evil publicly. Arnold Schwarzenegger, remember, said of the special election last year, "We're going where all the evil is," referring to you and your members. Pete Wilson never blamed unions for all that's wrong with California, and Arnold Schwarzenegger has. "It's the unions I'm against," he said about the problems of California. And then of course, "I kicked their butts." This is the kind of fighter that Arnold Schwarzenegger is. He kicked some butts, but not in a fair fight. He cheats.

Remember the Christmas Eve attack when he thought we were preoccupied - the "sneak attack"? He didn't face us head on. And he attempted to take from innocent workers the legal right to a meal break. Give me a break. We wanted to follow him around at all his luncheons, and say, "Looks like you get to have a lunch."

He promised the trades transportation improvements his first year, and he broke the promise. He promised us and others that he wouldn't get involved in prop 72, in health care reform. He lied. It was deceit when he tried to steal the pensions of public workers and even deprive widows and dependents of the death benefits of slain police and fallen firefighters. We cannot forget this because this man will not change. He lies and he denies and he deceives.

And perhaps, I believe, the most daring thing that he did was when he promised that he wouldn't do any harm to injured workers as a result of his workers' compensation reform. Injured workers are helpless. They're injured by the dangers on their job, and they are faceless to us often because once they're injured, they're out of the work site. They're off and away from the union; we don't see them and they may be forgotten. He lied, and he turned his back on those people.

Today's strong delegate turnout is about the anger that our people still feel about Arnold Schwarzenegger. People are angry and they're ready for a change. Our opponents should know by now that when they take on workers, they pay a price. And I want to tell you that when we together defeated Arnold Schwarzenegger's attacks against our workers last year, we won, but it was not a victory. We stayed off an attack,

but we didn't gain anything. There was no progress, no gain, and no improvements from that for our members or for any other workers. The victory is what happens next. It's a two-step process.

The greatest adversity against California unions has always led us to our finest victories. In 1958 it was prop 14, the attempt to create a right-to-work state here. They beat it, but most important was what happened after it as a result of the momentum was the election of Pat Brown. In 1998 it was prop 226. We won. The victory was putting in Gray Davis. Prop 75 last year serves as the launching pad for the new governor of California after November.

That new governor will be decided today by you. The decisions that we make today will, can, and should redefine fundamentally the

future of California. We want the simple things: Good health, good schools, good safety, but power concedes nothing without a struggle.

So the strategic planning committee work that we've laid out today begins tomorrow in terms of the work that we do to win. And though anger brought us here today, it's the hope and the promise that sends us home. What we do next is what will fundamentally change California for the better. We will make improvements for our members and win a new Governor's seat in November, but make changes for our lives thereafter.

And so the important thing for us now is to take on this challenge of coming together around the endorsement of candidates. That's our purpose today."



# 2006 COPE Endorsement Recommendations to the **PRE-PRIMARY ELECTION COPE CONVENTION** of the **California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO**

**Oakland, March 8, 2006**

The statewide primary election is on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. The Executive Council of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, met at the Oakland Airport Hilton, March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006, to consider recommendations for the election of candidates to the offices of the United States Senate, California statewide offices, the Board of Equalization and state ballot measures. The Executive Council also considered local central body recommendations for the election of candidates to the State Assembly, State Senate and United States House of Representatives.

In the following instances a recommendation for U.S. House of Representatives, the State Senate, or Assembly has been made by the Executive Council without consideration of the local central labor body COPE:

- No recommendation was received for the office in a party by the local central labor body COPE with jurisdiction for the district.
- No recommendation was received for the office in a party from one or more local central labor body COPEs that share jurisdiction of a district.
- Failure of local central labor body COPEs that share jurisdiction of a district to agree on a recommendation for the office in a party.

Such Executive Council recommendations are followed by an asterisk ( \* ).

In certain instances recommendations of the local central body COPE of the appropriate areas were rejected by the Executive Council by at least a vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Executive Council, present and voting, and recommendations were then made by the Executive Council. These recommendations, if any, are preceded by a double asterisk ( \*\* ).

Open applies to candidates who have currently filed to be on the ballot.

The following recommendations are accordingly submitted by the Executive Council. There are no recommendations for endorsements for any other candidates of any party other than those listed below:

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

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District	<b>Candidate</b>	District	<b>Candidate</b>
<b>1</b>	Patty Berg (D)	<b>5</b>	No Endorsement
<b>2</b>	No Endorsement	<b>6</b>	Pamela Torliatt (D)
<b>3</b>	Mickey Harrington (D)	<b>7</b>	Noreen Evans (D)
<b>4</b>	Rob Haswell (D)	<b>8</b>	Lois Wolk (D)

<b>District</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
<b>9</b>	Dave Jones (D)	<b>45</b>	Kevin de Leon (D)
<b>10</b>	Jim Cook (D)	<b>46</b>	Fabian Nunez (D)
<b>11</b>	Mark DeSaulnier (D)	<b>47</b>	Karen Bass (D)
<b>12</b>	Open (D)	<b>48</b>	Anthony Willoughby (D)
<b>13</b>	Mark Leno (D)	<b>49</b>	Mike Eng (D)
<b>14</b>	Loni Hancock (D)	<b>50</b>	Hector de la Torre (D)
<b>15</b>	Terry Coleman (D)	<b>51</b>	Open (D)
<b>16</b>	Sandre Swanson (D)	<b>52</b>	Mervyn Dymally (D)
<b>17</b>	Cathleen Galgiani (D)	<b>53</b>	Ted Lieu (D)
<b>18</b>	Mary Hayashi (D)	<b>54</b>	Betty Karnette (D)
<b>19</b>	Gene Mullin (D)	<b>55</b>	Warren Furutani (D)
<b>20</b>	Alberto Torrico (D)	<b>56</b>	Tony Mendoza (D)
<b>21</b>	Ira Ruskin (D)	<b>57</b>	Ed Hernandez (D)
<b>22</b>	Sally Lieber (D)	<b>58</b>	Charles Calderon (D)
<b>23</b>	Joe Coto (D)	<b>59</b>	Chris Lancaster (R)
<b>24</b>	James Beall, Jr. (D)	<b>60</b>	Van Tamom (D)
<b>25</b>	No Endorsement	<b>61</b>	Nell Soto (D)
<b>26</b>	Kenneth Goeken (D)	<b>62</b>	Dual: Jeremy Baca (D), Wilmer Amina Carter (D)
<b>27</b>	John Laird (D)	<b>63</b>	No Endorsement
<b>28</b>	Ana Ventura-Phares (D)	<b>64</b>	Paul Rasso (D)
<b>29</b>	No Endorsement	<b>65</b>	Rita Ramirez-Dean (D)
<b>30</b>	Nicole Parra (D)	<b>66</b>	Laurel Nicholson (D)
<b>31</b>	Juan Arambula (D)	<b>67</b>	Ray Roberts (D)
<b>32</b>	No Endorsement	<b>68</b>	John Paul Lucas (D)
<b>33</b>	No Recommendation	<b>69</b>	Jose Solorio (D)
<b>34</b>	No Endorsement	<b>70</b>	Mike Glover (D)
<b>35</b>	Pedro Nava (D)	<b>71</b>	Charlie La Chance (D)
<b>36</b>	Bo Bynum (D), James Ledford (R)	<b>72</b>	John MacMurray (D)
<b>37</b>	Ferial Masry (D)	<b>73</b>	Kimberly Clark (D)
<b>38</b>	Lyn Shaw (D)	<b>74</b>	Roxana Folesca (D)
<b>39</b>	Richard Alarcon (D)	<b>75</b>	No Endorsement (D)
<b>40</b>	Lloyd Levine (D)	<b>76</b>	Lori Saldana (D)
<b>41</b>	Julia Brownley (D)	<b>77</b>	Chris Larkin (D)
<b>42</b>	Dual: Mike Feuer (D), Abbe Land (D)	<b>78</b>	George Gastil (D)
<b>43</b>	Frank Quintero (D)	<b>79</b>	Mary Salas (D)
<b>44</b>	Anthony Portantino (D)	<b>80</b>	Steve Clute (D)

## California State Senate

District	Candidate	District	Candidate
<b>2</b>	Pat Wiggins (D)	<b>22</b>	Gil Cedillo (D)
<b>4</b>	Paul Singh (D)	<b>24</b>	Gloria Romero (D)
<b>6</b>	Darrell Steinberg (D)	<b>26</b>	Mark Ridley-Thomas (D)
<b>8</b>	Dual: Mike Nevin (D), Leland Yee (D)	<b>28</b>	Jenny Oropeza (D)
<b>10</b>	Triple: Ellen Corbett (D), John Dutra (D), Johan Klehs (D)	<b>30</b>	Marco Firebaugh (D)
<b>12</b>	Authorize Executive Council to act following the convention	<b>32</b>	Dual: Joe Baca, Jr. (D), Gloria Negrete-McLeod (D)
<b>14</b>	No Endorsement	<b>34</b>	Tom Umberg (D)
<b>16</b>	Dean Florez (D)	<b>36</b>	Authorize Executive Council to act following the convention
<b>18</b>	No Endorsement	<b>38</b>	No Endorsement
<b>20</b>	Cindy Montanez (D)	<b>40</b>	Denise Ducheny (D)

## United States House of Representatives

District	Candidate	District	Candidate
<b>1</b>	Mike Thompson (D)	<b>16</b>	Zoe Lofgren (D)
<b>2</b>	No Endorsement	<b>17</b>	Sam Farr (D)
<b>3</b>	Bill Durston (D)	<b>18</b>	Dennis Cardoza (D)
<b>4</b>	Charlie Brown (D)	<b>19</b>	T.J. Cox (D)
<b>5</b>	Authorize Executive Council to act following the convention	<b>20</b>	Jim Costa (D)
<b>6</b>	Lynn Woolsey (D)	<b>21</b>	No Endorsement
<b>7</b>	George Miller (D)	<b>22</b>	Authorize Executive Council to act following the convention
<b>8</b>	Nancy Pelosi (D)	<b>23</b>	Lois Capps (D)
<b>9</b>	Barbara Lee (D)	<b>24</b>	Jill Martinez (D)
<b>10</b>	Ellen Tauscher (D)	<b>25</b>	Roberto Rodriguez (D)
<b>11</b>	Pete McCloskey (R), Jerry McNerney (D)	<b>26</b>	Dual: Cynthia Matthews (D), Russ Warner (D)
<b>12</b>	Tom Lantos (D)	<b>27</b>	Brad Sherman (D)
<b>13</b>	Fortney "Pete" Stark (D)	<b>28</b>	Howard Berman (D)
<b>14</b>	Anna Eshoo (D)	<b>29</b>	Adam Schiff (D)
<b>15</b>	Mike Honda (D)	<b>30</b>	Henry Waxman (D)

District	Candidate	District	Candidate
31	Xavier Becerra (D)	43	Joe Baca (D)
32	Hilda Solis (D)	44	Louis Vandenberg (D)
33	Diane Watson (D)	45	David Roth (D)
34	Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)	46	Jim Brandt (D)
35	Maxine Waters (D)	47	Loretta Sanchez (D)
36	Jane Harman (D)	48	Steve Young (D)
37	Juanita Millender-McDonald (D)	49	Jeeni Criscenzo (D)
38	Grace Flores Napolitano (D)	50	Francine Busby (D)
39	Linda Sanchez (D)	51	Bob Filner (D)
40	Florice Hoffman (D)	52	John Rinaldi
41	Open (D & R)	53	Authorize Executive Council to act following the convention
42	No Endorsement		

## United States Senate

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Dianne Feinstein (D)

### Ballot Measures

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#### Proposition 81

CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2006.

This act provides for a bond issue in the amount not to exceed a total of six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) to provide funds for the construction and renovation of public library facilities in order to expand access to reading and literacy programs in California's public education system and to expand access to public library services for all residents of California. First priority given to eligible projects that were not funded under 2000 Library Bond Act. State General Fund money appropriated to pay off bonds.

Fiscal impact: State cost of about \$1.2 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principle (\$600 million) and interest (\$570 million) costs of the bonds.

Payments

of about \$40 million per year. One-time local costs (statewide) of about \$320 million to pay for a share of library facility projects. Potential additional local operating costs (statewide) of several millions of dollars annually.

**Endorsement: YES**

## Proposition 82

PRESCHOOL EDUCATION. TAX ON INCOMES OVER \$400,000 FOR INDIVIDUALS; \$800,000 FOR COUPLES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.

Establishes voluntary preschool education for all four-year-olds. Funded by 1.7% tax on individual income over \$400,000; \$800,000 for couples. Administered by the state Superintendent of Public Instruction and county school superintendents. Directs counties to reports on curricula, outreach, facilities, childcare, coordination, budgeting teacher recruitment and pay. Limits administrative expenses; requires program audits. Requires state Superintendent to develop a preschool teaching credential with financial aid for credential students. Excludes revenue from appropriation limits, Proposition 98 calculations.

Fiscal impact: Increased state revenues of about \$2.1 billion in 2007-8, growing annually with the economy to around \$2.6 billion in 2010-11, when the preschool program would be open to all 4-year olds in the state. Revenues would be used solely for the new preschool program and would be spent to run the program, pay for facilities, train teachers, and provide an operating reserve.

**Endorsement: YES**

## State Constitutional Offices

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### Board of Equalization

District 1	Betty Yee (D)
District 2	Authorize Executive Council to act following the convention
District 3	No Endorsement
District 4	Dual: Judy Chu (D), Jerome Horton (D)

**Insurance Commissioner** Cruz Bustamante (D)

**Superintendent of Public Instruction** Authorize Executive Council to act following the convention

**Controller** Triple: John Chiang (D), Joe Dunn (D), Dario Frommer (D)

**Treasurer** Bill Lockyer (D)

**Secretary of State** Debra Bowen (D)

**Attorney General** Dual: Jerry Brown (D), Rocky Delgadillo (D)

**Lieutenant Governor** John Garamendi (D)

**Governor** Phil Angelides (D)

## Delegates Approve Recommendations

The delegates approved the Executive Council's recommendations for U.S. Senate, State Assembly and Statewide ballot propositions. For State Senate, the delegates

authorized the executive council to act following the convention do to new or extenuating circumstances. A similar situation was encountered with U.S. Congress District 22

### Phil Angelides Thanks the Delegates for their Endorsement

Following their endorsement, Gubernatorial Candidate Phil Angelides addressed the delegates. He spoke of his long-term commitment to progressive goals, and the right-wing assault that has taken control of both Washington and Sacramento. "There is so much at stake. You and I know that for the last 40 years the right has told a terrible lie in this country. They've somehow wanted



**Phil Angelides**

people to believe that if we just give more to those who have the most, somehow the crumbs will fall down to the rest, but you and I know that we became the wealthiest society in the history of humankind because of the sweat, the toil, the sacrifice of the working men and women who built the wealth and strength of our society, and this is the year -- this is the year we stop retreating and we go on offense for the values we know."

"We're the richest society in human history. We're 48th out of 50 states in educational achievement, 43rd out of 50 states on what we spend to educate each child. We're the richest place on earth, where one in five kids are growing up in poverty and the gap between the wealthiest and working families -- and you know it and you see it -- is growing each and every day. We are a place of bounty where 6 million of our fellow Californians have no health insurance. They've got to crowd into emergency rooms when their kids or their parents are sick."

"You and I know what George Bush has done to this country and what Arnold Schwarzenegger has done to this state. Instead

of summoning us to our greatness, instead of calling on Californians to live up to our potential as the home of idealism, the frontier of innovation and invention, instead of asking Californians to meet the challenges of the 21st century where we can do so much, what did our governor do with the great powers of the office of governor? He decided to try to bring the Bush-Cheney agenda of debt, division and diminished opportunity to California. He spent the whole of one year attacking the working men and women who are the fabric of this society. But the good news is because of your Herculean efforts, because of your passion, because of your commitment, on November 8th, the people of California said no to Schwarzenegger."

"In my family, we didn't always get the breaks. When I was a teenager my father was laid off from his job as an engineer with the state. Ronald Reagan had just become governor of this state. It probably has something to do with my current party registration. But here's the fact: We weren't left out in the cold. I was able to go to college because I got student loans. I got financial aid. I got federal work-study to help me pay my bills. I believe if you give people a hand up the ladder of opportunity, all of us are stronger. So we're going to fight for those notions, and I want to say something loudly and clearly to the apologists for progressive values. We're going to stand tall for what we believe in. We're not going to retreat one inch. We're not going to stand down. We're not going to give up. We're not going to step down. We're going to advocate those values, and we're going to for working men and women, and we're going to win."