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## **Schwarzenegger Warns of "Drastic Cuts" Following Election Defeat**

Lawmakers Urged to Consider Consequences Before Cutting Vital Services

Speaking in Washington D.C. Wednesday, Governor Schwarzenegger warned that the State of California now faces "drastic cuts" as a result of the May 19 special election ballot defeat. AFSCME 2620 supported propositions 1A-1F in an effort to prevent those cuts and preserve vital state services that help protect the health and safety of all Californians.

The following statement is by AFSCME 2620 President Nancy Swindell, reacting to the voters' decision:

"Tuesday's special election ballot defeat was a clear sign of voter frustration. As taxpayers and state employees, we share their concern about California's fiscal crisis and the destructive impact budget cuts will have on critical state services. The health and social service professionals of AFSCME 2620 are eager to work with Governor Schwarzenegger and the State Legislature to fix California's financial mess, while fighting to maintain vital services that protect the health and safety of all Californians."

AFSCME 2620 represents nearly 5,000 highly trained, educated professionals working in the mental health, healthcare and social services fields. AFSCME 2620 members provide a range of state services including adoption placement, psychological treatment, day care and senior care home inspections, and vocational rehabilitation counseling that helps disabled Californians find successful employment.