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AFSCME 2620 Endorses May Ballot Measures

SACRAMENTO -- The AFSCME 2620 Executive Board voted to endorse California's special election budget measures, formally supporting Propositions, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F on the May 19 ballot. The group made the formal endorsement Saturday, March 20, during its bi-monthly meeting in Burbank. AFSCME 2620 considers the initiative package to be a crucial component of the state's overall budget plan, providing the framework needed to help preserve state services and guard against draconian spending cuts.

"As dedicated public servants, our top concern is the ability to provide critically needed services that help protect public health and safety," said AFSCME 2620 President, Nancy Swindell. "The six May ballot initiatives help us do that by working to stabilize California's fiscal meltdown and limit future program cuts.

"We recognize the initiatives are far from perfect, but the alternative is far worse. The failure of Propositions 1A-1F would jeopardize the services we are committed to protect. The special election ballot measures are the best hope we currently have to restore financial sanity and limit additional damage to critical state programs," Swindell added.

Propositions 1A-1F are the result of California's bi-partisan budget agreement, approved by Republicans and Democrats last month. The measures are needed to implement the budget deal, which attempts to reduce a \$42 billion deficit.

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 counseling, day care and senior care home inspections, and vocational rehabilitation counseling that helps disabled Californians find successful employment.

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