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Public Health and Safety Jeopardized by Proposed Budget Cuts

AFSCME 2620 Urges "YES" Vote on Props 1A-1F

Statement by Nancy Swindell, President AFSCME 2620:

"AFSCME 2620's top priority is to provide critical services that help protect the health and safety of all Californians. The cuts proposed in Governor Schwarzenegger's May Revision would destroy some of those essential services, jeopardizing citizens across the state."

"We understand the state's bleak financial picture, and we are eager to do our share to help California through this difficult time, but decimating programs that reduce crime and keep Californians safe during public health epidemics -- like the swine flu -- is a dangerous approach."

"The situation is dire, but it will get even worse if the special election ballot measures go down in defeat. That's why AFSCME 2620 was an early and strong supporter of the May 19 special election ballot measures. We recognize the initiatives will help stabilize California's fiscal meltdown and help prevent even deeper cuts that will cause irreparable harm to public health and safety."

"We urge all Californians to carefully consider the May ballot measures and vote "Yes" for California's future - by voting "Yes" on Propositions 1A-1F."

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.