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Call to Order
President Connie Leyva called the 2010 Pre-Primary convention of the California Labor Federation to order. Elizabeth Guzman, a worker trying to form a union with Local 19 lead the pledge of Allegiance. The flag salute and presentation of colors was led by Santa Clara Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 1171.

Rabbi Melanie Aron, Congregation Shir Hadash in Los Gatos lead the invocation.

Reports of Committees
Credentials Committee – Adam Acosta reported that the Credentials Committee has been meeting since Tuesday April 13, 2010 at 4pm and a roster of delegates has been produced. They will continue to meet until the close of registration at 11am Wednesday, April 14. The preliminary report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

Rules Committee – Clyde Rivers fo CSCA reported that the Rules Committee met on Feb., 23, 2010 in Los Angeles. A quorum was present. The rules were made available to all delegates and approved by vote.

Standing Rules of Order

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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.

WELCOMING ADDRESS: Cindy Chavez
Executive Officer, South Bay Labor Council

It is really an honor to be hosting you here in San Jose, especially given the great work we’re going to get done today.

I would be remiss if I didn’t acknowledge two leaders that appear with me. And one is the head of our Labor Council and also the leader of the United Food and Commercial Workers, Ron Lind.

And also a tremendous partner for the Labor Council and Labor leaders and that’s the head of the Building and Construction Trades, Neil Struthers.

We try not to let the outside world know how well we get along. Right, Neil? It’s bad for business actually, it’s good for business.

Let me just say why I’m so honored that you’re here today. You know, San Jose -- for those who don’t know -- is the tenth largest city in the country. And in this community, this county, we have about 114 languages and dialects spoken. We have had -- the City of San Jose was the first largest city in the country to be a majority of no single ethnicity, and, yet, this region remains one of the safest places in the nation to live, to work, to play.

We have more patents that come out of this county than any other county in the country.

Now, here is our opportunity, and this is why I’m so honored to be with all of you today. The opportunity is that hearing all of these economists talk about how we are on the rebound, that the economy is getting better and the reality of a jobless recovery is astounding. Because how can the economy be getting better if the people aren’t back to work?

It’s an oxymoron, right?

And the opportunity we have today is to do with the House of Labor one of things we do best, which is come together and endorse Labor champions. Not merely people who come to us and say, I know you’ve all heard this, my father worked on a railroad, my mother was a teacher, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. Because what we want to know is what does it mean for you to be a working family champion?

And what -- our endorsement process when we confer our endorsement, we are conferring the dreams and the hopes and the money and time away from family for Labor, families. We are conferring one of our highest honors, and our expectations should be no less. So what is our opportunity today? It is to do something that’s actually rather sacred. People think politics is a dirty thing? I, for one, do not. I -- and I know many of you believe this as well.

But this is our opportunity to be -- continue to raise the bar for people who choose to come before us and to demand, not request, once they get into office that they do what we ask them to do. Because when they ask for endorsement, they are asking for commitment from us, that will last, we hope, their whole time in office. So here’s what I’m hoping for today:

That as we choose Labor leaders or community leaders who want to run for office and they felt bold enough to come to ask for our endorsement, that they are bold enough to get our name out there, that they are bold enough to govern on behalf of working families, that when people tell us there are people of integrity and values, that that integrity and values is not wavered when someone is barking at them, telling them to do something else. And, when we leave this room, as united as we can be, that the message that we give people is that you must do
more. That it is not enough to simply wear our badge, you must carry our flag.

And, so, for that reason, I am enormously honored to have you in San Jose. We like to scare our elected officials. Having been a recovering one, I can tell you that it works. And it’s really an honor to have each and every one of you here today, and I’m excited for that work. And I want to close with saying this about Connie and Art: I have now been back in the labor movement full time for 365 days -- literally counts literally almost to the day. Right?

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**ADDRESS: Connie Leyva**

*President, California Labor Federation*

I remember many years ago when Arnold threw his hat in the ring, and I knew the day that he announced that we were in trouble because, unfortunately, people in the State of California think that if you are famous or you have some notoriety, you somehow know how to lead and you somehow know how to govern.

Well, I think we’ve all found out that it’s not true. Many of us -- most of us in this room knew that. I know I’ve had many members who have said to me wow, you guys were right about him. Yes, we were. And as I was listing some of the atrocities that he has committed against workers, I was really actually, believe it not, how long the list was. So I’m just going to highlight a few of the things for you that this governor had done while he’s been in office.

He furloughed State workers three days a month, which reduced pay by up to 15 percent. He administratively slashed permanent disability benefits to injured workers by 50 percent, which has affected every single one of our injured workers in this room.

He vetoed increased penalties on employers who intentionally misclassify workers as independent contractors.

He vetoed a bill to track offshoring of state contracts.

He vetoed a bill to give farm workers the same right to join a union without employer intimidation that public employees have.

He tried to take away meal breaks and the eight-hour day as part of the budget deal.

And -- and the help and support that I received from the State Federation of Labor and other Labor councils across the state, that really reminded me that there is great hope and great optimism in terms of the kind of change we can make based on the kind of leadership we have in the statewide labor movement. So thank you for coming today, and come back, and spend money.

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And he pushed for pension privatization.

And so those are just a few of the really onerous things that he has done or tried to do to working families. So we couldn’t be happier to say goodbye to the governor.

However, believe it or not, we have an even scarier proposition on the Republican ticket. Meg Whitman, who is 10 times, 20 times, 100 times worse, you will hear more about her today. But if we thought Arnold was a bad proposition for our state, we certainly know that Meg Whitman is even worse, and you’ll know more about that when you leave today.

But, today, as Cindy said, we have a real opportunity, we have an opportunity to come together as Labor and make a difference. Many times in Labor we’re a little bit divided, maybe we’re not all on the same page. But today we’re going to come together and we’re going to take the endorsements or the recommendations of the State Fed Executive Board, and we’re going to turn those into endorsements. And then, when we leave here today, we’re going to start tomorrow working to get these elected officials or potential elected officials elected.

And we’re going to do what Cindy said, we’re going to hold their feet to the fire. She’s absolutely right. It is
not good enough to say, oh, my mom and dad worked in the grocery store or worked in the rail station. You know what, that’s great. But did they impact any of those values on to you? Do you know what it is to be part of the labor movement? And do you have what it takes -- do you have what it takes to not just take our check and not just use our feet on the streets to get you elected, but do you have what it takes to take the hard votes for Labor? So we’re going to elect these people, and then we are going to do what we need to do by holding their feet to the fire.

So I’d like to recognize a couple of unions right now that aren’t waiting until tomorrow that have already started to get the business done here in California.

CSEA, they are doing extensive training of their members. The Camp Obama-style training, they are doing that. They have trained 300 leaders so far. Their goal is to train 1500 by May. And, when I was talking to their president, Alan Clark, he tells me that most -- the vast majority are Union members that are being trained. And this is a model that they will use for politics and for organizing.

So I applaud you for all the work that you’re doing, CSEA.

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ADDRESS: Art Pulaski
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, California Labor Federation

I would also like to recognize my own union, the UFCW and the great job they are doing on our statewide voter registration drive. We are three weeks into the drive and statewide we have registered a little over 5000 new members to vote.

Our goal is 8,000. If we keep at the pace, we think we may have 12,000 new members registered by the end of this month.

And, you know, like I told our Executive Board, when we register somebody to vote that is powerful for us because we can talk to a member and they say yes, I agree with you, I agree with you, I’ll vote that way: Oh, yes, I’m not registered to vote... So if we don’t register them to vote, they can’t help us and help themselves in November.

So, like we decided at my local many years ago, there no down years. But this is especially not a down year. We have a lot of work to do, but I am confident what we can do what we need to do for the labor movement and all our members.

So thank you all for taking the time to be here today, and let’s have a great convention.

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Art Pulaski

Thank you, kindly. Good morning. Well, it’s great to be in San Jose, and it’s good to see you here.

As you know, that about 3.5 miles from here lie the partial ruins of a once mighty digital empire known as EBay. Meg Whitman joined EBay when it’s revolutionary strategy of on-line auctioning was about to take off. By the time she quit, its high speed growth had slowed down to a whispering and painful limp. Google and Amazon had eaten its lunch. EBay has not recovered from a number of colossal mistakes that she engaged in when she was there as the CEO. But, you know Meg Whitman did fine. She walked away with the money.

Now Ms. Whitman is looking for something else to do. She wants to be CEO of California and run it just the same way as she ran EBay. Now, each one of us in this hall represents the proud achievements of our members and our movement. Our members have devoted their lives to building California into the world class place to live and work. But, while we were investing in making our state great, corporate barons were robbing us of it, they outsourced our jobs, they dismantled our manufacturing and they schemed to get even billions more of tax breaks at the very same time we were having budget cuts enclosing our classrooms. The economic fallout of all of that has spread amongst most working class families across most of California. While our
people struggled in California, rich CEOs are continuing to plunder it.

Now, how might you ask can this get any worse? If the plunderer became governor. Meet Meg Whitman, former CEO and Wall Street raider. Remember Goldman Sachs? Remember it? The investment giant that led Wall Street into the shadow economy that nearly destroyed our financial system, and it put to ruin millions of homes, millions of families, and millions of pensions in California alone.

Guess who sat on the board of directors of Goldman Sachs in the run up period of time that the largest financial catastrophe happened in our -- since the Great Depression. That’s right, Wall Street Meg Whitman. She made millions at Goldman Sachs. On shady deals that have since been declared illegal by Congress, but she got in under the wire and get -- and got out with all of her money.

Then, you know, she got fired from the Board of Directors of Goldman Sachs. Now, I ask you, how shady does a person have to be to be fired from the shadiest firm on Wall Street.

Now she’s running for governor for one reason and one reason only, to do Wall Street’s bidding in California. When the notorious anti-union ABC was looking for a keynote speaker at their conference intending to take away prevailing wage and project Labor agreements, who did they call on? Wall Street Meg Whitman.

When the chamber of commerce needed a candidate to push worker take-aways in California in the private sector by fighting to take away our daily overtime pay and meal break periods, who did they call on? Wall Street Whitman.

When the insurance giants needed a spokesman to help fight against implementation and winning of health care reform, who did they call on? Wall Street Whitman.

And if you think Arnold Schwarzenegger is bad news for California, just wait to see what she’s got in store for your members. Never before has there ever been a more pure, corporate candidate in the history of governor races in California. Arnold Schwarzenegger -- there’s a big difference. There’s a big difference between these two.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, he furloughed workers. She promised to fire them.

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“With every new detail we learn about Whitman’s plans for California her intentions become much more clear, Meg Whitman is running for governor to corporatize our economy.”

Arnold Schwarzenegger tried to reduce our overtime pay and our meal break protections. She will abolish them.

Arnold Schwarzenegger reduced disabled home care and kid care. She will dismantle it. Every one of our workers is going to be impacted by this woman if she ever gets into office.

What else has she promised to do if she is elected governor? She’s promised next year to slash 40,000 more jobs in California, state workers. That makes a lot of sense in a recession, doesn’t it?

Meg Whitman’s ideas make Arnold Schwarzenegger’s slash and burn agenda look like a backyard cook-out. She said she would be -- she would cause the greatest turn ever in education. She would cause the deepest slashes in public safety. And the worse reversals of the environment and cuts that would bury the working class in perpetual recession.

When it comes to jobs, how callous can she really be? Her three-part plan is eliminate, outsource and downsize. Three and a half miles from here, at that corporate headquarters, she cut 10 percent of her work force, a thousand workers, without a blink of an eye, without any remorse or any apologies.

She outsourced 40 percent of their workers offshore. And now she says she’s a huge fan of H1-B Visas for foreign workers to bring foreign workers in here so she can pay them low wages and kill more of our jobs. This is Meg Whitman.

Her plan for taxes is this: Eliminate capital gains. Eliminate capital gains. More tax breaks for the rich. You know what the LA Times column said about that, it said: Meg’s plan for that would be a boon -- would be a boon for multi millionaires and billionaires like Meg, but a graveyard for schools, universities and for the safety net for our people who are out of work.
With every new detail we learn about her plans for California her intentions become much more clear, Meg Whitman is running for governor to corporatize our economy. Who benefits from that? The hedge fund-investing, corporate jet-flying, Golden Sachs-loving buddies of Meg Whitman herself.

And what do you call it -- think about this what do you call it when an individual spends 200 million dollars to win shareholder votes to take over a corporation that they otherwise never had any interest in whatsoever? A hostile takeover.

Meg Whitman, who hardly ever even bothered to vote in California elections in the past, is plotting her hostile takeover of California. Just when big corporations -- just like when big corporations chop up and sell companies, those mass layoffs will mean more profits for CEOs. This may be hard to believe, but it gets worse than that.

Whitman said she would do to California what she did to EBay. That must mean drive it to the brink of destruction through a lethal combination of CEO greed and not-so-good management skills.

Here’s what the LA Times said when she left EBay -- and I want to read this to you:

LA Times, “Under Ms. Whitman, EBay was mired in slow down of growth, buyers had fled, and it had been compromised by forgeries, disreputable sellers and unpredictable buying experience. Others have said it is the largest fencing operation in the world.”

And the company stock lost two thirds of -- of its value. And when EBay fell on hard times, Whitman took off like a modern CEO bandit, and ran with the dough.

There are other colossal failures which I don’t have time to get into, and -- that litter her resume, including FTD florists, some day we’ll talk about that.

The bottom line, the wake she leaves behind her is not just frightening. It’s downright dangerous. Imagine the path of destruction this women could leave behind her if she was CEO of the eighth largest economy in the world. Her strategy to get there now is very simple: Spend a lot of money and engage in the union bashing that she has been doing since day one of her campaign. Just listen to her. She tells the reporters that union, that union members are the problem in the California economy. She is so brazen that she has already threatened us to take out her checkbook and write a check for 25 million dollars to go after killing our members’ voice in politics.

Meg Whitman, we’ve got news for you: It’s because of people like you that workers need unions. Maybe you’ve never had a deal with unions before at Goldman Sachs, FTD, or EBay. But I guarantee you this, you’re going to have to deal with all of us in this election.

That’s because our union members and families are going to stand up. We are going to get in the way of the hostile takeover. Every public appearance you make, in every county of California you go, we’ll be there. We’ll be there to tell the truth, and we’ll be there to call you out. Because we’re tired of corporate hostile takeovers and the greedy bastards who treat our state like their own personal cash machine and then cut and run.

The megabucks stops right here today.

Now, in this election we don’t have a choice, we have an imperative. Jerry Brown spent a lifetime fighting for working families. Let’s go through it a little bit. When he was governor, he signed landmark laws to protect workers’ rights. He stood up for farmworkers, the NLRB, gave farmworkers the right to organize and collective bargaining for the first time in the history of America. Under Jerry Brown, teachers, school employees, and university workers were given the right to collectively bargain for the first time in California history. Did you know that?

Under Jerry Brown, state workers and local public employees were given the right to organize and collectively bargain for the first time in California.
history. Today, well more -- well more than a million and a half workers have the right to collectively bargain for better wages, for decent benefits, and for worker protection, because of Jerry Brown.

Jerry Brown has done more to build the middle class than any governor in the history of California. He knows something about creating jobs. While MegWhitman is an unrepentant job slasher. Jerry Brown is a record job creator.

When he was governor, he built 1.9 million jobs for California workers, and they were decent-paying jobs that took care of families. He backed us on prevailing wage. He supported pay equity for women. He increased unemployment benefits for those people who are out of a job and improved workers’ comp benefits for those who were injured by their job. He won lawsuits on behalf of exploited construction workers and car wash workers in LA. He sued large corporations for violating workers’ rights. Jerry Brown’s life in public service has been about fighting for a fair deal, not a CEO deal.

Not the wealthy corporations, not the wealthy and privileged. Jerry Brown fights now for a new generation of prosperity and a new chapter in California history. A chapter in which everybody has a safe work place, a healthy environment and a better life.

Jerry Brown fights to restore for us the California that we all once knew and he once led. A California unsurpassed in its quality of life. A California that works for working people. He is fighting, for a new life, a better future for all of our families. And now, it’s time to fight for him.

This election is about putting people back to work. It’s about rewarding people who make California work. It’s about making California work for its workers again. This election is about change. This election is about saving California. This election is about protecting our jobs and protecting our families and the future of our kids, our loved ones, our protections.

This election is about justice. This time, this election, it’s time to kick some butt, and it’s time to start with the CEOs that rip us off.

Let’s get on with it, and let’s kick some ass.

Thank you very much.
Thank you, very much. We really appreciate this.

We’re in a big battle and when I say “we,” yes, I’m in a battle. But so are you. And so are the working families in California. And what do they say the big problem is? It’s collective bargaining. It’s the trade union movement. It’s state employees, state workers. They caused it, this problem.

Well, there’s a big problem all right. About half a million Californians have lost their homes in foreclosures. Almost 2,000,000 Californians have their home underwater. It’s worth less than they paid for it. And that just within a couple years.

By the way, did the fight -- firefighters cause that? Did the teachers cause that? Did the in home health care workers, did they cause that? No. I mean what happened here? And this is what’s amazing. Because the propaganda, I mean the propaganda is pretty powerful. You watch that guy Beck, that’s kind of the essence of the other side’s cause. And Beck tells us on Fox in your -- if you are in Church or synagogue and you hear the preacher talk about social justice, you know he’s a communist, okay, you leave, get up and leave. That’s what they are thinking social justice, is kind of the end.

Well, we know what happened. Some folks on Wall Street got pretty smart, and, since we only have policemen patrolling the beats instead of policeman patrolling the corporate suites, they got away with it. Sure, they got away with it. You know what? It was -- it was the stealing. The destruction of 11.7 trillion dollars of wealth in America. That’s what happened.

This is what these banks, these investment banks -- it’s hard to figure out what the hell, who the hell it was, but they figured it out, and, at the end of the day, they created the biggest bank robbery in the history of the world.

And, for every American family, the equivalent of that 11.7 billion is over 85 thousand dollars of wealth. That’s how much was destroyed. Just gone. Used to be here just three and a half years ago. So what happens is revenues in the states go down and schools are being cut back. Local and state government, they are pointing the finger, and they are pointing the finger at you, and they are pointing the finger at me.

And these Republicans have come a long way. We used to have Republicans that worked with us. I can tell, if you go back and look at the history books, that we had a Republican president called Teddy Roosevelt and Teddy Roosevelt passed, signed a law that said corporations cannot donate directly to federal campaigns. And our Supreme Court just dumped that out. 100 years of precedent gone.

Another. Herbert Hoover screwed you pretty good, but he signed a bill called the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires prevailing rates. And we still have that law now. Republicans wanted to get rid of it. They are fighting Chula Vista, fighting in San Diego, fighting all over the state, and we are at risk here. And we are faced with a propaganda barrage which is incredible. So I don’t believe what they say about you, and I hope you don’t believe what they say about me. Okay?

You know, I don’t want to be called Governor Moonbeam anymore. I mean, yes, I kind of beam around. I don’t know how you would say it. I don’t know whether I got that because they called for a state satellite, to push California further in communications. Maybe it was
because I took Linda Ronstadt to Africa. I don’t know how I got that name, Global Travelers there, or maybe because I wanted to work for Mother Teresa in India, which I did. Because I’ve done a lot of things. And I’ve been working a long time. I’ve studied this government. I studied the politics, and I know it’s tough. I know this is really challenging. The state’s 20 billion in the hole.

But it’s pretty interesting to go back two years. The state lost 20 billion from the revenue. Not from state workers, you know, getting too much. The revenue that was there was about 102 billion and, poof, it went down to 82 million. Just like that. Who did that? That was the Wall Street hedge fund’s guys, that was the bankers, that was the AIG. All those people. And, what happened? They got bailed out. Even though we had the biggest bank robbery in the history of world, they got bailed out.

Just two weeks ago -- I can’t even believe it, but, people, I read -- it said that the 25 biggest hedge fund managers -- and a lot of people don’t even know what a hedge fund is -- but the 25 managers made, together, 25 billion. And all these banks, they are insolvent. They are making a lot of money.

Well, what about California? Are we getting bailed out? Do people get bailed out? Or just banks and AIG or corporations?

What is more important than the State of California and the City of Los Angeles and the City of Oakland, and school districts. And so there’s really an imbalance here, and it’s an imbalance of values, and, no matter what they say about the market -- and, boy, you have competition and letting people make lots of money that produces a lot.

Yes, that capitalism, it works. It’s productive. But if there are not rules, if there’s not regulations, it can be very destructive, and we have a good example of that. When the cops on the corporate beat looking into the corporate suites lets it all go, boy, they can create more damage, more damage than any bank robber, any one human being.

So what is at stake for this election are values, values. Yes, the Market, we want to attract business, we want to get companies who are healthy so they can employ people. But we also have principles. There’s a certain morality. The idea of a living wage, that’s going back at least that’s several hundred years ago, and it wasn’t an economic idea when the Pope Leo XIII said every human being -- he said every man at that point -- but every person that works who has a job is entitled to earn a living wage. And a living wage is what it takes to support a family. That’s family values. And that’s the principle we all believe in.

So, yes, you know the Market and that’s about economics, but justice is something different. It’s about values, and families are about values, and the trade union movement is about solidarity.

So we’re going to test those values in the next six months. And I believe if we stick together, if we work hard, we can trade for ourselves and for California and even the country because, if we show the way, that’s really important for the rest of country.

We know what things look good. I mean we used to have a university system who was virtually free. You could go to Cal State, go to UC, go to community colleges, didn’t have to pay very much, almost nothing. Now these -- those fees keep going up and up and up. And the wages for people going down, A lot of people not even working. So we know how to put people to work. Roosevelt put people to work. Lyndon Johnson put people to work.

It’s not that we don’t have a lot of things to do. We have plenty to do. By the way, when you have a problem, you still to have borrow money. During World War II we ran up the National debt. But we ended the Depression. We know how to put people to work. If you look out the potholes, problems that need to be done if you look at the energy that we need and I have a plan to build -- build 20,000 megawatts by 2020, and that’s tens of thousands of jobs. But you’ve got to be able to make the commitment, get the money and convince the People of California that building for the future is a hell of a lot better than stealing from it. And the people in charge have stolen from the future, not filled it.

So just blame, blame the victim. So now we’re finding out that we have a lot of kids who don’t do very well in school. And, if you look at who doesn’t do very well in school look at their parents and ask how much do their parents make? Do they have a pension, do they have health care, do they have a steady job? In many cases, they don’t. They are being crushed by this growing inequality, and what’s the answer? Increasing the economy and test, test the students, get more data, get some data on every student, put it together with what’s the teacher doing, get a national standard. Hey, they are giving more tests to 3rd graders than I had to take to become a lawyer in California. But I don’t care how many tests they have, it’s like I don’t care how many speedometers in your car, if the engine’s no good, you’re
not going to go very fast. And the engine is jobs and it’s equality and good jobs, its prevailing wages, it’s living wages.

Anyway we got a lot to do, and we’re going to be seeing each other a lot. This is a great state. Yes, we got problems, but we’ve had problems before. You know, we’ve had World War I, World War II, Depression, and we’ve had a lot of recessions since 1950, and we always come back. And it will come back, but when we’ve lost all this money because of the misdeeds of a few, we shouldn’t make the average guy and the average women pay for that. So we’re going to have to find away to equalize the sacrifice. And what I always used to say, those with the biggest belt have to tighten first. There’s just no honesty today.

Anyway, we got -- we got to have a good time here the next few months. It’s going to be stressful, and there’s going to be a lot of things said that aren’t true, but, at the end of the day, we know there’s a very powerful processes, and it’s called collective bargaining, it’s called solidarity, it’s called working for social values, social justice, living wage, the prevailing wage.

I know when it comes down to it, people don’t say who’s side is she on or pointing to her, or whose side are they on, and whose on my side, whose more likely to go out and fight for you? Somebody who already has spent more traveling in her protected private jet than I have in my entire campaign to date? I think she spent more money trying to dig up dirt on me than I’ve spent just trying to figure out when the last time she voted.

Anyway. Guys, gals, we can make it. This is going to be a winning campaign, a winning year, and let’s win.

You have the power, you have the win for the People of California.

Thank you very much.

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REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jim Beno, International Association of Machinists,
Vice President, CA Labor Federation

This is definitely an election where we need to get everybody energized and get the troops up, working in the trenches, and in the trenches means, as Willie said, we’ve got to mobilize our membership.

So one of the ways we do it, and one of the backbones of our labor movement able to get the political program done has been our Central Labor Councils.

And we’ve identified -- I think you’ve heard us talking about the last year and half that a crucial part of this election and crucial part of this state is the Central Valley of California, and we need -- we are looking at that as being the swing vote in winning back the governorship and winning back all of the ideals and the seats that we need in this legislature to move our programs forwards. And there’s three Labor councils out in the Central Valley that have been small Labor councils, I used to be the secretary/treasurer of one of them, and those Labor councils have actually come up and they have met the challenge ahead of them.

And I’m happy to announce that the three Labor councils, the San Joaquin/Calaveras Council, Stanislaus/Tuolumne Labor Council and the Merced/Mariposa Labor council joined together and created what is going to be called The North Valley Labor Federation.

Documenting the founding of the North Valley Labor Federation,

North Valley Labor Federation.

And what this is going to do in the key swing area of this state is going to allow us or give us the ability to have number one, that these councils, they’ve never had a full-time staff. They now have a full-time director that is going to be able to take our issues out to the work
place, take our issues out to the membership and be able
to mobilize our members to vote this year, and to get out
and vote, as you know, the Central Valley is probably
one of most conservative areas in the state. I believe it’s
always been leaning toward Red. But when our members
get out and vote it, leans in our direction and it leans for
our candidates and our ideals. And so, with that, with
the formation on April 1st, this month, the three Labor
councils in the area along with the largest unions in the
area -- and I have take my hat off to all of the unions that
stood up, I can’t name them all because we had over 30
different international unions that were involved in this,
the legal chapters and their local lodges within those three
labor council areas helped put this program together, and
so what we want to do today is we want to recognize the
new officers of this Labor council and have this Labor
federation, I should say, and the three Labor councils that
put this together.

So I’d like to ask you to come forward. The first secretary
treasurer or the North Valley Labor Federation, Guy
Renfrew from SEIU. The, first president of the Labor
Federations, Adam Loveall. The first vice-president, Tom
Aha. And, as we said on April 1st, they not only formed
their bylaws, elected their officers, but the first time
director of North Valley Labor Federation Marcie Bayne.

And -- and without the three Labor councils that were
involved in this, this never would have happened. And

the secretary/treasurer of the San Joaquin/Calaveras
County Labor Council, Marcie Bayne. She will have two
positions now, she’ll be able to stay on as the San Joaquin/
Calaveras CLC and also the new full-time director of the
North Valley Labor Federation.

And I want RaeLene Brown from the Stanislaus County
Labor Council to step forward.

And the southern end of the North Valley Labor
Federation, I want to recognize John Stewart, the
President of the Merced/Mariposa Labor Council.

And on April 1st we had everybody that was involved in
the signing of the first charter for this Labor Federation
got together, it’s been framed. I believe the AFL-CIO has
accepted the constitution -- improved the constitution for
the North Valley Labor Federation and this is probably the
most fitting venue to be able to present this charter to the
new North Valley Labor Federation and tell them it’s time
to go out and kick ass in the Central Valley.

Through the chair congratulations.

Just one example of the Great progress in growth of our
Labor councils across the State of California. Now, for the
record third and final presentation about this Blueprint for
Victory.

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**Blueprint for Victory Presentation**

*Allan Clarke, California School Employees Association, Vice President, CA Labor Federation*

Sisters and Brothers. This campaign is not about whether
you’re a Republican or a Democrat. This campaign is
about if you are a working class hero or middle class
champion. If you want health care, you want education,
that’s what this campaign is about. We have never
been faced with a more dangerous opponent in a race
for Governor than Meg Whitman. She’s Wall Street’s
candidate. She’s going to spend hundreds of millions of
dollars to try to buy the governor’s office. Her Wall Street
agenda would mean unprecedented cuts to school schools,
health care, the safety net program that our members
depend on more than ever, and it would be more giant tax
breaks for very wealthy and the big corporations at our
expense.

We are at a critical moment in our campaign, Sister and
Brothers. Most voters still don’t know the Wall Street
Whitman. It is up to us to inform, educate, agitate, and
mobilize so we can expose her Wall Street agenda. We

need to be her shadow everywhere she goes, spreading
her Wall Street lies. We need to be there to confront her. We need
to be there to tell the truth about her agenda and her
troubling history with sleazy corporate giants like Goldman Sachs. It
is up to us to deliver that message.

Whether Arnold came back for us in 2005 we made sure
he had no place to hide. We tracked him down at every
stop to tell the truth about his power play, to strip us see
of our voice. And we made the difference in that election,
and it’s time for us to do it again. Next week we’re going
right after Megabuck Whitman when she goes on her Wall
Street Express tour across the state with her old corporate pal Mr. Mitt Romney.

Meg and Mitt, what a team, huh?

We need to be there when Whitman and Romney hold a Beverly Hills fundraiser next Thursday. We need to be there when they come to Northern California to raise millions more in Sacramento and Redwood City next Friday. We need to be there at every stop she makes until we’ve won this campaign.

We must hunt her down and be on her like a pack of hounds on a three-legged cat, we must pick her lies clean and tell the truth.

We have five out there to give us information. We encourage you to establish some rapid response team we can mobilize on a minute’s notice to be somewhere and everywhere she shows up and her -- in her big limousine. Because we cannot let her get away with these false press conferences, these lies about her agenda.

We need to take on this privatizing union busting, Wall Street walking, corporate-backed money gruber and expose her agenda and tell the truth of her campaign.

Let’s stop this hostile takeover of California. Are you with us, Brothers and Sisters? So let’s go out and dog her like we’ve never dogged anybody before. Thank you.

Local union Blueprint for Victory
California LABOR Federation

2010 COPE Endorsements
of the PRE-PRIMARY ELECTION COPE CONVENTION
of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

San Jose, April 14, 2010

State Constitutional Offices

Governor          Jerry Brown (D)
Lieutenant Governor DUAL: Janice Hahn (D) and Gavin Newsom (D)
Attorney General  Open (D)
Secretary of State Debra Bowen (D)
Treasurer          Bill Lockyer (D)
Controller         John Chiang (D)

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Insurance Commissioner DUAL: Hector De La Torre (D) and Dave Jones (D)

Board of Equalization

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United States Senator

Barbara Boxer (D)
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## Ballot Measures

**Proposition 13**  Tax Assessment for Seismic Retrofit  
Recommend: Vote **YES**

**Proposition 14**  Top Two Primary  
Recommend: Vote **NO**

**Proposition 15**  California Fair Elections Act  
Recommend: Vote **YES**

**Proposition 16**  Two-Thirds Approval for Local Public Power  
Recommend: Vote **NO**

**Proposition 17**  Alter Auto Insurance Company Regulations  
Recommend: Vote **NO**
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA; WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010
9:23 A.M.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Good morning, delegates.
If you would please find your seats, we're
going to start in about two minutes.
Please find your seats.
(Opening Performance by Aztec dancers)
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Wonderful.
So, good morning, Sisters and Brothers. I
would like to officially call to order the 2010
pre-primary convention of the California Labor
Federation. At this time I'd like to remind everyone
that this is a private meeting, and it is not open to
the general public.
I'd also like to ask you to silence your cell
phones. In my union, IFCW, you get fined $50. It goes
to one of our charities. So, turn your phones off. We
don't want to do that.
At this time I'd like to ask Elizabeth Guzman,
who is one of the workers trying to form the union with
Local 19 right here. She's going to lead us to the
pledge in a moment.

Please rise as the color guard presents our
colors.

(Color Guard enters and presents the Flag)
(The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all)
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegates, please be seated.
Thank you to our Color Guard, Santa Clara Fire
Fighters IAFF Local 1171.
(Audience applause)
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Also, at this time, we'd like
to recognize the hotel workers who recently participated
in working out an exceptionally harrowed partnership,
leadership partnership, where it was beneficial to both
the workers and management, and it is something we can
to achieve. When we are constantly fighting,
we can't achieve anything. We need to work together
with management, whether we like it or not. And these
workers have done that, and it's been beneficial to them
as well as the hotel.
Please come forward so we can recognize your
great efforts.
(Audience applause)
PRESIDENT LEYVA: What you have done is
exceptional.
They have done such a good job, and we can
appreciate that when you have an organized work force
who is well-trained and well-compensated, they are going...
to do best for your guests and customers, they are

responsible for this conference and thank you.

I'd like to ask Rabbi Melanie Aron to join us
for our Invocation. She's going to share a special
blessing with us, and we welcome her. She's from the
Congregation of Shir Hadash in Los Gatos where she has
been a rabbi almost 20 years, and her ties go back 20
years when she was with the workers organized in
Watsonville, many of us made a trip to Watsonville. And
she is also involved in many other faith groups.

RABBI ARON: Good morning. It is pleasure to
be with you in this very auspicious occasion.
Springtime is a time for rebirth and
redemption in many religions. Christians and Jews have
recently celebrated the spring festivals of Easter and
Passover, both holidays represent redemption, spiritual
and physical, giving followers strength to face what
remains unredeemed in our world today.

Jewish tradition teaches that work is not a
punishment for disobedience, but an essential aspect of
human fulfillment. Adam was placed in the garden to
till it and to tend it. Work is not only morally
necessary, it is beneficial. A balance of work and rest
is built into our natural world, we are taught work is
giving honor to the one who does it, but, in our world
today, work is not so honored. Low wages, long hours,

and lack of health insurance are often combined with a
lack of respect. Forced to take a second or third job,
there is no balance of work and rest. Bible teaches do
not keep the wage of worker until morning, but, today,
with wage strategies, many are deprived of wages they
have honestly earned. Unfortunately, much of other
society remains unconcerned and unaware of situations of
those who build and serve our communities. Political
strategies prevent them from seeing the world around
them. They deny, it's not really happening; they
minimize, it's not so bad; they justify, the economy or
globalization require this; and they dehumanize, it's
just them and not us.

And, so, oh, God, we pray. Help us to
continue your work of redemption in our world, given us
the strength and wisdom we need to fight reframing of
the reality that prevents good people from seeing the
abuse around them, help to us win those battles
necessary to bring labor back to a place of honor and to
enable those who work to support their families in
dignity. We were made to be servants of God and not
servants of servants.

So God help us to hold our heads up in dignity
and freedom. Amen.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Rabbi.

Committee Rules Committee Report.

Delegates, we are proud to introduce Mr. Adam
Acosta.

MR. ACOSTA: Good morning, Madame Chair.

Your Redemption Committee has been meeting
since Tuesday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m. and that date a
roster delegates has been produced, and it's posted on
the wall of this meeting room.

If any delegates believe they are not included
on the list, those delegates should contact me at once
outside this door.

We will continue to post the delegate roster
throughout the day.

Madame Chair, the Redemption Committee it will
continue to meet until the close of registration at
approximately 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 14. At that
time I will present the following report of the
Credentials Committee. I move the preliminary report of
the Credentials Committee be adopted.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Adam. We have a
motion.
There is a second on the floor to approve the
preliminary credentials report.

All in favor signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed?

Motion carries.

Thank you very much.

Now, for a report on the rules, which the Chair
recognizes the Chair of the Rules Committee, Clyde
Rivers of CSCA.

MR. RIVERS: Good morning, delegates.

DELEGATES: Good morning.

MR. RIVERS: Madame Chair, your Rules Committee
met on February 23rd, 2010 in Los Angeles in conjunction
with the executive council meeting. A quorum was
present.

Rules are included in your package behind your
agenda, the Rules Committee. I recommended adoption of
these rules, and I so move.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Clyde.

They have been moved and seconded to adopt the
rules.

All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

Those opposed?

Motion carries. Thank you.

Now, it's my pleasure to welcome Cindy Chavez,
who is the leader of the South Bay Labor Council, and

that's the home counsel of this convention.

Cindy first began her career in the labor
movement back in the '90s, and in 1995 she helped create
the Working Partnerships USA and served as its executive
director.

In 1998, Cindy was elected to serve on the San
Jose City Council and was appointed vice-mayor in 2005.

Last year Cindy brought all that experience
back into the House of Labor when she came on board to
head up the Central Labor Council. I believe we are
very very fortunate to have her there, and I'd just like
to say that last summer I had the privilege of serving
on a Labor committee -- or Labor Panel with Cindy at the
UCLA Labor Center, and Cindy is truly what we need in
the labor movement. She is smart, she is tenacious and
she has a great sense of humor.

Cindy, if you could join us.

(Audience applause)

MS. CHAVEZ: Good morning.

DELEGATES: Good morning.

MS. CHAVEZ: Good morning.

DELEGATES: Good morning.

MS. CHAVEZ: It is really an honor to be
hosting you here in San Jose, especially given the great
work we're going to get done today.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge two
leaders that appear with me. And one is the head of our
Labor Council and also the leader of the United Human
Commercial Workers, Ron Lind.

(Audience applause)

MS. CHAVEZ: And also a tremendous partner for
the Labor Council and Labor leaders and that's the head

(Audience applause)

MS. CHAVEZ: We try not to let the outside
world know how well we get a long.

Right, Neil? It's bad for business --
actually, it's good for business.

Let me just say why I'm so honored that you're
here today. You know, San Jose -- for those who don't
know -- is the tenth largest city in the country. And
in this community, this county, we have about 114
languages and dialects spoken. We have had -- the City
of San Jose was the first largest city in the country to
be a majority of no single ethnicity, and, yet, this
region remains one of the safest places in the nation to
live, to work, to play.
We have more patents that come out of this county than any other county in the country. Now, here is our opportunity, and this is why

I'm so honored to be with all of you today. The opportunity is that hearing all of these economists talk about how we are on the rebound, that the economy is getting better and the reality of a jobless recovery is astounding. Because how can the economy be getting better if the people aren't back to work? It's an oxymoron, right?

And the opportunity we have today is to do with the House of LABOR one of things we do best, which is come together and endorse Labor champions. Not merely people who come to us and say, I know you've all heard this, my father worked on a railroad, my mother was a teacher, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. Because what we want to know is what does it mean for you to be a working family champion?

And what -- our endorsement process when we confer our endorsement, we are conferring the dreams and the hopes and the money and time away from family for Labor, families. We are conferring one of our highest honors, and our expectations should be no less. So what is our opportunity today? It is to do something that's actually rather sacred. People think politics is a dirty thing? I, for one, do not. I -- and I know many of you believe this as well.

But this is our opportunity to be -- continue to raise the bar for people who choose to come before us and to demand, not request, once they get into office that they do what we ask them to do. Because when they ask for endorsement, they are asking for commitment from us, that will last, we hope, their whole time in office.

So here's what I'm hoping for today:

That as we choose Labor leaders or community leaders who want to run for office and they felt bold enough to come to ask for our endorsement, that they are bold enough to get our name out there, that they are bold enough to govern on behalf of working families, that when people tell us there are people of integrity and values, that that integrity and values is not waivered when someone is barking at them, telling them to do something else. And, when we leave this room, as united as we can be, that the message that we give people is that you must do more. That it is not enough to simply wear our badge, you must carry our flag.

And, so, for that reason, I am enormously honored to have you in San Jose. We like to scare our elected officials. Having been a recovering one, I can tell you that it works. And it's really an honor to have each and every one of you here today, and I'm excited for that work. And I want to close with saying this about Connie and Art: I have now been back in the labor movement full time for 365 days -- literally counts literally almost to the day. Right?

And -- and the help and support that I received from the State Federation of Labor and other Labor councils across the state, that really reminded me that there is great hope and great optimism in terms of the kind of change we can make based on the kind of leadership we have in the statewide labor movement.

So thank you for coming today, and come back, and spend money.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you so much Cindy.

Tim, can you roll the video, please.

(A video played of Stephen Colbert)

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Yes, that's pretty good. So the video you saw about our ridiculously bad governor would be a laughing matter if it were not so bad. However, after six long years, we finally get to say goodbye this year.

(Audience applause)

PRESIDENT LEYVA: I remember many years ago when Arnold threw his hat in the ring, and I knew the
day that he announced that we were in trouble because, unfortunately, people in the State of California think that if you are famous or you have some notoriety, you somehow know how to lead and you somehow know how to govern.

Well, I think we've all found out that it's not true. Many of us -- most of us in this room knew that. I know I've had many members who have said to me wow, you guys were right about him. Yes, we were. And as I was listing some of the atrocities that he has committed against workers, I was really actually, believe it not, how long the list was. So I'm just going to highlight a few of the things for you that this governor had done while he's been in office.

He furloughed State workers three days a month, which reduced pay by up to 15 percent. He administratively slashed permanent disability benefits to injured workers by 50 percent, which has affected every single one of our injured workers in this room.

He vetoed increased penalties on employers who intentionally misclassify workers as independent contractors.

He vetoed a bill to track offshoring of state contracts.

He vetoed a bill to give farm workers the same right to join a union without employer intimidation that public employees have.

He tried to take away meal breaks and the eight-hour day as part of the budget deal.

And he pushed for pension privatization.

And so those are just a few of the really onerous things that he has done or tried to do to working families. So we couldn't be happier to say good-bye to the governor.

However, believe it or not, we have an even scarier proposition on the Republican ticket. Meg Whitman, who is 10 times, 20 times, 100 times worse, you will hear more about her today. But if we thought Arnold was a bad proposition for our state, we certainly know that Meg Whitman is even worse, and you'll know more about that when you leave today.

Burt, today, as Cindy said, we have a real opportunity, we have an opportunity to come together as Labor and make a difference. Many times in Labor we're a little bit divided, maybe we're not all on the same page. But today we're going to come together and we're going to take the endorsements or the recommendations of the State Fed Executive Board, and we're going to turn those into endorsements. And then, when we leave here today, we're going to start tomorrow working to get these elected officials or potential elected officials elected.

And we're going to do what Cindy said, we're going to hold their feet to the fire. She's absolutely right. It is not good enough to say, oh, my mom and dad worked in the grocery store or worked in the rail station. You know what, that's great. But did they impact any of those values on to you? Do you know what it is to be part of the labor movement? And do you have what it takes -- do you have what it takes to not just take our check and not just use our feet on the streets to get you elected, but do you have what it takes to take the hard votes for Labor? So we're going to elect these people, and then we are going to do what we need to do by holding their feet to the fire.

So I'd like to recognize a couple of unions right now that aren't waiting until tomorrow that have already started to get the business done here in California.

CSCA, they are doing extensive training of their members. The Camp Obama-style training, they are doing that. They have trained 300 leaders so far. Their goal is to train 1500 by May. And, when I was talking to their president, Alan Clark, he tells me that...
most -- the vast majority are Union members that are
being trained. And this is a model that they will use
for politics and for organizing.

(Audience applause)

PRESIDENT LEYVA: So I applaud you for all the
work that you're doing, CSCA.

(Audience applause)

PRESIDENT LEYVA: I would also like to
recognize my own union, the UFCW and the great job they
are doing on our statewide voter registration drive. We
are three weeks into the drive and statewide we have
registered a little over 5000 new members to vote.

(Audience applause)

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Our goal is 8,000. If we
keep at the pace, we think we may have 12,000 new
members registered by the end of this month.

And, you know, like I told our Executive Board, when we register somebody to vote that is powerful for
us because we can talk to a member and they say yes, I
agree with you, I agree with you, I'll vote that way:
Oh, yes, I'm not registered to vote... So if we don't
register them to vote, they can't help us and help
themselves in November.

So, like we decided at my local many years ago, there no down years. But this is especially not a down
year. We have a lot of work to do, but I am confident
what we can do what we need to do for the labor movement
and all our members.

So thank you all for taking the time to be here
today, and let's have a great convention.

(Audience applause)

PRESIDENT LEYVA: At this time the Chair would
like to recognize the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, the
hardest working man in California in my opinion, Art
Pulaski.

MR. PULASKI: Thank you, kindly. Good morning.

DELEGATES: Good morning.

MR. PULASKI: Well, it's great to be in San
Jose, and it's good to see you here.

As you know, that about 3.5 miles from here lie
the partial ruins of a once mighty digital empire known
as EBay. Meg Whitman joined EBay when it's
revolutionary strategy of on-line auctioning was about
to take off. By the time she quit, its high speed
growth had slowed down to a whispering and painful limp.

Google and Amazon had eaten its lunch. EBay has not
recovered from a number of colossal mistakes that she
engaged in when she was there as the CEO. But, you know
Meg Whitman did fine. She walked away with the money.

Now Ms. Whitman is looking for something else
to do. She wants to be CEO of California and run it
just the same way as she ran EBay. Now, each one of us
in this hall represents the proud achievements of our
members and our movement. Our members have devoted
their lives to building California into the world class
Goldman Sachs in the run up period of time that the largest financial catastrophe happened in our -- since the Great Depression. That's right, Wall Street Meg Whitman. She made millions at Goldman Sachs. On shady deals that have since been declared illegal by Congress, but she got in under the wire and get -- and got out with all of her money.

Then, you know, she got fired from the Board of Directors of Goldman Sachs. Now, I ask you, how shady does a person have to be to be fired from the shadiest firm on Wall Street.

(Audience applause)

MR. PULASKI: Now she's running for governor for one reason and one reason only, to do Wall Street's bidding in California. When the notorious anti-union ABC was looking for a keynote speaker at their conference intending to take away prevailing wage and project Labor agreements, who did they call on? Wall Street Meg Whitman.

When the chamber of commerce needed a candidate to push worker take-aways in California in the private sector by fighting to take away our daily overtime pay and meal break periods, who did they call on? Wall Street Whitman.

When the insurance giants needed a spokesman to help fight against implementation and winning of health care reform, who did they call on? Wall Street Whitman. That's right. Wall Street Whitman.

And if you think Arnold Schwarzenegger is bad news for California, just wait to see what she's got in store for your members. Never before has there ever been a more pure, corporate candidate in the history of governor races in California. Arnold Schwarzenegger -- there's a big difference. There's a big difference between these two.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, he furloughed workers. She promised to fire them. Arnold Schwarzenegger tried to reduce our overtime pay and our meal break protections. She will abolish them.

Arnold Schwarzenegger reduced disabled home care and kid care. She will dismantle it. Every one of our workers is going to be impacted by this woman if she ever gets into office.

What else has she promised to do if she is elected governor? She's promised next year to slash 40,000 more jobs in California, state workers. That makes a lot of sense in a recession, doesn't it?

Meg Whitman's ideas make Arnold Schwarzenegger's slash and burn agenda look like a backward cook-out. She said she would be -- she would cause the greatest turn ever in education. She would cause the deepest slashes in public safety. And the worse reversals of the environment and cuts that would bury the working class in perpetual recession.

When it comes to jobs, how callous can she really be? Her three-part plan is eliminate, outsource and downsize. Three and a half miles from here, at that corporate headquarters, she cut 10 percent of her work force, a thousand workers, without a blink of an eye, without any remorse or any apologies.

She outsourced 40 percent of their workers offshore. And now she says she's a huge fan of H1-B Visas for foreign workers to bring foreign workers in here so she can pay them low wages and kill more of our jobs. This is Meg Whitman.

Her plan for taxes is this: Eliminate capital gains. Eliminate capital gains. More tax breaks for the rich. You know what the LA Times column said about that, it said: Meg's plan for that would be a boon -- would be a boon for multi millionaires and billionaires like Meg, but a graveyard for schools, universities and for the safety net for our people who are out of work.

With every new detail we learn about her plans
for California her intentions become much more clear, 
Meg Whitman is running for governor to corporatize our 
economy. Who benefits from that? The hedge 
fund-investing, corporate jet-flying, Golden 
Sachs-loving buddies of Meg Whitman herself. 
And what do you call it -- think about this 
what do you call it when an individual spends 200 

million dollars to win shareholder votes to take over a 
corporation that they otherwise never had any interest 
in whatsoever? A hostile takeover. 
Meg Whitman, who hardly ever even bothered to 
vote in California elections in the past, is plotting 
her hostile takeover of California. Just when big 
corporations -- just like when big corporations chop up 
and sell companies, those mass layoffs will mean more 
profits for CEOs. This may be hard to believe, but it 
gets worse than that. 
Whitman said she would do to California what 
she did to EBay. That must mean drive it to the brink 
of destruction through a lethal combination of CEO greed 
and not-so-good management skills. 

And what do you call it when an individual spends 200 

Here's what the LA Times said when she left 

EBay -- and I want to read this to you: 
LA Times, 
"Under Ms. Whitman, EBay was mired in slow 
down of growth, buyers had fled, and it had 
been compromised by forgeries, disreputable 
sellers and unpredictable buying experience. 
Others have said it is the largest fencing 
operation in the world." 
And the company stock lost two thirds of -- of 
its value. And when EBay fell on hard times, Whitman 

took off like a modern CEO bandit, and ran with the 
dough. 
There are other colossal failures which I don't 
have time to get into, and -- that litter her resume, 
including FTD florists, some day we'll talk about that. 
The bottom line, the wake she leaves behind her 
is not just frightening. It's downright dangerous. 
Imagine the path of destruction this women could leave 
behind her if she was CEO of the eighth largest economy 
in the world. Her strategy to get there now is very 
simple: Spend a lot of money and engage in the union 
bashing that she has been doing since day one of her 
campaign. Just listen to her. She tells the reporters 
that union, that union members are the problem in the 
California economy. She is so brazen that she has 
already threatened us to take out her checkbook and 
write a check for an issue that would silence the voice 
of workers in California politics just like what 
happened in Prop 226 but that failed under Arnold 
Schwarzenegger. 
And here's the reality: If she were governor, 
unlike Arnold Schwarzenegger who didn't put the bang 
behind the buck in terms of his anti-union activities, 
she could simply take out a checkbook, write a check for 
25 million dollars to go after killing our members'

voice in politics. 
Meg Whitman, we've got news for you: It's 
because of people like you that workers need unions. 
Maybe you've never had a deal with unions before at 
Goldman Sachs, FTD, or EBay. But I guarantee you this, 
you're going to have to deal with all of us in this 
election. 

(Audience applause) 
MR. PULASKI: That's because our union members 
and families are going to stand up. We are going to get 

out. Because we're tired of corporate hostile takeovers 
and the greedy bastards who treat our state like their 
own personal cash machine and then cut and run.
The megabucks stops right here today.

(Audience applause)

MR. PULASKI: Now, in this election we don't have a choice, we have an imperative. Jerry Brown spent a lifetime fighting for working families. Let's go through it a little bit. When he was governor, he signed landmark laws to protect workers' rights. He stood up for farm workers, the ALRB, gave farm workers the right to organize and collective bargaining for the first time in California history. Did you know that?

(Audience applause)

MR. PULASKI: Under Jerry Brown, state workers and local public employees were given the right to organize and collectively bargain for the first time in California history. Today, well more -- well more than a million and a half workers have the right to collectively bargain for better wages, for decent benefits, and for worker protection, because of Jerry Brown. Jerry Brown has done more to build the middle class than any governor in the history of California. He knows something about creating jobs. While Meg Whitman is an unpertinent job slasher. Jerry Brown is a record job creator.

When he was governor, he built 1.9 million jobs for California workers, and they were decent-paying jobs that took care of families. He backed us on prevailing wage. He supported pay equity for women. He increased unemployment benefits for those people who are out of a job and improved workers' comp benefits for those who were injured by their job. He won lawsuits on behalf of exploited construction workers and car wash workers in LA. He sued large corporations for violating workers' rights. Jerry Brown's life in public service has been about fighting for a fair deal, not a CEO deal.

(Audience applause)

MR. PULASKI: Not the wealthy corporations, not the wealthy and privileged. Jerry Brown fights now for a new generation of prosperity and a new chapter in California history. A chapter in which everybody has a safe work place, a healthy environment and a better life.

Jerry Brown fights to restore for us the California that we all once knew and he once led. A California unsurpassed in its quality of life. A California that works for working people. He is fighting, he is fighting for a new life, a better future for all of our families. And now, it's time to fight for him.

This election is about putting people back to work. It's about rewarding people who make California work. It's about making California work for its workers again. This election is about change. This election is about saving California. This election is about protecting our jobs and protecting our families and the future of our kids, our loved ones, our protections.

This election is about justice. This time, this election, it's time to kick some butt, and it's time to start with the CEOs that rip us off.

Let's get on with it, and let's kick some ass.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: The Chair would once again like to recognize Executive Secretary-Treasurer Art Pulaski for our first endorsement.

MR. PULASKI: I'll walk slowly to the mic.

Madame Chair, Brothers and Sisters, on behalf of the executive council, on behalf of all of our unions, on behalf of all of our members, on behalf of working people in the State of California, I move the endorsement of Jerry Brown for governor.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Do we have a motion and second on the floor?

The Chair recognizes Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Good morning, Ron Lind, UFCW Local 5.

I'm rallying to support the motion. You know, back when I was a young college student in 1974 I worked on my first political campaign. I was attracted by energy and progressive values of a candidate named Jerry Brown. And I worked in that governor's campaign, and yesterday, when I had the opportunity to listen to Jerry at the executive council meeting, I realized this is still the same Jerry Brown that excited me as a college student 36 years ago. He's got a little bit less hair, and he's no longer dating my favorite female recording artist, but he's still the man who has the energy he had in 1974. He still has no -- those progressive values. He's still has the same Labor champion that Cindy and I talked about. He's still the person that brought justice to farm workers and state workers and other workers back in the 1970s, but now in addition to all those progressive values, he brings the knowledge and experience of 36 years of public service to the table. There is no more qualified person to be the governor of California than Jerry Brown. He has the skills --

(Audience applause)

DELEGATE: He has the skills, he has the tools not only to support our agenda and the agenda of working families, but to make it happen. He will move our agenda in Sacramento. He knows how to do it. And we know he will make it happen. So I urge the delegates not only to support the motion to endorse Jerry Brown, but to bring everything that we can muster, every bit of energy, every last dollar, whatever it takes to help elect Jerry Brown as the next governor of California.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.

Delegates at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Good morning, brothers and sisters. My name is Doug Moore, and I'm the executive director of United Domestic Workers of America representing over 65 thousand home support workers in eleven counties, and I strongly rise in support of endorsement of Jerry Brown. Before Jerry Brown was governor, public sector workers in California had no right to bargain contracts. Teachers, school, university, and state -- state workers and local workers were denied one of the most fundamental rights, and that is the right to bargain a contract and to have a better and brighter future.

Jerry Brown changed all that. He signed the education employment relations act which gave teachers and other school employees collective bargaining rights. He extended collective bargaining rights to state and local governments. He signed a first of a kind law to give farm workers the right to join unions.

He will be the People's governor, unlike the present governor or his opponent in November. These accomplishments don't just tell us what Jerry did, they tell us a little something about who he is. He values union and the contributions that they make. He's committed to rebuilding the middle class by supporting collective bargaining rights for every single worker in the state. He will be there when we need him, and he will stand with us when the going gets tough. And we will stand with him when the going gets tough for him as well.

So I ask you, brothers and sisters, and I strongly urge you to support the endorsement of Jerry Brown. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegates.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Rose Ann Demoro, I'm executive director of the California nurses association, and the nurses stand in solid support of Jerry Brown.
Well, first of all, brothers and sisters, this is not because we don't have a choice. Jerry Brown is our perfect candidate. A humanist actually in the governor's office is what we have needed for so long. I mean I look around this room, this room should be triple in size. It should be filled with a lot more people like me, not because I'm a woman, but a radical. But what's happened is that our homes and our dreams and our expectations have become so low, our heyday in California was under the governorship of the 00032
Jerry Brown. And we've declined so significantly. We can trust this man. He's like family to us. I think if we are ever going to have hope again, I mean there's so much going on California could be a model for this country. We have the model governor. We have a great labor movement. We have somebody who believes in what we believe in. I just urge, and the nurses urge -- seeing suffering that's going on every day in the California's hospitals, seeing pain and suffering of people losing their job and not having health insurance, we need someone who is actually a humanist, and a humanist who will stand for working people and patients, for everyone.

So the nurses urge with heart and soul that we get out there, we work, that we activate our activism like we never have before, change ourselves into machines that just work nonstop until this election. We cannot take Meg Whitman. We cannot take Meg Whitman. And I mean and we're going to make -- the nurses are out on the street protesting Meg Whitman already. We ask that you join us, and we ask that you heart and soul join us in support of Jerry Brown.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame President.

I represent California Schools Labor. We represent 213 thousand school employees throughout the state. Before Jerry Brown, we went to the table and it was called meet and bang. He had gave us the right to have -- to negotiate contracts. Every classified employee in this state owes Jerry Brown every vacation day, every holiday, every decent wage, every bit of health care we receive, every right we have negotiated and been able to enforce over the years since he was the governor last time, we owe to Jerry Brown.

He's a man who puts his money where his mouth is. He supports Labor. He has been a friend of us, he'll be a friend of us again, and we stand in support of Jerry Brown, our next governor of California.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1?

DELEGATE: Brothers and Sisters, I'm Shelly I'm with the Central California labor council and State Federation of Labor, proudly so.

As for getting these signs, I want you to just notice -- oh, I can't say anything, can I?

PRESIDENT LEYVA: I'm sorry.

DELEGATE: So, because we have get out there and do the work we need to do, I call the question.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: The question has been called. Do we have a second?

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: All those in favor of calling the question signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: "Aye".

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed?

Motion carries.

Now, we will vote on the motion to --

DELEGATE: I move to endorse Jerry Brown.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and a second on the floor for Jerry Brown for Governor.
All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion carried.

Great job, very good.

The Chair recognizes the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, Members of the executive council, Brothers and Sisters, Delegates and Friends, here is Jerry Brown.

(Video plays regarding Jerry Brown)

MR. PULASKI: Or he is going to be here. Let's just see.

(Audience applause)

MR. PULASKI: Brothers and sisters, Jerry Brown's record is unsurpassed. He took care of the unemployed. He fought for better workers' compensation.

He prosecuted the bad boy corporations that hurt our members. He signed landmark law to give teachers the right to organize, that gave state employees the right to organize, that gave local worker the right to bargain, that gave farm workers the right to bargain, fought for prevailing wage, 1.9 million -- million jobs.

He'll fight for us, and we'll fight for him.

Brothers and sisters please welcome the next governor for the State of California, Jerry Brown.

(Audience applause)

AG JERRY BROWN: Hey, thank you, very much. We really appreciate this.

We're in a big battle and when I say "we," yes, I'm in a battle. But so are you. And so are the working families in California. And what do they say the big problem is? It's collective bargaining. It's the trade union movement. It's state employees, state workers. They caused it, this problem.

Well, there's a big problem all right. About half a million Californians have lost their homes in foreclosures. Almost 2,000,000 Californians have their home underwater. It's worth less than they paid for it.

And that just within a couple years.

By the way, did the fight -- firefighters cause that? Did the teachers cause that? Did the in home health care workers, did they cause that? No. I mean what happened here? And this is what's amazing.

Because the propaganda, I mean the propaganda is pretty powerful. You watch that guy Beck, that's kind of the essence of the other side's cause. And Beck tells us on Fox in your -- if you are in Church or synagogue and you hear the preacher talk about social justice, you know he's a communist, okay, you leave, get up and leave.

That's what they are thinking social justice, is kind of the end.

Well, we know what happened. Some folks on Wall Street got pretty smart, and, since we only have policemen patrolling the beats instead of policeman patrolling the corporate suites, they got away with it.

Sure, they got away with it. You know what? It was -- it was the stealing. The destruction of 11.7 trillion dollars of wealth in America. That's what happened.

This is what these banks, these investment banks -- it's hard to figure out what the hell, who the hell it was, but they figured it out, and, at the end of the day, they created the biggest bank robbery in the history of the world.

And, for every American family, the equivalent of that 11.7 billion is over 85 thousand dollars of wealth. That's how much was destroyed. Just gone.

Used to be here just three and a half years ago. So what happens is revenues in the states go down and schools are being cut back. Local and state government, they are pointing the finger, and they are pointing the finger at you, and they are pointing the finger at me.

And these Republicans have come a long way. We used to have Republicans that worked with us. I can...
tell, if you go back and look at the history books, that we had a Republican president called Teddy Roosevelt and Teddy Roosevelt passed, signed a law that said corporations cannot donate directly to federal campaigns. And our Supreme Court just dumped that out. 100 years of precedent gone. Another. Herbert Hoover screwed you pretty good, but he signed a bill called the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires prevailing rates. And we still have that law now. Republicans wanted to get rid of it. They are fighting Chula Vista, fighting in San Diego, fighting all over the state, and we are at risk here. And we are faced with a propaganda barrage which is incredible. So I don't believe what they say about you, and I hope you don't believe what they say about me. Okay?

You know, I don't want to be called Governor Moonbeam anymore. I mean, yes, I kind of beam around. I don't know how you would say it. I don't know whether I got that because they called for a state satellite, Bush California further hand in communications. Maybe it was because I took Linda Ronstadt to Africa. I don't know how I got that name, Global Travelers there, or maybe because I wanted to work for Mother Teresa in India, which I did. Because I've done a lot of things. And I've been working a long time. I've studied this government. I studied the politics, and I know it's tough. I know this is really challenging. The state's 20 billion in the hole. But it's pretty interesting to go back two years. The state lost 20 billion from the revenue. Not from state workers, you know, getting too much. The revenue that was there was about 102 billion and, poof, it went down to 82 million. Just like that. Who did that? That was the Wall Street hedge fund's guys, that was the bankers, that was the AIG. All those people.

And, what happened? They got bailed out. Even though we had the biggest bank robbery in the history of world, they got bailed out. Just two weeks ago -- I can't even believe it, but, people, I read -- it said that the 25 biggest hedge fund managers -- and a lot of people don't even know what a hedge fund is -- but the 25 managers made, together, 25 billion. And all these banks, they are insolvent. They are making a lot of money. Well, what about California? Are we getting bailed out? Do people get bailed out? Or just banks and AIG or corporations?

What is more important than the State of California and the City of Los Angeles and the City of Oakland, and school districts. And so there's really an imbalance here, and it's an imbalance of values, and, no matter what they say about the market -- and, boy, you have competition and letting people make lots of money that produces a lot.

Yes, that capitalism, it works. It's productive. But if there are not rules, if there's not regulations, it can be very destructive, and we have a good example of that. When the cops on the corporate beat looking into the corporate suites lets it all go, boy, they can create more damage, more damage than any bank robber, any one human being.

So what is at stake for this election are values, values. Yes, the Market, we want to attract business, we want to get companies who are healthy so they can employ people. But we also have principles.

There's a certain morality. The idea of a living wage, that's going back at least that's several hundred years ago, and it wasn't an economic idea when the Pope Leo XIII said every human being -- he said every man at that point -- but every person that works who has a job is entitled to earn a living wage. And a living wage is what it takes to support a family. That's family
values. And that's the principle we all believe in.

(Audience applause)

So, yes, you know the Market and that's about economics, but justice is something different. It's about values, and families are about values, and the trade union movement is about solidarity.

So we're going to test those values in the next six months. And I believe if we stick together, if we work hard, we can trade for ourselves and for California and even the country because, if we show the way, that's really important for the rest of country.

We know what things look good. I mean we used to have a university system who was virtually free. You could go to Cal State, go to UC, go to community colleges, didn't have to pay very much, almost nothing. Now these -- those fees keep going up and up and up. And the wages for people going down. A lot of people not even working. So we know how to put people to work.

It's not that we don't have a lot of things to do. We have plenty to do. By the way, when you have a problem, you still have to borrow money. During World War II we ran up the National debt. But we ended the Depression. We know how to put people to work. If you look out the potholes, problems that need to be done if you look at the energy that we need and I have a plan to build -- build 20,000 megawatts by 2020, and that's tens of thousands of jobs. But you've got to be able to make the commitment, get the money and convince the People of California that building for the future is a hell of a lot better than stealing from it. And the people in charge have stolen from the future, not filled it.

So just blame, blame the victim. So now we're finding out that we have a lot of kids who don't do very well in school. And, if you look at who doesn't do very well in school look at their parents and ask how much do their parents make? Do they have a pension, do they have health care, do they have a steady job? In many cases, they don't. They are being crushed by this growing inequality, and what's the answer? Increasing the economy and test, test the students, get more data, get same data on every student, put it together with what's the teacher doing, get a national standard. Hey, they are giving more tests to 3rd graders than I had to take to become a lawyer in California. But I don't care how many tests they have, it's like I don't care how many speedometers in your car, if the engine's no good, you're not going to go very fast. And the engine is jobs and it's equality and good jobs, its prevailing wages, it's living wages.

(Audience applause)

Anyway we got a lot to do, and we're going to be seeing each other a lot. This is a great state. Yes, we got problems, but we've had problems before. You know, we've had World War I, World War II, Depression, and we've had a lot of recessions since 1950, and we always come back. And it will come back, but when we've lost all this money because of the misdeeds of a few, we shouldn't make the average guy and the average women pay for that. So we're going to have to find away to equalize the sacrifice. And what I always used to say, those with the biggest belt have to tighten first. There's just no honesty today.

(Audience applause)

Anyway, we got -- we got to have a good time here the next few months. It's going to be stressful, and there's going to be a lot of things said that aren't true, but, at the end of the day, we know there's a very powerful processes, and it's called collective bargaining, it's called solidarity, it's called working for social values, social justice, living wage, the prevailing wage.

I know when it comes down to it, people don't
say who's side is she on or pointing to her, or whose side are they on, and whose on my side, whose more likely to go out and fight for you? Somebody who already has spent more traveling in her protected private jet than I have in my entire campaign to date? I think she spent more money trying to dig up dirt on me than I've spent just trying to figure out when the last time she voted.

Anyway. Guys, gals, we can make it. This is going to be a winning campaign, a winning year, and let's sign. You have the power, you have the win for the People of California.

Thank you very much.

(Audience applause)

MR. PULASKI: Brothers and Sisters, so I hope that helped us understand that there's a clear choice in this election. And if that wasn't clear, we're going to give you about 10 seconds of other information about the opposition. Let's roll the cameras.

(Video playing regarding Jon Stewart Show)

(Audience applause)

MR. PULASKI: Thank you. Jon Stewart always grants us enlightenment.

My 21-year-old-son, by the way, said he doesn't watch news, the only news he watches is Jon Stewart. I said that's great, fine with me.

(PowerPoint presentation Blueprint for Victory)

We hope that you take it with you, and we're going to give you a little something on your seats, and it's called The Local Union Blueprint for Victory.

We hope that you take it with you, and we're going to give you a little presentation about it today. There are several components. In order to win this election because we're facing the 200 million dollar CEO, woman, we have to have the most intensive and the most comprehensive Labor political program that state Labor has ever had before and this lays it out. There are actually four primary components, more comprehensive than we have ever done in terms of how we're going to engage in the election process. We'd like to bring to your attention our blueprint, particularly of the four lines of phases, the top one and the bottom one. And they are outlined in green. We have outlined in green those elements that are particularly -- those elements that we need and hope that local unions will engage in. We're going to do a little bit of a brief walk-through with portions of this program now starting with the top.

And you'll notice on the top left-hand corner in that green box are about six items of check-offs that we ask every local union to do with your members, and, if we do this all together we will win this November.

And, first, I'd like to introduce -- to give you the first portion of the briefing on this, Brother from AFSCME, the state director of AFSCME State Council, Willie Pelote, Willie Pelote.

Good morning to all brothers and sisters in the room. Good morning. And what we'd like to do, everyone in the back of the room as well as the people in the front kind of quiet down and take notice because we don't want one working family to leave here without this information. We don't want one of you to leave here and say you've never heard this before. You will need this in order to make sure that working families prevail in the upcoming election to elect the next governor for the State of California, Jerry Brown.

(Audience applause)

MR. PELOTE: Thank you, Mr. Pulaski.

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secretary/treasurer is directly working with the leadership. Here it is.

We're going to build the largest army that the labor movement have ever seen in the State of California for the 2010 election cycle, and we are going to be ready to do battle against Wall Street, and, in particular, against Wall Street Whitman.

How do we do that? We do it together. Collectively. We're going to mobilize 18,000 members of our collective unions to do what? Walk precincts, make phone calls, number two.

Are we going to do that together?

DELEGATES: Yes.

MR. PELOTE: The goal here is not to turn off 50, 60 percent of your work, it's a simple one percent, ladies and gentlemen. One percent of your workers. If you are a union with 100 members, that's simply asking you to turn one activist. If you are a union with 1,000 members, we're asking you to turn 10 activists. Now is that what you need to do?

I need some feedback. At my age I need to hear it.

(Audience applause)

MR. PELOTE: That is easy to do, and, if all of us here as delegates turn out, we are a long ways down the road of completing the tasks. That your vice-president under the leadership of executive secretary/treasurer, and the president are asking us to do, am I not right?

DELEGATES: Yes.

MR. PELOTE: And, Brothers and Sisters, in the next two months especially we will talk to our members where is the most sacred place our members want to hear from us?

DELEGATES: In the worksite.

MR. PELOTE: In the worksite.

You're going to be given a lot of material to move into the worksite that help educate, mobilize and turn out our members that we have just talked about a few minutes ago. And, what do people do in the worksite is tell our members the truth. Our candidate has a Labor record. The other candidate has a Wall Street record, and, when our members hear the truth, they will make the right decision to vote for our candidate so we -- as working families -- can up lift our families again and be proud of the work that we do, take California into the recovery.

(Audience applause)

MR. PELOTE: The other issue on this first round to develop the material points, the California Labor Federation already have one hundred thousand copies here today for you to take back home. Don't leave them in your briefcase, the trunk of your car. Move it into the worksite. 100,000 copies of the first round of material will be available for each delegate today to take home with you and start the program working. It is now, not later, that we need to go to work.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: (Inaudible)

MR. PELOTE: And this material will be -- we're here --

Well, thank you, Brother.

You're always available, and then you come back and acknowledge that your brother said something that made you feel good.

But this material will be make absolutely clear what's at stake, who stands with us and who stands against us. What we've got to do is educated our Brothers and Sisters about it. And then there is something equally important, equally as important as moving this material into the worksite. US leaders and leaders from your union who are not here have an opportunity to resonate with your brothers and sisters in a way that they want to be resonated with, and that's
a letter from each of your leaders into the rank and
file members as to what you want them to do, how you
want them to do it and what's at stake.

We will provide you with the sample letter.

Does that sound easy for you?

DELEGATES: Yes.

MR. PELOTE: All you have to do is modify it to
make it look like CFG, AFG, SEIU, AIM, and all you've
got to do is modify. We're making your task easy, and
we want you to get the job done. It is that critical to
us.

Let's not look back on November the 3rd and say
if we had done such and such...

Let me tell you, as one of front-line troops,
we cannot fail to take back our state, our legislature,
put the majority rule in place based on the (inaudible)
in this country, and let freedom reign from the working
men and women in the State of California, that every
child will have an education, health care from the
ground up.

I say to you, we can make this a great state in
the union.

(Audience Applause)

MR. PULASKI: You have something, just wait for
Jim Beno.

So -- I lost my notes. But the next thing
is -- the next thing is, as Willie just said, a core
element of this whole statewide program is the ground
operation, the ground troops. And please be sure that
you coordinate with the essential central Labor councils
across State of California.

The next one we're going to talk about, we have
a special presentation concerning one aspect, one
example of Labor council's Vice-president Jim Beno from
the machinists union is going to give that you
presentation. Jim Beno.

(Audience applause)

MR. BENO: Thanks, Art.

Damn, Willie, where do we go? Hard act to
follow.

But Willie can get the troops worked up and,

you know, this is definitely an election where we need
to get everybody energized and get the troops up,
working in the trenches, and in the trenches means, as
Willie said, we've got to mobilize our membership.

So one of the ways we do it, and one of the
backbones of the -- of our labor movement able to get
the political program done has been our Central Labor
Council.

And we've identified -- I think you've heard us
talking about the last year and half that a crucial part
of this election and crucial part of this state is the
Central Valley of California, and we need -- we are
looking at that as being the swing vote in winning back
the governorship and winning back all of the ideals
and the seats that we need in this legislature to move
our programs forwards. And there's three Labor councils
out in the Central Valley that have been small Labor
councils, I used to be the secretary/treasurer of one of
them, and those Labor councils have actually come up and
they have met the challenge ahead of them.

And I'm happy to announce that the three Labor
councils, the San Joaquin/Calaveras Council,
Stanislaus/Tuolomne Labor Council and the
Merced/Mariposa labor council joined together and
created what is going to be called The North Valley
Labor Federation.

(Audience applause)

MR. BENO: And what this is going to do in the
key swing area of this state is going to allow us or
give us the ability to have number one, that these
councils, they've never had a full-time staff. They now
have a full-time director that is going to be able to
take our issues out to the work place, take our issues
out to the membership and be able to mobilize our
members to vote this year, and to get out and vote,
as you know, the Central Valley is probably one of most
conservative areas in the state. I believe it’s always
been leaning toward Red. But when our members get out
and vote, it leans in our direction and it leans for our
candidates and our ideals. And so, with that, with the
formation on April 1st, this month, the -- the Labor --
the three Labor councils in the area along with the
largest unions in the area -- and I have to put -- take
my hat off to all of the unions that stood up, I can’t
name them all because we had over 30 different unit --
international unions that were involved in this, the
legal chapters and their local lodges within those three
labor council areas helped put this program together,
and so what we want to do today is we want to recognize
the new officers of this Labor council and have this
Labor federation, I should say, and the three Labor
councils that put this together.
So I’d like to ask you to come forward. The
first secretary treasurer of the Nevada or the North
Valley Labor Federations, Guy Renfrew from SEIU. The,
first president of the Labor Federations on Adam Loveall
The first vice-president, Tom Aha.
And, as we said on April 1st, they not only
formed their bylaws, elected their officers, but the
first time director of North Valley Labor Federation
Marcie Bayne.
And -- and without the three Labor councils
that were involved in this, this never would have
happened. And the secretary/treasurer of the San
Joaquin/Calaveras Family Labor Council, Marcie Bayne.
She will have two positions now, she’ll be able to stay
on as the San Joaquin/Calaveras S/T and also the new
time director of the North Valley Labor Federation.
And I want RaeLene Brown from the Stanislaus
County Labor Council to step forward.
(Audience applause)
MR. BEN: And the southern end of the North
Valley Labor Federation, I want to recognize John
Stewart, the President of the Merced/Mariposa Labor
council.
(Audience applause)
MR. BEN: And on April 1st we had everybody
that was involved in the signing of the first charter
for this Labor Federation got together, it’s been framed
I believe the AFCIO has accepted the constitution --
 improved the constitution for the North Valley Labor
Federation and this is probably the most fitting venue
to be able to present this charter to the new North
Valley Labor Federation and tell them it’s time to go
out and kick ass in the Central Valley.
(Audience applause)
MR. BEN: Through the chair congratulations.
Just one example of the Great progress in growth of our
Labor councils across the State of California.
Now, for the record third and final
presentation about this Blueprint for Victory. If you
move down the blueprint to the bottom portion.
Can we still put the blueprint up on the wall
there? The bottom portion of it that talks about how we
engage in and earn media campaign, we want to talk a
little bit about that. So to give that presentation is
Allan Clark.
The president of the California School
Employees Association, Allan Clark.
MR. CLARK: Sisters and Brothers. This
campaign is not about whether you’re a Republican or a
Democrat. This campaign is about if you are a working
class hero or middle class champion. If you want health
care, you want education, that’s what this campaign is
about. We have never been faced with a more dangerous
opponent in a race for Governor than Meg Whitman. She’s
Wall Street’s candidate. She’s going to spend hundreds
of millions of dollars to try to buy the governor
office. Her Wall Street agenda would mean unprecedented
cuts to school schools, health care, the safety net
program that our members depend on more than ever, and
it would be more giant tax breaks for very wealthy and
the big corporations at our expense.

We are at a critical moment in our campaign,
Sister and Brothers. Most voters still don’t know the
Wall Street Whitman. It is up to us to inform, educate,
agitate, mobilize so we can expose her Wall Street
agenda. We need to be her shadow everywhere she goes,
spreading her Wall Street lies. We need to be there to
confront her. We need to be there to tell the truth
about her agenda and her troubling history with sleazy
corporate giants like Goldman Sachs. It is up to us to
deliver that message.

Whether Arnold came back for us in 2005 we made
sure he had no place to hide. We tracked him down at
every stop to tell the truth about his power play, to
strip us see of our voice. And we made the difference
in that election, and it's time for us to do it again.
Next week we're going right after Megabuck Whitman when
she goes on her Wall Street Express tour across the
state with her old corporate pal Mr. Mitt Romney.
Meg and Mitt, what a team, huh?
We need to be there when Whitman and Romney
hold a Beverly Hills fundraiser next Thursday. We need
to be there when they come to Northern California to
raise millions more in Sacramento and Redwood City next
Friday. We need to be there at every stop she makes
until we’ve won this campaign.
We must hunt her down and be on her like a pack
of hounds on a three-legged cat, we must pick her lies
clean and tell the truth.

(Audience applause)

MR. CLARK: We have five out there to give us
information. We encourage you to establish some rapid
response team we can mobilize on a minute's notice to be
somewhere and everywhere she shows up and her -- in her
big limousine. Because we cannot get -- let her get
away with these false press conferences, these lies
about her agenda.
We need to take on this privatizing union
busting, Wall Street walking, corporate-backed
moneygrubber and expose her agenda and tell the truth of
her campaign.
Let's stop this hostile takeover of California.
Are you with us, Brothers and Sisters?
DELEGATES: Yes.
MR. CLARK: Are you with us, Brothers and
Sisters?
DELEGATES: Yes.
MR. CLARK: So let's go out and dog her like
we've never dogged anybody before.
Thank you.
MR. PULASKI: Now, we're moving here.
All right. Thank you, Allan Clark, California
School Employees Association.
Now, we're not done yet because we want to talk
to you about a couple of other aspects as examples of
Labor's statewide campaign on this election. And you've
heard Allan talk about shadowing Meg Whitman everywhere
she goes.
We put the flyer up on the screen a minute ago,
everybody had a copy of it. You can make more copies of
it. Because we have some actions coming up right after
this election on Thursday April 22nd in Los Angeles,
we're going to dog her there. On Friday April 23rd in
Sacramento, we're going to dog her there.
DELEGATES: Yes.
MR. PULASKI: On Friday April 23rd in Redwood
City, we're going to dog there.
We're going to tell the truth about Meg
Whitman, call her out. This is where we start next
week. We hope you call your members and call these actions. Because it's just a start of a mobilization campaign to follow her everywhere.

Now, we are not done yet. While we expose her, the campaign will continue to go on line so that every union member across the state can get involved in this campaign. We're going to give you an exclusive look right now.

Oh, yes, it worked, there it is. This is our soon-to-be-launched website on Wall Street Whitman. This is Labor's website, and it's going to be a great resource for anybody who is interested in Meg Whitman's record and her plans for California. As you can see, we're going to feature information about Meg Whitman on the issues. We're going to have a meeting, briefing book on line on her. We're going to feature stories about her attack against workers and her Wall Street ties.

This is going to be interactive, and it's going to be linked to our social networking sites so that everybody, no matter who you are, can get involved in this campaign to stop Meg Whitman. We launched this site next Thursday, and we update every week so you can go back to it, go back to it sometimes more often than every week so you can get the latest Labor information about Meg Whitman by just getting on line.

So please make a note of this website because this should be one of your great resources for the way we follow her, the way we dog her, the way we inform people about her, the way we call her out, that we get information about our members. So please follow that site.

Now, we're not done yet. Let me ask you a personal question. How many people here tweet? This is a very personal question.

How many people tweet in the privacy of your own bedroom?

Here's the deal. I just -- actually, I just tweeted from here to my Blackberry to this convention. The problem is the Twitter system is down today. I guess is it still down. That means yes or no?

Yes, oh, look at that. It came.

Okay. So this is -- this is the tweet that I just sent while Jim Beno was talking. So this is an example of how this went through the air. This didn't go across the room, this went on the air. Twitter system went down couple of hours this morning, Meg Whitman must have been temporary CEO, but how many people follow Twitter? Well, we're going to encourage you to follow to Twitter later on because it is the latest social interaction process where you can communicate with your followers, I've got around 250 followers, I don't know why they are following me. Whenever I tweet, they see it, and I guess it's RT, which means it's re-tweeted by Federation, sends it out to all our tweetees, if you will. I don't know if it's the right terminology, but there are people who receive tweets, but here's the deal, you can talk to all these people who want to tell you with short messages what's going on. Get the action, Meg's coming to town, here's the latest on Meg.

So we encourage you to do that. Is there a way to figure out how to do that? We have a way to do that. It's in the packet. In the packet it will tell you how to get involved in Twitter and also we have a training program I think we're going to make available to you. Go to Rebecca Breenberg at our office of InfoCalaborFed.org and help you set it up so you can tweet to your friends in public without embarrassment.

So, thank you very much.

Madame Chair.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, all of our speakers.

At this time the chair Would like to recognize
the chair of the Credentials Committee, Adam Acosta to
deliver the final report.

MR. ACOSTA: Madame President, your Credentials Report committee has been meeting since yesterday at 4:00 p.m. and an updated final roster of delegates has been produced, and it's posted on the wall down below. Madame President, I move that the roster of the Credentials Committee adopted. I'd also like to also thank the members of the committee. I move the Credentials Committee be discharged.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you.

We have a motion and a second on the floor. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed?

Motion carries.

Thank you. We are going to shortly move into the recommendations, and chair recognizes executive secretary/treasurer Art Pulaski for those endorsements.

MR. PULASKI: Chairman Leyva, Council Members,

Brothers and Sisters, we are about to begin the endorsement process to bring to your attention in your packet. The endorsement materials which you will need to have to follow along with us. Does everybody have a copy of your endorsement materials? The cover says "Renewing California's Promise 2010 Endorsement."

A little background on this: We are about to endorse about 190 candidates for office and ballot measures across the state. The background on this is that it's a very detailed process that gets us to this point. The executive council of the federation met for the past two days near San Jose to review for consideration for you to make recommendations first it's question of statewide candidates for office and ballot measures.

We interviewed all of the candidates for statewide office who responded to our invite and who gave us a questionnaire. We were joined by a committee of union representatives led by Ron Lind from USFRW in San Jose, which we called the COPE Advisory Committee. They met with us in those interviews, and caucused and came back and through those interviews they made a recommendation to the executive council for endorsement for statewide elected officers. We now then reviewed that and made those recommendations or similar recommendations by action of the executive council to you. In terms of state legislative races and state congressional seats, we have a detailed process where, first, it goes to Central Labor councils of legislative congressional office. They have candidate questionnaires, they interviewed the candidates, they vote to recommend to our executive council the endorsement procedures for each one of those races, the executive council over the past few days reviewed those recommendations and in most cases passed them onto you.

There are a couple of cases where there may be exceptions to that, and I want to inform you of that now. The cover letter explains this in more detail. In the following instance there are recommendation for assembly senate, for congress made by the executive council without the consideration of a local labor council recommendation and there are one of three possible ways that happens.

First, we didn't receive a recommendation for office in a particular party by the local Central labor council jurisdiction of that legislative district, or, secondly, no recommendation was received for the office by one or more of the labor councils that may share jurisdiction of a legislative district.

Finally, there may have been a failure of labor councils who share a jurisdiction of legislative district who coordinated and came up with the same recommendations. In those cases, it automatically
becomes deferred to the executive council. Otherwise, the executive councils, in order to reject a recommendation by a labor council, must vote by two-thirds to overturn the recommendation of that particular labor council.

So, where you find an asterisk, a single asterisk, it is that the executive council had to take action because of failure by the labor council to agree or take an action.

Where you see a double asterisk -- and I think there is one of those on your thing -- it is because the executive council overruled, by a two-thirds majority vote, the recommendation of the labor council and came up with a different recommendation, and we have that there for your information.

A couple of other notes. First, a recommendation of open means that it applies to all candidates of that particular party who have currently filed on the ballot. An open endorsement means they are all acceptable.

Note, please, that as a pre-primary convention, we actually endorse in both parties because they are, in fact, two separate elections, Republicans vote for the Republican, Democrats vote for the Democrat at the polls on primary election day.

And so we actually make recommendations, and I think only the one case have we actually recommended a Republican, and we'll see that in a short time.

It is important to say in the legal sense that the recommendations and decisions we make today are the only recommendations and decisions we make for those candidates, meaning that no other candidate in that party or any other party can consider themselves being endorsed. It is only those listed, and -- as we vote for them now.

And, unless there are any questions, Madame Chair, we'll begin the process.

So, as we begin, we will start with -- on page 2, the California State Assembly. We will go to Senate, we will go to Congress.

We will do these in bulk order as though they were a consent agenda. In other words, we don't have the time to stop and vote on each one. We will go through all of the Assembly, we will vote on all of the Assembly at once unless you have a disagreement; in which case you are encouraged to take to the mic and simply ask when we get to that particular race or that particular districts that we set it aside.

And, so, that means that we will put it aside, go on with all the other seats in that particular -- in the Assembly, vote on those as a whole, as a consent item, and then come back to any that have been set aside for any reasons.

If you question or disagree or oppose, we will take them up individually and vote on them individually after debate.

Does that make sense? So we're going to go through everything unless you -- you stand as we get to that particular district, ask the Chairwoman's attention, identify your name and organization and simply say please set aside district blankety-blank, and that will be set aside for later debate and discussion.

If there are no questions, we will proceed. So we'll start slowly, and then we'll go faster.

In District 1, State Assembly, the recommendation is for Wes Chesbro, Democrat. And implied no endorsement for any other candidate of any other party, and I so move.

We are not taking action on it yet. This is just an example. We're going slowly at first. We're going to move on and continue doing them unless I stand up, as I speak, when I get to that district, to have them set aside.
Item two, no endorsement.
Item three, District 3, Mickey Harrington, Democrat.
District 4 --
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegate at mic No. 1, state your name and organization please.
DELEGATE: Chris Stanpolis, Labor 3 and 4 Laborers, I'd like to set aside Assembly District 3, please.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.
MR. PULASKI: District 4, Dennis Campanale.
District 5, Richard Pan.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegate at mic No. 1.
DELEGATE: Madame Chair, Mike Kyle, Engineers Local Union No. 3. We ask that you set aside AD 5.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you.
MR. PULASKI: So AD 3 and 5 have been set aside.
District 6, Jerry Huffman, Democrat.
District 7, Michael Allen, Democrat.
8, Mariko Yamada, Democrat.
We're going to go faster and faster, assuming people stop us.
No. 9, Roger Dikinson, Democrat.
Alyson Hubert --
DELEGATE: 10. Jim Gordon, Communication Workers of America, 421 --
PRESIDENT LEYVA: I didn't have a chance to recognize you.
Can I have a chance to recognize you?
DELEGATE: Oh, I apologize.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: The quiet delegate at mic No. 1.
DELEGATE: May I have 10 set aside, please?
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Yes, thank you.
MR. PULASKI: Only if you behave.
District 11, Suzanne Bonilla.
District 12, Fiona Ma.
District 13, Tony Ammiano.
District 14, Nancy Skinner.
District 15, Joan Buchanan.
District 16, Sandré Swanson.
District 17, Cathleen Galgiani.
District 18 --
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegate at Mic No. 1.
DELEGATE: If you had called District 18, Sharon Cornu, Alameda Labor Council, please set aside District 18.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Sharon.
MR. PULASKI: 18 is set aside.
19, Jerry Hill.
20, Bob Wieckowski.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: State your name and organization for the record.
DELEGATE: Chris Stanpolis, Laborers Union 304.
Request set aside AD 20.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you.
DELEGATE: Thank you.
MR. PULASKI: Okay.
We're going to start going faster for time purposes, not to inhibit democracy.
21, Gordon.
22, Fong.
23, Campos.
24, Beall.
25, No endorsement.
26, No endorsement.
27, Monning.
28, Alejo.
29, Esswein.
30, Fran Florez.
Onward, 31, Perea.
32, no endorsement.
33, Zacarias.
Now we're going to go even faster. Ready?

41 through 50: Brownley, Feurer -- No. 43, is footnoted, you see a note at the bottom. That will be action taken at a later time, the recommendation.

-- Portantino, Cedillo, Perez, no endorsement, Davis, Eng, and Lara.

Hearing none.

51 through 60: Bradford, Hall, Kario, Lowenthal, Furutani, Mendoza, Hernandez, Calderon, and Darcel Woods.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegate at Mic No. 1.


We'd like to Hold 52.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

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MR. PULASKI: We're at 60, no endorsement.

60 through 70: No endorsement, Torres, Carter, Wickman, Medina, open.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

Michael Bilbrey California School Employees Association. Set aside AD 65.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.

MR. PULASKI: No endorsement, 66.

67, no endorsement.

68, Phu Nguyen.

Solorio.

70 through 80.

Fox, no endorsement, no again, Jones, Crawford, no endorsement, Atkins, Hanson, Block, Hueso, and Perez.

I would move with the exceptions of districts 3, 5, 10, 18, 20, 52, and 65 the endorsement of those candidates as listed with no endorsement for any other candidates of any other party.

So move.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and second on the floor.

Seeing no one anyone at the mics, no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "aye".

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DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion carries, thank you.

MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, Assembly District 3, I move the endorsement of Mickey Harrington, Democrat.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and a second on the floor to endorse Mickey Harrington.

The chair recognizes Delegates at Mic No. 1:

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame President.

Chris Stanpolis with the Laborers Union Local 304. This is a challenging one for us to pull. We have great respect for the fine work that Brother Harrington has done in his portion of the state on behalf of Labor and on behalf of all progressives, and we certainly have no question as to his loyalty to the labor movement.

Having said that, earlier in the day we talked quite a bit here at your podium about how it's not just simply supporting candidates that we believe in, but it's also about candidates who can win, and it's only by actually installing good people in Sacramento and in other places that we move the labor movement forward.

In this case we have a candidate who's also running, Christine Billeci, who is elected city councilman, City of Marysville and has been elected several times.
This is the first time there's been contested primary against Mr. Harrington who carried the progressive in 2008 and also 2006 and, unfortunately, was defeated by a -- you know, in a rather significant fashion in both 2006 in November and in 2008. There's no question that we -- the incumbent Republican who is there is no friend of labor, has only 20 percent voting record, and is likely to be difficult to unseat this fall. The reason that we pull this and wish to share with the body the laborers union, both Local 185, which covers that area and both statewide endorse Christina Billeci, has to do with the fact that Christina has been a warrior for prevailing wage in her role as an elected official for the City of Marysville as well as her other activity. In 2012, it is likely that the incumbent Assembly member will be running for state senate after the lines are drawn and that seat will then be open. If Christina receives a dual endorsement today, we're sending a strong message to her that we recognize that she's been a good elected official over her past more than nine years serving us in public office. She will continue to already be a council member in 2012 if she runs again, then for what will be an open seat we will have built a strong relationship with CLF.

I know this is somewhat of a parliamentary process somehow voting down the motion that's on the floor for sole endorsement for Mr. Harrington, but I ask that we unfortunately vote down the motion for a sole endorsement for a third primary effort in this race, but also provide a motion endorsement when we honor the work when someone is doing what we need them to do, honor them.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegate, is there a delegate at Mic No. 2?

Okay. Delegate at Mic No. 1, please.

DELEGATE: Madame President, my name is Bill Camp I'm the executive secretary of the Sacramento Central Labor Council, I rise to support the endorsement recommendation of the executive board. I'm the one who went to Mickey the first time and said, Mickey, I need you to run, this is going to be a tougher district, but we got to have a Democrat there. Nobody else was stepping up, neither this lady been on the City Council who is a fine person, but nobody else. Giving the Republicans a free ride, Mickey believed in the labor movement and stood up for every working man and women in this hall saying we have to put the pressure to force these Republicans to spend their money in this district.

Now, we're not denying that this is not a nice person, but we need to honor on your own. We need to remember it was the AFL CIO that went to the members of this Hall and said we want you to run for office, we want you to stand up for working people, and Mickey did what the AFL CIO asked him to do.

And I challenge everybody in this room, if you believe in solidarity, then you vote for Mickey Harrington in this recommendation.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

Madame Chair, my name is Hunter Stern. I'm with IBEW 1245. Mickey Harrington is a member of IBEW 1245, he has been -- he's retired, he's been paying nonworking dues. He's been a member for over 30 years in good standing. Brother Harrington did in fact run as Brother Camp just described, and he ran in a very Red
district without -- with long odds of success. He ran
because he does believe both in the Democratic
principles of that Democratic party, also in the labor
movement. He's been chair of the Local CLC in this
area, and Brother Harrington, most importantly to us,
will, if elected, act on Labor's behalf.

It is difficult to see in a -- in a stridently
Republican arena how we can rely on another candidate,
and because Brother Harrington's name has been on the
ballot, this will be the third time. He is a better
choice to represent our views.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
Delegate at Mic No. 2.

My name is Patrick Mace, I am the secretary
treasurer of Butte Glenn Labor Council, and I am
standing in support of Mickey Harrington's endorsement.
I have known Mickey quite a while; I've
supported him through both of his election campaigns.
He's actually been an active union member for over 50
years. He's been a shop steward, he's been on executive
councils for labor organizations that he belongs to,
he's been IBEW member. We need to support him because
he's one of our own, and he's been one of our own.
So, Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.

Seeing no more delegates, would the maker of
the motion like to make a final comment?

MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair and Delegates, we've
gone through a process on this, we've had a long
discussion about this question, and, the fact is, that
this is a safe Republican seat. The other fact is that
this is the primary. And if another candidate who's not
endorsed by us today prevails in the primary, we have a
chance at the convention that we're holding in July, the
endorsement convention for November election to endorse
the prevailing candidate coming out of that primary to
run against that Republican in that safe Republican
seat.

I'm going to ask Mickey Harrington, who's in
the room with us as a delegate, to please stand up.

(Audience applause)

MR. PULASKI: He's been a delegate in the
California Labor Federation, he's been a head of labor
council ever since I've been a part of the California
Labor Federation. Mickey Harrington has
consistently fought the battle for us up there in the
Hinterlands of the Republican territory. Year after
year, campaign after campaign, he's been a candidate now
for at least two or three cycles of campaign. He's in
it again for this primary.

We should support our Brother, our leader, our
friend, our candidate, Mickey Harrington as the
endorsement for the primary, I so move.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you.

We have a motion and a second on the floor for
a single endorsement for Mickey Harrington.
All those in favor signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed?

Motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: It required two-thirds vote and
that sure sounds like one to me. Thank you.

Congratulations, Brother Harrington.
District Assembly District 5 endorsement,

Richard Pan, Democrat.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Do we have a second?
Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Madame Chair, Mark Cheley, Operating
Engineers Local No. 3.

I'd like to suggest that we vote down this
recommendation and instead go for dual endorsement of
the current recommendation and also Larry Miles who's a
Democrat running in this district. Operating Engineers
Local 3, and other sister Local 39 both endorsed Larry
Miles. He's been a friend of labor, he's been good to us, he's been good to other unions in the area, and he deserves our support. I'd like to make that recommendation and ask folks to vote this down.

In that case, I'd like to make the motion to have a dual endorsement.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Madame Chair, my name is Bill Camp. I'm executive secretary of Sacramento Central Labor Council. We've discussed this endorsement at long length, and we've invited operating engineers to affiliate with our labor council every month for the last three years, and they refused.

And we have opened up our endorsement process and said, come in and sit in on the endorsement, which they accepted. And we were delighted that they came and participated in the endorsement process, and we thought it was important that they give us support in the sense of solidarity with this labor council. And we will encourage Local 3 to come in and affiliate again because that solidarity builds the strength of the labor movement. It's not refusing. It's just we like it when they came in, they participated.

Now, here's the problem about Larry Miles. Larry Miles is endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce. Larry Miles gets the majority of his money from used car dealers and new car dealers. In fact, Larry represents car dealers. He's a lawyer. And he represents car dealers in stopping these, quote, consumer complaints. Larry Miles proposed in writing that we should eliminate 2 percent of the 6 percent of the state sales tax.

How many people think the State of California could survive a one-third cut in the sales tax? That's going to be jobs for operators that he's going to take away. It's going to be jobs for every single union in this hall that he's proposing to sacrifice. Of course the car dealers like the idea of Larry proposing to eliminate one-third of the sales tax on their cars.

Now, Larry is a nice guy. I've known him since 1978. He's not a dishonest human being, he's a good lawyer for used car dealers. I don't think that's a contradiction.

So let's talk about Richard Pan. When we had Proposition 2, Richard Pan was a chair of the Sacramento/El Dorado Medical Association. And we went to him and said we need the doctors to come out and support Labor on this health care bills. And he said he'll be glad to. He went out and spoke in support of the general elected caucus.

I know it sounds bizarre, but I was elected chair of the United labor movement, in the business community, and I knew Richard Pan, and I found him to be the head of the most important community in the United labor movement, he took on all those business people as a doctor, as a pediatrician, as someone who's now joined the labor movement in the Doctors Union. I believe he's affiliated with that. So he's a union member. Unfortunately, the lawyer's union didn't affiliate with the AFL-C. I'm sorry about that.

But, the point is, Richard believes in the labor movement. He is a fighter for the labor movement. He is the most aggressive committed person. I was just at his kick-off for his campaign. So Richard is one of us. Richard will be a voice for working men and women. We'll walk for him, we'll phone for him, we are there for him, we'll send letters for him. Richard will be the warrior for this Federation, and I ask for an aye vote for recommendation.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Thank you. Jim Gordon, Communications Workers of America, 9421. I live in the
next representative there if we get out and work our butts off. This is an open seat. Thank God we’re losing Roger Niello. And Richard Pan is doing all the right kind of things. We endorse Richard Pan 100 percent. We interviewed both candidates. The labor council did as well. We based our recommendation on the basis of a response to our questions, our questionnaire, and so on and so forth. Richard Pan has the capacity to win this seat. The opponents on the Republican side in the fall is likely to be a guy named Andrew Pugno. He was the author of Proposition 8. This is going to be a tough race because the radical right wing is going to be out there trying to fight the Prop 8 fight all over again. And this guy is their champion. Richard Pan can win. He’s got the money, he’s ripe on the issues, and I urge your support of his sole endorsement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Elizabeth Pataki, CNA.

I’m a nurse, I know my patients. I know my doctor, and I know what’s needed to keep people healthy and to support health care. Doctor Pan is an amazing man. For those who may not know him, he has dedicated his life to serving the community through his parks, he is a man of tremendous dedication and he will work hard for all of you. He is the gentleman who will not support the Chamber of Commerce, he will supported the people of his district. I strongly urge that you support him for District 5. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: SEIU-UHW.

I rise to ask the delegates to strongly endorse Richard Pan for Assembly. Doctor Pan is a Brother. As Camp said, he has been working for universal health care for a long time and what message would that send if we did not support a candidate that supports health care. Because all of us in this room supports universal health care in one shape or form. And, so, I really urge everybody to endorse Richard Pan. Thanks.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

The chair recognizes the maker of the motion.

MR. PULASKI: Chair, delegates, District 5, I think it’s become clear to us that there has been in this process, by the labor council there, a thorough discussion, a thorough evaluation, a thorough vetting, a thorough discussion by our executive council in view of their recommendation, it seems a little doubt.

I would urge a yes vote on the recommendation.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and a second before you for a single endorsement for Richard Pan. All those in favor signify by saying “aye”.

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: All those opposed.

DELEGATES: No.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: Moving on to District 10, Alyson Huber, Democrat, and I move for the endorsement of Alyson Huber, Democrat. and I move for the endorsement of Alyson Huber, Democrat.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor. Discussion?

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame chair. Jim Gordon, Communications Workers of America, Local 9421. I rise to oppose the endorsement of Alyson Huber. She’s the incumbent assembly member from this district. I want to quote our earlier speakers, both Cindy Chavez and Madame Chair yourself when you said --
DELEGATE: Well, when we say things, they come back to us.

We need to hold these electives accountable, hold their feet to the fire.

Alyson Huber barely votes a 70 percent voting, I think it may be 72 -- I looked at the book -- on labor issues, if you throw in -- not labor issues, but consumer issues, which I care very much about, and all of you should care too. It's even worse. However, in 2008 the money spent in the 10th Assembly District for votes was about 1.3 million dollars on behalf of Huber. Over 1 million of those dollars came from your union treasuries and COPE funds. A million bucks to get a bare 70 percent voting record on labor issues is a bad investment.

This assembly member does not deserve to be endorsed by this body at this point. We should not reward mediocrity. In fact, it's hardly mediocrity. I ask you to vote no on the recommendation to endorse Huber and then support a motion of no endorsement in the 10th Assembly District. We need to start sending the message or our words fall on deaf ears.

PRESENTER LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair. Tom Aja, Operating Engineers Local 3.

I rise in support of the recommendation of Alyson Huber. My good friend and good Brother Jim Gordon for Communications of America I respect a lot of what he says even just right now. But what I want him to also remember and I want this entire delegation to remember the district which Alyson Huber is working and doing her -- her damnedest to support and represent us, is loaded with poison oakers and rattlesnakes and at times you can't tell the difference. I was aware of the money and the time and all of the energy that we devoted in her election. I was there. 70 percent -- 72 percent, it's not the best. But I know Jack Sieglock. I do not know what other issues Brother Gordon has, but let's get together with Alyson Huber and fix those issues. But I do know this about Jack Sieglock. When he was on the city council of Lodi, he made a motion and tried to push the charter -- any initiative in that city for the sole purpose of eliminating prevailing wage provisions on Public Works jobs. If not for the hard work of operating engineers and other trades we may have had another city in the ranks of charter cities that screw their workers.

Jack Sieglock lost by 484 votes in 2008, and he thinks that direct is his, and he's back again. To not endorse Alyson is to embolden Jack Sieglock and give him the false impression that he has a chance at winning that seat. We cannot do that here today, Brothers and Sisters.

We must endorse Alyson Huber.

Thank you very much.

PRESENTER LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Tom Rankin of the California Machinists, and I call for the question.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESENTER LEYVA: The question has been called for, and there is a second.

All the those in favor of calling the question signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESENTER LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion carries.

Would the maker of the motion like to say a final word?

MR. PULASKI: Thank you, Madame Chair, Delegates.

This is one of the lesser perfect Democrats in
the legislature, there's no question about that. We have heard some testimony about why that may be. The fact is this: That the labor council, after reviewing this, made a recommendation to us. The executive council, after reviewing their recommendation talked about and makes a recommendation to you. The motion is to support Alyson Huber's re-election and endorsement. The reality is she hasn't been great, but, let me tell you a little bit of background on this because we did get reports about her under performance as a legislature, and we sat down and read her the riot act and we threatened her. We said you better be careful because you're not going to get an endorsement, you're not going to get our support after that. After that, I must say, her record improved. She became more accessible and she became more open. So we see some level of improvement and I think that's what these labor council were saying here, that's it's worth it for us to invest, keep building her up in a tough district because she has improved. I think that's an important consideration.

I vote a yes vote to support her.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: The motion and second on the floor. All those in favor of supporting Alyson Huber for Assembly District 10 signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those oppose.

DELEGATE: No.

MR. PULASKI: The moment of personal privilege Madame Chair, this is the second time Jim Gordon has crossed the chairwoman. I think next time she's probably going to turn off his mic.

All those in favor say "aye" -- no.

UNKNOWN DELEGATES: Aye, aye.

(Laughter)

MR. PULASKI: Assembly District 18. The recommendation is no endorsement.

And I move no endorsement.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor.

DELEGATE: Sister President I'm Sharon Cornu with the Alameda Labor Council, and I have explanation for our actions here.

I have written my remarks, so, when I'm misquoted, I know what I actually said. Our council was silent on a recommendation in this seat, fully expecting the state fed to put the unopposed previously endorsed democratic incumbent back on the endorsed list. However, the executive council took it a step further and put "no recommendation" before you.

This is not the 10th district. You should know that union voters are nearly 18 percent of the 18th Assembly District, which gave us leaders like Johan Klehs and Bill Lockyer in years past. It's a district in which we've elected CWA and the active retirees as well as active CTA to fill county seats. 18 is a district where we have the right to expect just as strong a labor vote as we get in the 16 where we thank the statewide labor community from San Diego to Sacramento for standing with SandrÈ Swanson when he stood with us. We are grappling with accountability in our high union density democratic districts. Many representatives have taken a back vote. We have a candidate for attorney general from our county whose actions are organizing rights tarnished a promising career, and we've refused to sweep it under the rug. Like other labor councils, we held painful discussions with our delegation after the 2009 court tax breaks. We took accountability actions on these issues uniformly with all the members of our delegation who strayed.

Our actions now in the 18th are for different
reasons. There are two or three people in this room who are directly responsible for the election of this assemblymember who won by 1,012 votes. We poured a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into that race. It was the right thing to do, and I have never questions that our candidate was the better choice for workers and the for the district than the opponent, and, in fact, his conduct since that election has only strengthened our conviction.

But we have a problem in the 18th. We have an incumbent in which it would be a 110 percent labor district who's voting with us 50 percent of the time in committee. We have an incumbent who represents that our counsel has endorsed legislation when we have not, including on key issues like meal breaks and rest periods. We have an incumbent who picks and chooses which union issues to support and has invented a set of obstacles for procuring this support. Our council's job is to elect them and hold them accountable, not to write supporter-opposed letters on each and every labor bill that goes before the legislature, not for the 18th district.

Our executive committee had lengthy discussions about this endorsement and specifically about the phrase that we use, that they've been good for me. That they've been good for me and my members.

That doesn't cut it. It doesn't build a labor movement, and it doesn't guarantee that the next time it won't be you're union that's not getting the support your members deserve.

There's no doubt in my mind that this incumbent will the reelection. But having this discussion now places a marker for future discussion when we're facing State Senate or Congressional entities. It's important that we do this accountability consistently and with principle. I'm satisfied with our actions can be judged by our members' highest standards and meet their expectation for fairness. In fact, our council advised both affiliated and unaffiliated unions of this issue today. Whether this body maintains the no recommendation position, stays silent, or, at this time, chooses to endorse this incumbent, that action's overview. We've made our point. We've put the marker in the permanent record. We've said we won't roll over and take it.

I believe several of our local leaders wanted to address this as well. Thank you.

(Audience applause)

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Thank you. I'm Doug Jones. I'm a member and a group organizer or SEIU health care workers west, and I speak out in favor of the labor putting forward an endorsement for Assembly Member Mary Hayashi.

And, in doing so, you'd be joining the SEIU state council, California Teachers Association, California Nurses Association, California State Building Trades, California Professional Firefighters and many many other parts of the labor movement.

From the standpoint of her representation in the 18th Assembly District, that's what's gained her these endorsements on behalf of our members and, as you can see, many other members in the 18th Assembly District, she's come in hard in supporting our issues. And her voting record on budget issues has been as decent as we can consider anybody that's in a leadership position in the Assembly caucus, so we strongly urge Mary Hayashi for the 18th.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

Chris Stanpolis, Local 304, and I join with our colleagues who have spoken in favor of endorsing Mary Hayashi and therefore requesting a no vote on the motion.
for no endorsement.

Mary has been one of the most accessible
legislators in Alameda County during her first term.
She has been a fighter for prevailing wage issues, she's
gotten on the phone calling local officials when we've
had difficulties with very small local boards
overlooking the paying of proper wages, and we're very
glad that the issues at the labor council have been
resolved, and I join with the Executive Director Cornu
and our colleagues in asking that you down this motion
and then to vote endorsement for Mary Hayashi.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
Maker of the motions, would you like to say a
final word?
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: If I may.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: You may, Delegate at Mic No.
1.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: The labor council was silent
on this and remains silent as to the actual action the
previous speaker made and an inaccurate comment.
Thank you.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you for the
clarification.
MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, Delegates, I
appreciate what Sharon Cornu had to say representing the
labor council. It was very comprehensive. We got
portions of that report. The executive council of the
Federation actually set the society and had something of
a long discussion about it too. Where we ended up was
that we acknowledge and support the spirit of the
efforts of the labor council there, and -- in
withholding the support for Alyson Huber -- beg your
pardon, for Mary Hayashi.

Now, another word about this: As Sharon Cornu
said in Alameda County that's where we should expect 100
percent or 110 percenters. There's no reason why they
can't do that for us. This is the primary election.
She will survive the primary election. We’ll have an
opportunity to reconsider whether we support her or not
for the general election.
I urge that now we vote a yes vote to support
the efforts of the labor council to hold this candidate
more accountable than she has been. Urge a yes vote.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the
floor for no endorsement for Assembly District 18:
All those in favor signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed?
DELEGATES: Nay.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carries.
MR. PULASKI: Next, District 20. I move the
endorsement of Bob Wieckowski, Democrat.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: There is a motion and the
second on the floor for Assembly District 20.
Discussion.

Delegate at Mic No. 1:
DELEGATE: Thank you very much as we move
finish our Bay Area discussions here.
Chris Stanpolis Laborer 304 Labor Union. You
know, we’ve heard from several folks tonight who says --
today who says we need to hold our elected officials
accountable and that we simply can't say, well, somebody
is good for us, and, if they are not good for someone
else, let's let it fly.
In this case, this endorsement is not you know
this person is good for us, but this person might be
good for us. I can tell you as a representative of the
laborers union in Alameda County and in solidarity for
our Brothers, the carpenters union as well that this Mr.
Wieckowski unfortunately has unfortunately shown no
courage and no leadership and in his role as a city
council member and for the city of Fremont. The city of
Fremont has one of the highest percentage of nonunion
work going out to construction of any jurisdiction of
the 55 public agencies in Alameda County.

We keep a large chart of all the jobs as you
can imagine it's hundreds and hundreds. When you sort
it by jurisdiction you can tell pretty quick a blue
stripe is a union signatory and a yellow stripe is a
nonunion, gigantic squads of nonunion for the city of
Fremont. We approached Mr. Wieckowski several times,
had several meetings with him provided him numerous
opportunities to step up to actually bring forward a
meeting. All we asked for was a meeting between him and
the Public Works director or a meeting between him and
the city manager. As of this past week the message back
from Bob was: Chris, I promised I’d get back to you by
Thursday, I’m getting back to you but I need to let you
know that the meeting we had with the city manager
unfortunately they had to cancel and they said they
can't find any time for me in the next nine days.

He's the city council member. He's supposed to
be the boss. And what he consistently tells us, you
know, we really don't have any money for enforcement.
You know, our city attorney, he says that it's really
tough, maybe somebody might be sued.

If you can't lead at the local level when
you're a city council member, how can with expect that
you're going to at the tough votes and not vote the way
we want, but not lead as an assembly member.

So I make a motion per Steve Rules for the
convention, Item 14, you're going to take the motion
Item 14 at that time. I'm on the motion out on the
floor --

PRESIDENT LEYVA: You're out of order. You
cannot speak and then make a motion. You have to stand
and make a motion first.

So you can't make a speech and then make a
motion. Okay.

DELEGATE: Okay.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you.

DELEGATE: Then I urge a no vote for the motion
that's on the floor.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

Doug Jones for United Health care Workers West.

I speak in support of the original
recommendation by Labor Fed to endorse Bob Wieckowski in
this race. This is a council member who has marched on
multiple picket line lines for private employers, not
just for health care workers in this city and region,
but for other locals in the area. In addition, he is
facing a very very significant primary challenge against
a candidate who's currently on the Ohlone College Board
of Trustees who has a media rapport record there, does
not have a history of being a labor supporter at all,
and, in addition, it's my understanding was a Republican
up until fairly recent years.

So this is an important challenge that Bob
Wieckowski is facing, and it would be important for him
to receive a labor fed endorsement.

So I speak in favor of the endorsement of Bob
Wieckowski.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Sister President.

This is Sharon Cornu, Alameda labor council.

There's a time for accountability and there's a
time to go out and win an election. The opponent in
this race blocked project labor agreement discussions at
the Ohlone Community college and told us in the
interviews: I may not always agree with you, well, I
won't agree with you very often in fact and Brother
Jones was correct, it was a Republican until fairly
recently. The 20th Assembly District is one of our
solid Bay Area districts, in the democrat voting pool
moving forward in November. We have an opportunity to
support Bob Wieckowski who has been a strong ally and a
decent supporter on the Fremont City Council on a host
of other issues. There’s a time for accountability and
there’s time to go out and win an election. Our labor
council is joined by our sister labor council in south
bay in support of Bob Wieckowski.

PRESIDENT LEYVA:  Thank you, Delegate.

Maker of the motion.

MR. PULASKI:  Madame Chair, delegates in this
race, two labor councils share this district, the
Alameda County Central Labor Council and the South Bay
labor Council. They have separately and together
jointly both reviewed and recommended the endorsement of
Bob Wieckowski. I think we should uphold that
recommendation and urge a yes vote.

PRESIDENT LEYVA:  A motion and the second on
the floor to endorse Bob Wieckowski for AD 20.

All those in favor significant by saying "aye".

DELEGATES:  Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA:  Those opposed?

DELEGATES:  Nay.

PRESIDENT LEYVA:  Motion carried.

Thank you.

MR. PULASKI:  Madame Chair, Delegates, we go to
District 43. We did not set this one aside, but we left
it blank. We need now to go back to it for a moment.
The issue here is there was an election held
last night that will impact the ultimate decision about
who we endorse. I would move that in this district the
executive council be authorized to consult with the
labor council the LA Federation of Labor and make the
recommendation and actually make an endorsement at
sometime in the future as constitution provides in such
cases as this where we are unprepared at this time to
make an endorsement.

So I would move that we defer this to the
executive council, in consultation with the Los Angeles
County Federation of Labor to make an endorsement at
later date.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE:  Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA:  Very good.

We have a motion and second on the floor.

Seeing no one at the mics, all those this favor
signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES:  Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA:  Those opposed?

DELEGATES:  Nay.

PRESIDENT LEYVA:  Motion carries.

Thank you.

MR. PULASKI:  Delegates, we go to District 52,
Isadore Hall. I move endorsement of Isadore Hall,
Democrat.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE:  Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA:  We have a motion and the
second on the floor for Isadore Hall.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE:  Velma Butler, AFT, California
Federation of Teachers.

I rise to not, not endorse Assemblyman Isadore
Hall, and I’m rising because we have a problem that we
are constantly supporting Democrats that are not coming
through for us. Assemblyman Hall has a bill that is
asking school employees to volunteer to inject students
with insulin. We have tried to have a venue with
Assemblyman Hall to discuss this, and he does not feel
the need, he feels as long as we’re volunteering, it
should be no problem. We would like the issue to have
voice with Assemblyman Hall, that he needs to do the
right thing by working to put certified nurses in the
school and not have employees doing the work that nurses
are supposed to do.

So what I would like to do is I would like for
our Chair to please contact the Assemblyman Hall and let
him know this is a critical issue for school employees. Not only are we dealing with the retirements that are not being filled, jobs that are not being replaced, and additional work for all of the employees of the school. So we need to address the issue by not saying there's no money, but let's say let's put qualified nurses in the schools to take care of our children. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
DELEGATE: Malinda Markowitz, President of the California Nurses Association. I support my sister over there in wanting to pull Isadore Hall's name as an endorsement. He has introduced a bill, as my sister was saying, in the assembly that every union is against. He is turning his back on union by introducing this bill that will endanger the lives of our children in the schools. We have to send him a strong message that, number one, he is not to turn his back on the unions that are trying to protect the public, that are trying to protect the children. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegates.
DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair. Michael Hartley, I'm secretary/treasurer for AFSCME Local 2325, which is out of the City of Compton. Mr. Isadore came out of our community, he was on the school board. He went to our city council, we helped to elect him to make it to the Assembly. He has a 94 percent vote for labor. He has been on our side, and he has been open to us, at least in Compton, to meet with him at any time, and I would urge this body to back Mr. Isadore Hall. He has been Deputy Speaker of the House and has been on our side even through leadership and through times it has not be the thing to do for labor, but he has a 94 percent. He's only missed one vote on our side, so I would highly encourage us to back Mr. Isadore Hall.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
DELEGATE: Kevin Horn ICW what will Isadore Hall put an Assembly bill through that made it possible for our members to work on a football stadium, very controversial, took a lot of heat from the environmental community and was absolute warrior on that issue. I certainly don't make light of the issue that was brought up here, but I would stay in favor of the motion.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
DELEGATE: My name is Deanna McCuen, I'm California Nurses Association Board of Directors, and I stand here in support of my sisters who have requested that we withdraw endorsement of Isadore Hall. He has gone against the unions, representing the California School Employees, California Nurses Association and other union that have the health, safety and welfare of our school children at heart. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Sister.
DELEGATE: My name is Kay McVay, California Nurses Association, and I wish for everyone to remember that this bill is going to put a child at risk. It is not about unions, it is about health care and about protecting our children. We need to begin to think broadly. We need to think about what the ramifications of this bill would be. It would be that somebody could give insulin who hasn't had the education or the background to understand. It is a bill that would allow secretaries or janitors or whomever it may be to administer a drug per rectum while a child is seizing. You do not do that unless you have some understanding of
what is going on. Please, think about this. It is an
issue of human -- just being human and caring about
children.

Thank you.

President Leyva: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

Unknown Delegate: (inaudible) I call the
question.

Unknown Delegate: Second.

President Leyva: The motion and second on the
floor to call the question.

All those in favor by signify by "aye".

Delegates: Aye.

President Leyva: Those opposed.

Delegates: No.

President Leyva: Motion carries.

Maker of the motion.

Mr. Pulaski: Thank you, Madame Chair and
Delegates.

I urge support yes vote on the recommendation
by the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor to endorse
Isadore Hall.

President Leyva: Motion and second on the
floor. All those in favor of supporting Isadore Hall
signify by saying "aye".

Delegates: Aye.

President Leyva: Those opposed.

Delegates: Nay.

President Leyva: Motion fails.

Mr. Pulaski: Delegates, I recommend no
endorsement for any candidate in District 52.

Unknown Delegate: Second.

President Leyva: Motion and second on
the floor for no endorsement for Assembly District
52.

All those in favor of the motion signify by
"aye".

Delegates: Aye.

President Leyva: Those opposed?

Delegates: Nay.

President Leyva: Motion carries.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

Unknown Delegate: The motion was to approve
the recommendation, right?

President Leyva: Which motion are you talking
about?

Unknown Delegate: And that motion I think
passed. So we have the motion by two-thirds vote.

President Leyva: No, that failed.

Unknown Delegate: By voice vote?

President Leyva: Yes, it failed by two thirds.

Yes. And it was not challenged. So then the chair --
the secretary treasurer made a new motion of no
endorsement for 52, and we voted that, and it passed.

So there's no endorsement for 52.

Unknown Delegate: We're raising our hand, we
would like a division of the house on that.

President Leyva: There was no one at the mics,

Delegates.

And, delegate, all you had to do was call
division of the house from anywhere in the -- in the
room. You don't have to go to a mic for a division.

Unknown Delegate: We are considering what is
the proper thing to do.

President Leyva: Okay. Moving along.

Secretary/treasurer.

Delegate: Motion for reconsideration.

President Leyva: Delegate, you can only vote,
you can only make a motion for reconsideration if you
voted for the prevailing side.

The prevailing side was no endorsement for 52.

Unknown Delegate: I voted and I still move for
reconsideration.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Okay.
Delegate at Mic No. 1.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: What she said.
(Audience applause)
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Did you vote in favor of the
motion?
DELEGATE: Yes, I did.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Okay. So motion to
reconsider.
DELEGATE: My name is T Santora, I’m with CWA

9000.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Do we have a second for the
motion to reconsider?
Motion and second on the floor to reconsider
Assembly District 52 of no endorsement.
All those in favor of the motion to
reconsider -- wait. I’m sorry.
Yes. Go ahead. Delegate at Mic No. 1.
My name is Magdalena Carrasco, County
Federation of Labor. I am trying to think if I oppose
or --
I oppose the current --
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Let me -- okay, where we’re
at, we have a motion on the floor with the second to
reconsider, to reconsider the motion that passed, which
was no endorsement.
DELEGATE: Okay. Okay. I speak in favor of
the motion to reconsider.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Yes.
DELEGATE: One, you know I am speaking on
behalf of the LA Federation and the labor movement. We
had an endorsement and enter process, and although there
was -- we went through that, there was an incumbent
Isadore was the incumbent. We approved of him, we
endorsed him again, and these issues, and I consider any
issue raised by our Sisters and Brothers anywhere in
the labor movement to be legitimate were not raised to
the point of overturning his endorsement, and he has a
strong record, and I think this one issue ought to be
brought to his attention.
We will do that at the LA Federation, but to
take this one issue and overturn his entire endorsement
is wrong, and I will ask you to reconsider, and I will
make another motion to bring him his endorsement.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.
So what is before you now is a motion to
reconsider, and we will go back and reconsider the
previous motion.
All those in favor of reconsideration signify
by saying “aye”.
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.
DELEGATES: Nay.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carries.
MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, Delegates, I
appreciate the considerations and the patients of the
body and would urge all delegates who want to say
something to pay attention and come up in the future at
the right time to speak.
I will move for the second attempt and

happily everyone that wants to speaks on it will speak
on it this time, the endorsement of Isadore Hall.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Do we have a second.
DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Relax. We have a motion and
a second on the floor.
Delegate at Mic No. 1.
DELEGATE: Point of order, Madame Chair.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: I have a delegate at Mic No. 1, then I’ll recognize you, Delegate.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: I am in support of the
motion to endorse Isadore Hall. He has a strong labor
record, whether he was at the local level, and now he’s
in the assembly. I urge everyone to respect the process
that we had at the LA labor movement and to endorse him
and we will take up this issue and make sure there’s a
meeting with him to discuss this very important issue
about the health and safety of our kids in schools.
But, please, this is not the issue that should
overturn such a strong labor record. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.
Delegate at Mic No. 2.
DELEGATE: Yes, Madame President. Jim Gordon.
I raise a point of order being that there has
been a previous motion was to reconsider the action
which failed. There has been no motion to reconsider
the original motion, and it's improper, I believe to put
back in front of us another motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: I'm sorry.
DELEGATE: Jim Gordon. I mean to put it back
again unless there's another motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: You're absolutely right,
Delegate.
DELEGATE: You're always saying I'm right.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you.
So the motion to reconsider passed so we need
to go back and vote on the second motion which was of no
endorsement.
Okay. So now we're going to vote on the motion
of no endorsement. All those in favor of no endorsement
signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: All opposed.
DELEGATES: Nay.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carried.
DELEGATES: No.
MR. PULASKI: Now, Madame Chair, I move I move
that we endorse Isadore Hall.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Which was to turn down the
original the motion -- you know what?
The motion carried, I misspoke. You're right.
The motion carried on the no, on the no
endorsement. Does that make sense?
I think I misstated it. No. So we -- it
failed. So we have no -- the motion failed for no
endorsement. So -- okay.
So now we're back to the motion which is to
dervote Isadore Hall S2.
Okay. The motion before you is a motion to
support Isadore Hall for Assembly District S2.
The chair recognizes delegate at Mic No. 1.
DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: You're welcome.
DELEGATE: Michael Hartley for Local 2325.
Isadore is a product of our area, he has come out of our
area. He is one of the youngest Assemblymen that is
present in the assembly. He carries a 94 percent labor
record. He is a lovely member to labor. His doors are
open. I wholeheartedly agree with the nurses, and we do
need to have that conversation with him. But he has
been on our side.

I would urge every member in here to back to
vote for him. He is in leadership, he can open doors
that have not been opened to us before. So as we get
new leadership in, he will be right there to help move
our labor product. He was institutional at the
community level, at the school district to build labor
together at the Compton City Hall, he built it. When we
had problems, we went to Isadore. We had contracts that
we hadn't had for five years that give our members 15
percent over five years. He has been a friend of labor
to support us and keep us.

Please, in this reconsideration, remember he
has been on our side for the last ten years. Please.
I would motion that you support Mr. Isadore
Hall.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Malinda Markowitz, President of
California Nurses Association. I do not support the
motion to endorse Isadore Hall. You know, as an elected
official your primary goal should be to protect the
community, to protect the society, and -- and hopefully
democratic legislature to make sure that we're fostering
young Democrats. What he is doing by initiating this
bill is jeopardizing the very lives of hopefully future
Democrats. That's No. 1.

No. 2, we have had many -- the California
Nurses Association and I would add many other
unions have had many many times that we have gone into
his office and had to talk to him, tried to give him
the -- the education that he needed that was going to be
actually jeopardizing our children, our grandchildren,
and he is not willing to change his position.

He is elected to protect the community, to
protect the citizens, and he is not protecting the most
vulnerable community individuals. So he will not get
our vote and we should not support somebody who is
turning his back on unions. And really the community.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

Kim McVay, California Nurses Association.

Once again I am requesting that people think
about -- for me it's my granddaughter and what it will
mean if somebody is not cognizant of what they are
actually administering and what the outcome could be.

It's a very serious thing that you are talking
about. I'm very pleased that this gentleman came from
my hometown or from Compton, where I graduated. That's
wonderful. And I am glad that he is a person who is
supposedly pro labor to such an extent, but I cannot, I
cannot think of my child, my grandchildren being
administered insulin by somebody who has no medical
background to understand what they are doing when I am
working as a certified critical care RN I must have
another RN check that insulin before I administer it.
That's a state law.

Yet, now, it's all right for somebody who has
never had any education in medical terms or in the use
of drugs, they are going to be able to make the decision
to give this drug without any really -- what's going to
happen? You're going to have death.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Elizabeth Pataki, CNA.

Brothers and Sisters, I just spoke for Doctor
Pan, who, by the way, is opposed to this bill for
insulin.

I spoke now against the endorsement of this
gentleman, Isadore Hall. As we say, we have to have two
nurses look at the syringe, look at the syringe before
we give it. I ask you to think of your children. Now
this is the biggest issue now, one of our biggest issues
before us is health care. If we allow something like
this to pass and endorse this man, what are we saying
about health care, what are we saying about the needs of
our children? Your children. Who could be in that
situation. This is a slippery dangerous slope. We
start with insulin, where do we go from here?

This transcends the issue of various local
councils. This is our -- these are our children.

I ask you to think of that and send a strong
message with these types of supposed saving of time and
money are dangerous, and we, as Democrats, will not back
them.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

My name's Nick Steinmeier, IFPTE Local 20.
Call the question.
UNKNOWN DELEGATES: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: The question has been called, and we have a second.
All those in favor of calling the question signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.
DELEGATES: Nay.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carries.
Maker of the motion.
MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, delegates, thank you.
I just think we should vote yes on the original intention of the Federation of Labor and be done with this. I urge a yes vote.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: The Chair believes this is going to be a close vote, so I think we will do a division and not even start with the voice vote. So I would like to have the Sergeant of Arms please check the hallways, get everybody inside. Please stay in your seats. So let's give them a minute to get that done. Delegates, please take your seats so we can begin voting.
Okay. Bite your tongue.
Yes, Delegate at Mic No. 2.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: (Inaudible) SEIU 1000. It's just per capita?
PRESIDENT LEYVA: No, this is not a per capita vote, this is a standing vote. And I'm going to explain that, delegate.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Thank you.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: So we have everyone in your seats. If you wish to vote you need to sit in your seat right now I see a few delegates straggling, sit in your seats. So we're going to do a division of the house before we do a voice vote. We're not going to do a voice vote. So what that means is that when I ask you if you are in favor of the motion, you will stand. You will remain standing and until a Sergeant of Arms have had an opportunity to count. Stay standing until I ask you to be seated. Once you have been seated, then those of you who oppose the motion, I will ask you to stand and be counted. And, please remember, that this requires a two-thirds vote to pass or to fail. Okay? Okay. We are voting on Isadore Hall, Democrat, the Assembly District 52.
All of the delegates in favor of supporting that motion, stand and remain standing.
(Pause while counting)
PRESIDENT LEYVA: I believe we clearly have a two-thirds vote to pass the motion.
Is there any objection?
Thank you, delegates, for your time.
Motion carries.
MR. PULASKI: Madame Chairman and Delegates, life moves on.
Thank you for helping us do that. We go to Assembly District 65. The recommendation is an open endorsement, which means that all candidates are acceptable on a democratic side. There's only one candidate running on the Democratic side, it's unusual that we get an open recommendation for only one candidate. That says he is acceptable.
I move that we adhere to it, adopt the motion, I -- I -- as the recommendation. I move that we adhere and adopt the recommendation of an open endorsement.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, a motion and second on the floor.
Delegate at Mic No. 2.
DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
Michael Bilbrey for California School Employees Association. As secretary treasurer, as mentioned, it is one candidate. In CSC which means to move for the that candidate add a Carl Wood as endorsed candidate for that seat.

Brother Wood has been involved in labor movement since a young child, and he supported the Cesar Chavez National Farm Worker Association which later became the UFWA.

He has been a member of the UFWA Local 2869 and also the UFWA Local 246 where he rose in its ranks very quickly.

He’s been a delegate to the San Bernardino/Riverside CLC, Nevada County Fed, and was executive board member with the San Diego and Imperial County CLC. In 1987, he was elected the national electric at the period with AWUA and was appointed by Governor Davis who served on the California Public Utilities Commission since 2007. He served as a UMWA. At that time government and regulatory affairs director.

His own family is very involved in the labor movement, his daughter being a member, an active member of CTA and his son an active member of UTE for the division of UMWA. He’s been endorsed not only by CSEA, but by the (inaudible) CWA and Teamsters, to name a few.

Our members, over 38,000 just in San Bernardino/Riverside counties, stand ready to work on Carl wood and we ask this body to make him the endorsed candidate for Assembly 65. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Sister, Chair.

Laurie Stalnaker, executive secretary treasurer San Bernardino Riverside Central Labor Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this, and I thank the executive council for listening to the Labor federal in San Bernardino Riverside County and staying open.

Originally there were two candidates, two delegates, both union members, both having been union officers at one time or another. When the one candidate withdrew from the race, of course the second candidate wanted the sole endorsement. The problem is our labor council works very hard to resolve disputes between locals before they become big issues. We stay out of jurisdictional disputes we don’t have the authority to resolve.

In the case of this candidate he came before the screening committee. A special screening was held for him because he was not available for the original day when more than 50 candidates over a three-day period had come before our screening committee. And -- at this screening he bragged to the delegates that he had recently helped one building trade union gain certification in order to take another building trade union’s work. Our building trades are adamant. The rest of our labor council, the affiliates of our counsel thoroughly support our building trades, and we ask that we stay open in this race and let those locals who want to work for the candidate who really has tried to cause a division among the affiliates of our counsel, let those who want to work for a moratorium and those who don’t, don’t.

And I urge support for the executive council motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.

Berry Broad, Teamsters.

I rise in opposition to the motion, I think this motion should be defeated and we should support Carl Wood. Carl Wood is a thoroughly decent aggressive union person. Everybody in this room knows that.

They’ve got some beef down there that’s personal in that labor council that doesn’t belong here, it’s outrageous.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: I'm Bill Lothrop Deputy, Riverside Central Labor Council.

Just a few moments ago you heard secretary treasurer Laurie Stalnaker from our Central Labor Council give you a very accurate description of what happened at our screening session with this gentleman. I know Barry Broad, who just spoke before. There is nothing personal that we have against this candidate, Barry, I don't give a damn what you say.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegates, let's keep it down, please there's no reason for that.

DELEGATE: I'm sorry if I was out of line.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Not out of line at all.

DELEGATE: Okay. Thank you for that.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: You're welcome.

DELEGATE: As I said, it just happened just as Laurie Stalnaker said, it had the gentleman in our specially-held screening session for him made some statements that caused huge problems of jurisdiction between some of our union, and they were adamant at our caucus after his screening that this remain open, that way, if there is anyone who wants to work for the gentleman, they certainly can, but he should not have the endorsement of our group. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Sister, my name is Rosa Bernal, Communications Workers of America, and I rise in support of endorsement for Carl Wood. Unfortunately, several of those polls were not invited to this special screening of Carl Wood. So.

And I do support my Brother in the Teamsters. There is history -- I'm not going to say that it's personal, but there is history that may cause our sisters Stalnaker to not support endorsement. The other candidate that withdrew was a union member. I agree with this. But he was not a good candidate. And we owe it to Carl Wood to support him and stand up and work for his campaign. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Jim Gordon Communications Workers 9421.

I am not rising to oppose or support. I ask a question: Is not an open endorsement mean that any candidate running in this race is worthy of Labor support?

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Democrat.

DELEGATE: In that race.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: That is correct.

DELEGATE: So many it's six of one or half of other, if it's open or one is named or other when there is a sole candidate, is that correct?

PRESIDENT LEYVA: That is correct.

DELEGATE: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: You're welcome.

Seeing no more delegates maker of the motion, would you like speak on the motion?

MR. PULASKI: As the Brother just said, there isn't that much of a difference between endorsement and open for this candidate, urge a yes vote.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: All those in favor of a yes vote for an open endorsement for AD 65 signify by saying "aye".

"aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

DELEGATES: Nay.

THE COURT: Motions fails.

We need a two-thirds vote, that was 50/50.

MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, I urge the endorsement of Carl Wood in that particular district,
whatever it is, 65.
I urge the endorsement of Carl Wood.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and a second on the floor.
Delegater Mic No. 2.
DELEGATE: Thank you.
Laurie Stalnaker, executive secretary San Bernardino Riverside Labor Council.
I'm confused because secretary treasurer of the California Labor Federation's motion was concurrent with the executive council's recommendation. So if the motion passed --
PRESIDENT LEYVA: It did not pass, the motion failed. We need a -- we need a two-thirds vote in order for the motion to carry. It was clearly a 50/50 vote at best.
DELEGATE: Excuse me. Do you need a two-thirds to carry the executive board's --
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Yes --
DELEGATE: Recommendation or to overturn it.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: No -- for both actually.
Only to endorse. Two-thirds vote to endorse.
Well the motion to failed to endorse a open endorsement for 65.
DELEGATE: Sorry, I stand corrected.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: That's okay. We're all here to work together.
Okay. One moment, on Mic No. 1.
We have a motion, a new motion on the floor which is a single endorsement of Carl Wood for AD 65.
There's motion and second discussion.
Delegate at Mic No. 1.
DELEGATE: Barry Broad on behalf of Teamsters.
I'm glad I was able to wake everybody up.
Okay. There -- I speak in favor of this motion, Carl Wood is a thoroughly decent progressive labor scholar, he was on the Public Utilities Commission, he carried labor's water faithfully when he was on the Public Utilities Committee, and, as a union representative and the former motion while in practical terms it may not have made the difference, in real terms about. And we should -- he is the only Democrat in the race. He is running against a very conservative Republican in the race, he was previously endorsed and we should endorse him today. Thank you.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
No more -- no more. Thank you. No more delegates.
All those in favor of the motion which is a single endorsement for Carl Wood AD 65, signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed?
DELEGATES: Nay.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carries.
MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair and Delegates, we now move on to Senate --
PRESIDENT LEYVA: A division of house has been called for.
Sergeant at Arms, if you will please make sure everyone is in their seats, clear out the hallway.
Bring everybody in.
Delegates, please take your seats if you wish to be counted.
Sergeant at Arms, are we ready? Okay. We need to close doors, please. A few stragglers here, come on in.
Okay, delegates, those nose of you who wish to vote in favor of the motion, and the motion was to support a single endorsement of Carl Wood for AD 65, please rise and stay standing until you have been counted.
Please stay standing. It does appear that we have two-thirds, but it is close, so when we are finished here, I'm going to also take the no votes so please remain standing.

We're almost there, delegates. Thank you for your patience.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Okay. Stay standing, delegates, because we are doing a recount in one section.

All right. Delegates, please be seated. Can all delegates please be seated. Okay.

Those delegates voting no for the endorsement of Carl Wood, AD 65 please rise and remain standing so we can count you.

And if you voted once, you don't vote again -- no, we're not in Chicago.

All right. Delegates, please be seated.

We needed 180 yes votes for the motion to pass: We ended up with 207 yes votes, and 64 no votes. So motion will carry. Thank you for your patience, delegates.

Secretary Treasurer.

MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, as we move on to the State Senate, recommendation of a couple of quick announcements.

As you probably have already discerned, outside these doors there is kiosk for food if you need to do that.

Also, just a couple of quick thanks, I don't want to forget that we need to thank first of all the lighting and AV technicians who are members of IFAC. The fellow workers No. 19 members here today serving us.

Our staff who have done a really wonderful job, let's thank the staff for the great job that they have done.

And thank the Sergeant of Arms later for keeping their shoes on.

So we now move to the California State Senate. We will try to do this as efficiently as we can.

Bare with me, note that there are they are up for election only every other cycle, so, therefore, we have two, four, six, eight, even numbers only.

District 2, move endorsement Noreen Evans, Democrat.

District 4 -- Stand up and ask let us know if you want to put it aside.

-- 4, no endorsement.

6, Darrell Steinberg Democrat.

8, Leland Yee, Democrat.

10, Ellen Corbett, Democrat.

12, Anna Caballero.

14, no endorsement.

16, Rubio.

18, Pope.

20, Padilla.

22, de Leon.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Magdalena Carrasco, LA Federation of Labor, set aside District 22.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

MR. PULASKI: 22 is set side.

24, Hernandez, Democrat.

26, Price.

28, Oropeza.

30, no endorsement.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Federation of Labor District 30.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

MR. PULASKI: 30 is set aside.

And 32, McLeod.

34, Correa.

36, Clay.
38, no endorsement.
40, Salas.

DELEGATE: Set aside SD 40.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

MR. PULASKI: SD 40.

So with the exceptions of Districts 22, 30, and
40, I move the adoption of the recommendations for all
those other candidates pass since there are no
endorsements for any other candidates.

UNKNOWN DELEGATES: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have motion and second on
the floor.

All those in favor of the motion signify by
saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed?

Motion carries.

Kevin de Leon, Democrat.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and second
on the floor.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Yes, I rise to -- Magdalena
Carrasco, LA Federation of Labor support the endorsement
of Kevin de Leon; however, I do want to respect the
issues that have been raised by my Sisters and Brothers
in the San Jose labor movement with regards to things
that Kevin de Leon is doing in a particular race here on
the side of labor's candidate.

So I rise to say that we -- I will have a
meeting and call a meeting with Kevin de Leon about the
issue raised by our Sisters and Brothers, and we will
address that issue, and we expect that he should -- we
should resolve it.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Cindy Chavez South Bay Labor
Council.

I want to support Magdalena's direction on
this, and I really appreciate that she is open to having
this conversation with Kevin because it does have a big
impact in our region, we're very supportive of the
direction that Magdalena is going.

MR. BARUH: Thank you delegate.

Delegate Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Neil Struthers, Building Trades.

I feel the same comments, we will learn from
this, I know a lot of the issue we divided the house
over we could resolve by having a issue with labor
councils, work these issues out behind the scenes and
don't have to bring them to the floor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegates.

All those in favor of the motion for Kevin de
Leon, Senate District 22 signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, Delegates, District
30 move no endorsement any candidate.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and a second
on the floor.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Magdalena Carrasco, LA Federation of
Labor, move to oppose the recommendation of a no
endorsement.

I know that there are several issues with
respect to Senator Calderon's record, things that he's
taken up that are on the other side of Labor however, I
would like to respect the debate and the conversation
within the Los Angeles labor movement and refer this
back to the LA Federation, so that we could have that
debate and bring Senator Calderon in to raise all the
issues with him, so, for that reason, I rise to oppose
the no endorsement.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
Any other delegates?

PRESIDENT LEYVA: That's it? Thank you.

You have a motion before you of no endorsement for Senate District 30.

All those in favor of the motion signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

DELEGATES: Nay.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion fails.

Secretary treasurer.

MR. PULASKI: I would move, if I understood this correctly, the endorsement -- let me -- let me be clear, she's asking that we set it aside?

Okay. So, as I understand it, I think what she is asking for is that we defer this to the executive council for future action after consultation with the LA County Federation of Labor and they've been able to do a accountability session with this particular candidate.

So I move that we defer to the executive council for consultation with the Los Angeles Federation of Labor for future action.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and a second on the floor.

All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those oppose.

Motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: Finally, district 40, I move the endorsement Mary Salas, Democrat.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and a second on the floor.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Barbara Blake, AFSCME, one line I'd like to ask that we do a dual endorsement on this district.

Mary declined to attend our endorsement town hall, she declined to answer our questionnaire. She has a 21 percent as me voting record Juan Vargas attended our town hall has been responsive to us and has a one percent voting record for as me issues and I am requesting dual endorsement.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Mickey Kasparian, president UFCW Local 135 and the San Diego Labor Council.

I rise that we support Mary Salas today and endorse her. Here's what you should know: Brothers and Sisters, we're here today because we're here to support our members, we're here to endorse candidates who are members send us here to endorse. The 40 Senate seat, that seat presides over two labor councils, San Diego and San Bernardino-Riverside.

Our delegates in both of those labor councils voted 100 percent to support a candidate with a strong voting record, a candidate who is accessible to labor, and a candidate who has been an advocate for members and working people. That's Mary Salas.

And, as far as I'm concerned, on behalf of all our members, the membership has spoken. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: My name is (Inaudible).

I'm representative for San Diego County United Domestic Workers Home care providers, we have 22,000 home care providers in San Diego County and 65,000 statewide, and we move to a dual endorsement for this

Senate District 40 for both Mary Salas and Juan Vargas.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Delegate, I think what you're doing, you're speaking against the motion because you can't make a motion for one.

DELEGATE: Right.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Very good. Thank you.
Delegate at Mic No. 2.
DELEGATE: IBEW 569 San Diego, and I stand in support of your decision.
In fact, Mary Salas, she's a veteran advocator, has always voted with the unions down there, pro Labor, and she's helping us down to Chula Vista voted against Proposition G, which I hope everybody knows about that one because it's very important.
So, thank you very much.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
Delegate at Mic No. 1.
DELEGATE: Madame Chair, Joy Hansen State Building Trades Council.
I regret that Mary hasn't done the right thing by our Brothers and Sister in AFSCME, she needs to do that. However, she has 100 percent voting record from Building Trades Council, she be excellent advocate for us many times over. She's being supported by pro tem Darrell Steinberg, we've got a seat in this area that can be a contested seat, it can be a seat that we lose, that the Democrats lose to a Republican. We need to unite around our strongest candidate we had, Mary Salas is our candidate. She's someone who can lead us to victory, she's been there for us 100 percent of the time, and I hope she can fix her problem with AFSCME.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
Delegate at Mic No. 2.
DELEGATE: My name is Allen Scherer [phonetic], and I rise in support of the motion.
Mary Salas, for sure, is not perfect. But she is improving, by the way. But I got to tell you, her opponent and the one that we're being asked to do a dual endorsement for, everybody in this room, as members, are subject to California Workers' Comp law, I would suspect. And those of you that aren't, you can thank its dysfunction on the person that's running against her and the gift that he gave the insurance company and the gift that they gave him back when he left office.
Mary Salas is the only one that deserves our endorsement.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.
Delegate Mic No. 1.
DELEGATE: Steve Mehlman, AEW Home Care Providers Union Local 3930.
Heard a lot today about holding people accountable. Now, you can quibble maybe over the fact that Mary Salas has a 21 percent voting record on AFSCME issues as the Sister said earlier. You can maybe argue with that a little bit, but when Mary Salas blows off appearances at AEW and appearances at AFSCME, that's not just a voting record, that's disrespect.
And I think it's time -- and this is a perfect example of an opportunity -- we're not saying we're not endorsing Mary Salas, she's done some good things, but we have another gentleman that has 100 percent record in terms of coming to our meetings and hearing our issues, what better time to send that message that we are going to hold people accountable than making this a dual endorsement.
So I urge you to vote no on this.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
Delegate at Mic No. 2.
DELEGATE: Transit Union Local 1277 and I call for the question.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: The question has been called for and second.
All those in favor of calling the question signify by saying "Aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.
Motion carries.
Maker of the motion.
MR. PULASKI: Chairman, Delegates, so you know a process that we follow, and that is that because we have a comprehensive process, in order to get to you with recommendations, we respect that process that labor councils go through in order to get to us, to get to the recommendations to you. In this case -- and what we typically do is we support the recommendation of the labor councils in most cases. This is again one of those cases.

So I would urge a yes vote to support the motion that came through the democratic endorsement process that happened in San Diego. Urging it.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: All those in favor of Mary Salas for the State Senate Seat 40 signify by saying "Aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

DELEGATES: No.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: So, Chairman, Delegates, we move on to Congress. We have 53 that we have to do, we'll move quickly through these as always.

District 1, Mike Thompson, Democrat.

District 2, no.

3, Ami Bera.

4, Curtis.

5, Doris Matsui.

6, Woolsey.

7, Miller.

8, Pelosi.

9, Lee.

10, Garamendi.

Seeing no one at the mics we'll move quicker. 11 through 20: McNerney, Speier, Stark, Eshoo, Honda, Lofgren, Farr, Cardoza, Marsden, and Costa.

Seeing no one, I'm going to move quicker. 21, no endorsement. 21 through -- 21 through 42. Are you ready? No endorse, No, Capps, Allison, no, Warner, Sherman, Berman, Schiff, Waxman, Becerra, Chu, Bass, Roybal-Allard, Waters, Harman, Richardson, Napolitano, Sanchez, Avalos, Meagher, no endorsement.

And on the next page continuing to 43 to 53: Baca, Hedrick, Pougnet, Arnold, Sanchez, Krom, no endorsement, open endorsement and Filner, no endorsement, Susan Davis.

Seeing no one set aside, remarkably so, I move endorsement in the totality the recommendations into US Congress, and I hope we get a yes rousing yes vote, and I so move.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: I've been asked why didn't it go like that earlier before in the meeting.

We now move to US Senate, I move the endorsement Barbara Boxer, Democrat.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: All those in favor of the motion Barbara Boxer for Senator, signify by saying "Aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: I move for dual endorsement for Lieutenant Governor, Janice Hahn and Gavin Newsom.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: I have a motion and a second on the floor.

Delegate Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Russ Brown AFSCME Local No. 1 vice-president, I move to set aside the dual
endorsement.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: No, you don't set aside, you can speak against the motion.

DELEGATE: I speak against the motion because Gavin Newsom courted us AFSCME in San Diego during his campaign for Governor, and he got everyone fired up about him and by the time we got from San Diego to LA, he withdrew from the race because he was too busy taking care of a new child. All right. He has recently laid off workers in the city of San Francisco and he has cut wages of others. The -- Janis Hahn on the other hand is a absolute 100,000 percent champion for Labor. The very first pink slip Gavin to an employee in my department was on the news, on television in the dark in front of a lighthouse in San Pedro, saying what do you mean you don't lay him off, Mayor, and I remember having a conversation in the morning, and again before I could get back from San Pedro to north Wilmington, she had that pink slip rescinded and had restored that man's job. She is fighting for Labor 100 percent.

All right. How do we know we give Gavin Newsom this endorsement, if he wants it by the time I get to LA. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Malinda Markowitz, California Nurses Association, I do support the dual endorsement, but I did want to say that nurses do support Gavin Newsom because he does support -- he's the man and the leader that really supports issues that are dear to us. And also he is very much a man that supports single payer and has the commitment and political courage to actually support this in California. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

Nick Steinmeier, IFPTE Local 20. I'm standing to speak against the motion. And I would just like to remind everybody that Gavin Newsom had fights with most of the workers that are directly effected by him in the City of San Francisco, where he threatened to lay everybody off and bring them back at 37.5 hours as a cost cutting measure. I would also like to remind you that he was pushing on the forefront of two-tier pension systems, which is going to spread throughout this state and already has in a lot of our cities, and we all know -- those of you in the private sector -- that pensions barely exist anymore, and now they are trying to -- him and his Wall Street cronies -- are trying to get rid of public sector pensions because they have an effect on Wall Street.

So I strongly urge this body to vote down this motion, and I will make a secondary motion for Janis Hahn also.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Marty Hittelman, I'm president of California Federation of Teachers. In the executive council we had this debate. Clearly our organization at this point supports Janis Hahn because all the work she has done in Los Angeles. On the other hand, Mayor Newsom has helped with universal health care in the city, helped the school teachers not laid off by raising special funds, so the debate was very heated, we decided to go dual because no one could get close to two-thirds, and I suggest instead of wasting a lot of time on one vote after another that we endorse this dual and be done with it.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: My name is Ken Tray, I'm very AFT Local 61 United Educators of San Francisco.
Gavin Newsom in our last two contract fights was an honest broker. And one of those fights he came in past midnight, sat for hours with management and Dennis Kelly and the other leaders of the United Educators, and we came out with a good contract.

Gavin Newsom while other Mayors of big cities of been trying to take over their districts and undermine the democratic strength behind collective bargaining, Gavin Newsom has supported the Democratic right of the citizens to elect a school board and have those school boards enter into fear collective bargaining with teachers and other educators.

Gavin stood with us United Educators at meetings with City Hall where he sat down with the labor movement, and worked out Tom Ammiano's legislation in San Francisco which led to Health care for virtually every working person in San Francisco.

This convention needs to recognize that, and endorse Gavin Newsom's run for Lieutenant Governor.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate on Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Peter Marly ITSU Local 33.

I call the question.

DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you. Motion and second to call the question, all those in favor signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion carries.

Thank you. I didn't catch that, Tom.

All right. We have a motion before you for a dual endorsement for Lieutenant Governor.

All those -- will the maker of the motion like to speak? No.

All those in favor of the endorsement, signify
it by saying "aye"

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: Attorney general. We have a

number of candidates running for office here. The

recommendation and I so move is an open endorsement for

all delegates in that race.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: I have a motion and a second

for an open endorsement for attorney general.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Mark Kyle, Operating Engineers Local

Union No. 3. I rise to speak against this motion.

I rise instead to suggest to the assembled body

that we get behind a true labor warrior and show support

for that single candidate. The attorney general's

officer is arguably the second most important state

constitutional office in terms of its impact on

organized labor. Operating engineers endorsed Alberto

Torrico, as have the firefighters, the federation of

teachers, the state building trades, pourers, roofers

sheet metal workers, painters, the majority of local

building trades councils California faculty association,

SEIU, asking District 37 and FC W 5 and 8.

The reason that I'm pointing this out is he's

got widespread support. Alberto Torrico comes from

labor. He was a labor lawyer, union side, for 10 years

fighting in the trenches on behalf of working men and

women. No other candidate for AG can claim that.

Alberto Torrico has a 100 percent voting

record for the California Labor Federation. No other

candidate can claim that. Alberto Torrico isn't

recently absolved of federal investigations as some

candidates are. Alberto Torrico isn't getting mired in

crime lab investigation that will bring him down as

other candidates are.

I'm asking people to take a strategic and

tactical vote to rally behind somebody, support a labor

warrior for a change. It's time not to pussyfoot

around, it's time to support one of our own. And I

argue that we defeat this motion and in turn make a sole

endorsement for Alberto Torrico.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: My name is Allen Scherer, IBEW Local

69, I rise in support of the motion and the reason is

this one is difficult and the reason is I don't disagree

with the one who just spoke because I will vote for

Albert, but you've got to understand out of the five

candidates running on the democratic side, one of them

with more money than all the rest combined, would not be

the best candidate on behalf of labor.

If we make a single -- we have to be strategic

sometimes in order to win. And in this case if we are

not, we could looks the whole bucket.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Cheryl Brown, AFSCME Council 57.

Also speaking against this and in favor of a single for

Alberto Torrico.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

No more delegates.

Maker of the motion.

MR. PULASKI: Delegates, there was in our

process over the past two days an interview of all the

candidates for this office, and many of them did a

particularly good job. We have a number of labor

warriors for candidates being considered under this

open. We have a number of favorite sons and daughters

among our unions being favored among the candidates in

this open. We had the COPE advisory committee of

unions, who sat in those interviews with us who caucused

and came back and made a recommendation that we do an

open.
After a long debate among our executive council it was decided that really the only logical way to go was to say all of these candidates were acceptable, remember we have a chance to endorse the winner after the primary.

I would move a yes vote on the recommendation.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and a second on the floor for an open endorsement for Attorney General.

All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

DELEGATES: No.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Most carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: Secretary of State I move endorsement of Debra Bowen.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second for secretary of state, Debra Bowen.

All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed, motion carries.

Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: State treasurer, I move Bill Lockyer.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor for Bill Lockyer.

All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed, motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PULASKI: State controller, I move the endorsement of John Chiang.

There's a motion and the second on the floor.

Delegate at Mic No. 2. Steve Allay, SIEU 1000 State employee representing State Employees.

I must rise because I know it's unopposed here but John Chiang has been a warrior for us. He stood up to Arnold Schwarzenegger, and he fought Arnold Schwarzenegger. Arnold come back at us trying to give us Federal minimum wage, but John has fought for us furiously, and I urge a yes vote.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: (Inaudible) Federation of Labor. I also rise to support endorsement of John Chiang. I think he is one of those few rare elected officials, who has the courage, has the guts, is smart, knows what he's talking about. And I think he should be governor at some point of California.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.

Seeing no more delegates, all those in favor of the motion John Chiang for controller signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion series.

MR. PULASKI: Superintendent public instruction, I move endorsement of Tom Torlakson.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and a second on the floor. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

Those opposed.

Motion carries.

MR. PULASKI: State Insurance Commissioner, I move the endorsement dual, Hector De La Torre, Democrat, and Dave Jones, Democrat.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Hector De Law Torre, Dave Jones.

Motion and a second on the floor. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Opposed?
Motion carries.
MR. PULASKI: Board of Equalization District No. 1, move the endorsement Betty Yee.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Opposed.
Motion carries. Thank you.
MR. PULASKI: District No. 2, move the endorsement Chris Parker.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Opposed?
DELEGATES: No.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carries. Thank you.
MR. PULASKI: District No. 3 no endorsement of any candidate.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor all those in favor saying eye, opposed, motion carries.
MR. PULASKI: B of E, District 4, Jerome Horton.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those Opposed?
DELEGATES: No.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carries. Thank you.
MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, we move to ballot measures, we have five of them. They should be reflected by some detailed document in your packet, and we now move forward in order to do that.

By the way, before we do so, we have a bunch of these outside. These have each a packet of 200 of the three different worksite flyers we have. We hope that you will take one of these back to begin to talk to members about these flyers, and talk about Meg Whitman and also the history of Jerry Brown.

We are going to make hundreds and hundreds of thousands more of these. You should have order forms in your packets. You can complete those order forms and leave them with us today as you grab one from those tables or mail them back to us. But we encourage you to get as many as you need. We have more coming as well. We'll have plenty of different kinds as well, but it's most crucial that we encourage our members to understand this election and give them these flyers.

So, let's go to ballot measures to the chair. We begin with Proposition 13. Tax assessment for seismic retrofit. We recommend and I move a yes support position on Proposition 13.

DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and a second on the floor. Delegate -- thank you.
Seeing no delegates, all those in favor signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed, motion carries.
MR. PULASKI: Proposition 14, Top Two Primary. We recommend, and I so move, a vote no. opposed Proposition 14.
UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".
DELEGATES: Aye.
PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.
Motion carries.

MR. PULASKI: Proposition 15, California Fair Elections Act, we recommend and I move endorsement of a vote yes support Proposition 15.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye"

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.

Motion carries.

MR. PULASKI: Proposition 16, Two-thirds Approval for Local Power.

The executive council recommends that I move a vote no oppose Proposition 16.

UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor.

Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Madame Chair, my name is Hunter Stern, and I am in the uncomfortable position of opposing this motion. And instead would much prefer on behalf of our members a no endorsement position on Prop 16. And I say uncomfortable because it's not as uncomfortable as our members. Our members work for electric utilities that are throughout the state or rather northern part the state. Both the public sector utilities cities irrigation district, utility districts, as well as the investor-owned utility that is the sponsor of this measure.

We worked -- we attempted to speak to that employer and convinced them not to take the measure as it was. Unfortunately, they declined. Our members -- when utilities fight for customers, our members are in the middle of it. And this is the kind of a motion which we oppose the two-thirds concept, but we support the vote concept because that's the only way that IEW and COPE 45 other Unions that represent utility workers in the state -- electric utility workers -- can effectively get our message out that members are harmed. 1245 has had a long-standing practice of not supporting any change of electric jurisdiction in any direction, public or investor-owned. It is a critical issue for our members. And, that said, we represent thousands of public sector members. We recognize that the two-thirds is a highly negative minority controlling element, and we wish -- we strongly wish it is not part of this measure. However, for the good of our members as a whole, all of them for the betterment of their future, we ask that the -- that this body oppose this motion and instead adopted a no endorsement for Proposition 16.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

Delegate at Mic No. 1.

DELEGATE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

Next time IFPTE Local 20. We're the second largest unit at PG & E and we represent 2100 engineers and professionals.

We are standing in solidarity with IEW 1245 on this issue who's supporting Prop 16. Our union has taken basically a neutral stance on this, and we ask that this body does also. If anybody is concerned we invite them to work with us. And I want you to hold the company accountable of all levels of responsibilities for their operation.

Last, I think the worst part of this -- of this proposition, I'll just echo the Brother Hunter from 1245 is the two-thirds requirement to trigger a utility company going civic. But, currently there are in the utility code I think it's 10055 and 10051 for a utility that is a Civic utility to come out and go back to private. There already is a two-thirds requirement so all it does is sort of equal the playing field for that, so we ask this body go down there, and we would make a motion to go neutral. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
Delegate at Mic No. 2.

DELEGATE: Thank you. Mickey Harrington IPW

1. I35 for those who got a little bit off, I got 50 years
   pin the other day. This question was asked me by a
   number of people in the area. And every time you make a
   change, we lose our members. And we have to go and and
   organize them. There's not anything wrong with
   organizing, but it's bad to lose our members.

   And -- and that's why we have -- would rather
   go neutral on it. The other way they deal now I don't
   know that you always get a chance to vote. At all. In
   some cases it's just -- you know, they just do it
   through legal means. They take over.

   So I recommend that we take a neutral position.

   PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.

   Delegate at Mic No. 1.

   DELEGATE: Jim Gordon, Communications Workers
   for America, 9421.

   This is a bad proposition. It's not about
   labor or workers, it's about a single privately-owned,
   investor-owned utility that makes a profit wanted to be
   the only provider and keeping consumers from being able
   to say we need the rates are too high, I want a utility
   that's owned by my municipality or whatever, and they
   are going to make a two-thirds vote requirements and you
   will never get it and they are walking down a monopoly
   is what they are doing.

   Now, the second -- so the two-thirds vote thing
   is bad. Not only that, any proposition that's put on
   our ballot by a single entity, this one and the next one
   which is put on by Mercury Insurance alone, they are bad
   because of that. If you remember T. Boone Pickins at
   the last election tried to corner the market of natural
   gas at the expense of California payers, I mean tax
   payers. This is bad legislation, and I live and get my
   power from an -- from an independent SMUD, Sacramento
   Utility Direct. Those workers are represented by
   members of Local 1245 the IPW, they are Union workers. I
   think it's great.

   We are about ready to expand one of the Cities
   past the city boundary lines and so where I live this
   would require a two-thirds -- if this happens, a
   district and the new district, and, guess what. I've
   got a board of directors that we vote on and put in and
   why shouldn't they make those decisions for us? I don't
   like that -- if I don't like that, I can throw in the
   damned SMUD more representatives.

   So, folks, this is not a labor issue, it's a
   consumer issue, and our members are consumers, and we're
   produce -- we will be prohibiting them if this passes
   from making a decision if they want a municipal owned

   power company or whatever. And the reason they want it
   is because the investor-owned utilities are driving the
   prices through the sky.

   So I urge a support of the recommendation of a
   no vote on this proposition. Thank you.

   PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, delegate.

   Delegate at Mic No. 2.

   DELEGATE: My name is Allen Scherer, I'm with
   IPW in San Diego and I rise in support of the motion.

   But I'm as uncomfortable at -- at my previous
   IPW brother. The last thing in the world I ever want to
   do is fight on IPW issues, but this is beyond that.

   I've got employers as well.

   And if one of those employers would have
   written a proposition similar to this, and -- and moved
   it forward and spent a couple of million dollars and
   then put aside a few million dollars to support it and
   then asked for my support, I'd tell them stuff it. The
   problem is partnership goes two ways, not one way. This
   initiative is the symbol of why our initiative system is
   broken. It's broken almost beyond repair.

   With enough money you can get anything done in
California. In this case, they have done it without the partnership of the IPW. They came in afterwards, asking for support. It's not I'm uncomfortable doing this, but I've got to oppose this initiative.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
 DELEGATE: Thank you. I'm with California Federation of Teachers. I also rise in support of the motion to oppose, usually one of the easiest ways to figure out which side you're on is to look at who the opponents are and who the proponents are. If you notice the people in favor of it who submitted the arguments are our friends, California tax payers association, the California Chamber of Commerce. Just say that alone should be enough to say I'm voting no, I'm going to show the -- vote against, I'm going to vote for this motion. And who's for it? AARP, Sierra Club and Consumer Federation of California.

These are the sorts. Are you on the side of this PG & E who's willing to put up the money to pass the initiative so they can -- so they can file any kind of a municipal provisions of electricity -- to -- in other words, a public utility instead of a private utility so they want to stop it by requiring a two-thirds vote before you can move anything public in this area.

This is outrageous. We should support our opposition to this initiative.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Thank you, Delegate.
 DELEGATE: Allan Clark Vice-president of California Labor Federation, I call for the question.
 UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
 PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor to call for the question.
 All those in favor signify by saying "aye".
 DELEGATES: Aye.
 PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.
 Motion carries.
 The motion before you is to support a no vote on Proposition 16. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying "aye".
 DELEGATES: Aye.
 PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.
 DELEGATES: No.
 PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion carries. Thank you.
 MR. PULASKI: Going to Proposition 17 -- As soon as we are done with this, we've got a 90-second video that we'd like to share with you so hang tight.
 Proposition 17, alter insurance company regulation, the recommendation and I move a no vote oppose Proposition 17.
 UNKNOWN DELEGATE: Second.
 PRESIDENT LEYVA: We have a motion and second on the floor.
 All those in favor signify by saying "aye".
 DELEGATE: Aye.
 PRESIDENT LEYVA: Those opposed.
 Motion carries.
 Delegates, thank you very much. Don't leave, watch the video, but thank you very much for your hard work today. Great job.
 MR. PULASKI: Madame Chair, through the chair I'd like to ask if we could have Marty Hittelman the President of the California Federation of Teacher give a very brief introduction for this important 90-second video we want to show you through the chair part Pete familar.
 So, the California Federation of Teachers has joined with a number of other unions, 140 different organizations that have marched on California from Bakersfield to Sacramento, ending in Sacramento on April 21st, we're calls for funding for public services, we're
calling for public education, and we’re calling for a fair tax system. In other words, tax the rich. And I’m hoping all of you will be there April 21st so let’s see a little video on the march.

MR. PULASKI: We ask for the time the final mile of the march of the 400 mile march, the final mile April 21st, we want again to thank our staff for hard work they’ve done, help make this convention work.

The Chair, I move that we release the Sergeant at Arms with our thanks for their terrific work today.

And, there being no objections, I assume you have our consent on that for the chair.

Madame chair, remember to follow your blueprint for winning in 2010. I move we adjourn this meeting.

DELEGATE: Second.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: Motion and second on the floor to adjourn.

All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

DELEGATES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LEYVA: All those opposed. Motion carries.

Thanks everybody. Work hard and win in 2010.

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.)

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