

# Together

## For California's Future



### California faces a serious budget crisis.

It's been a long time in the making — and it can't be swept under the rug any longer. But cutting the services Californians rely on isn't the solution. As a state, we must face the hard realities of figuring out how to pay for the vital services Californians need and support: quality schools, affordable healthcare, safe communities, help for those who need it and a good quality of life.

### Deep cuts will damage our state and jeopardize our future.

The mid-year cuts have already hit California schools and healthcare providers hard. The cuts proposed for the next fiscal year will be devastating to California and cause irreversible damage to our state:

- **Education.** \$4.8 billion in additional cuts to public schools and colleges will result in layoffs of teachers, counselors, special ed assistants, and other critical school staff. Class sizes will increase; schools will be closed; critical programs will be slashed.
- **Healthcare.** The budget would cut over a billion dollars out of hospitals and the health care system, restricting access for millions and affecting all of us by endangering the healthcare facilities we all rely on, such as emergency rooms and trauma centers.
- **Human services.** Our most vulnerable populations – the elderly, people with disabilities, abused children, and foster children, would all face deep cuts to services that help them survive.
- **Quality of life.** One of five state parks would be closed; thousands of prisoners could be released without the support to help them re-enter society safely and successfully, and local economies.

### Our Commitment to California

We do not intend to stand by and allow more cuts that would further harm kids and families in California, who are already struggling in this difficult economy.

We're committed to educating the public about the effects of the cuts and the need for leadership in Sacramento to find a better way.

- California can't cut its way out of this budget crisis
- California needs all of its leaders to work out a solution that will preserve our schools, communities, and quality of life.

### Who We Are

*Seniors, parents, teachers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, school employees, healthcare advocates, environmentalists, people with disabilities, caregivers and working families who are united for investing in California's future.*

### Partial list of organizations:

AARP California  
AFSCME Council 57  
Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)  
CA Association of Food Banks  
CA Budget Project (CBP)  
CA Center for Public Health Advocacy  
CA Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA)  
CA Church IMPACT  
CA Faculty Association  
CA Family Health Council  
CA Federation of Teachers  
CA Food Policy Advocates  
CA Immigrant Policy Center  
CA Labor Federation  
CA League of Conservation Voters  
CA Planned Parenthood  
CA Professional Firefighters  
CA School Board Association (CSBA)  
CA School Employees Association (CSEA)  
CA State Firefighters Association  
CA State PTA  
CA State Parks Foundation  
CA State University Employees Union  
CA Teachers Association (CTA)  
Health Access California  
Jericho  
SEIU  
Sierra Club of California  
Western Center on Law & Poverty

...and many others