



CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR ART TORRES (RET.), CHAIRMAN

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OPPOSITION TO GOV. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER'S FEE HIKES

WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger has included fee increases of 7% at University of California campuses and 10% at California State Universities, plus the elimination of all academic preparation funding, totaling \$19.3 million in cuts in his 2007-2008 budget; and

WHEREAS, under the governor's plan, undergraduate UC student fees for state residents would rise approximately \$495 to nearly \$7,350 next year, including some individual campus costs, but not including housing, books and other expenses; and Cal State students would see such basic fees increase \$252 to \$3,451; and

WHEREAS, budget cuts in academic preparation funding hurt the state's most disadvantaged and low-performing schools, while fee increases decrease affordability and accessibility for all students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party opposes actions which would decrease affordable higher education and academic preparation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party strongly urges the Governor and Legislature, by open letters and official communications, to take necessary action to stop these proposed fee hikes and academic preparation cuts.

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Approved by the San Diego County Democratic Central Committee on March 13, 2007

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