



CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR ART TORRES (RET.), CHAIRMAN

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OPPOSE GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER'S CUTS TO CALWORKS PROGRAM IN THE 2007-2008 CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed State Budget for 2007-2008 includes cuts of \$496 million in the state's welfare budget to the CalWorks program, eliminating approximately 50,000 families from the program, detrimentally affecting approximately 480,000 Cal Works families through cuts in general assistance to the state's most impoverished children and, in many cases, the adults who care for them; and suspending the 2007-2008 CalWorks Cost of Living Increase; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 California Democratic Party Platform supports a "guaranteed cost of living increase for CalWorks" and pledges to "fight for public assistance programs which allow individuals to support themselves and their families;" and

WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party has historically supported programs which provide for the basic human needs of all Californians and recognizes cuts to the state's CalWorks program as a cruel attempt to balance the state budget on the backs of the poor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party expresses very strong opposition to the Governor's proposed cuts to the CalWorks program in the 2007-2008 state budget; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the California Democratic Party be instructed to send copies of this resolution to elected democrats in the California State Legislature.

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