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WEEKLY UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2008

Legislative Update: Both houses of the legislature have scheduled floor sessions for this coming Sunday, though there are few signs of progress emerging thus far from the Capitol.

CCSO President Rich Tatum and Board Member Chris Gold have both written letters, on behalf of CCSO that have gone to the Governor, Legislators and circulated to key figures in Sacramento. Paul Curry and John Lovell, the two CCSO Legislative Advocates, are actively lobbying the halls of Sacramento in opposition to the Governor’s proposals affecting state employees. The position of CCSO is that the economic crisis is real and must be addressed, but reductions and revenue increases need to be looked at independently taking in the critical need of each proposal. A blanket state employee reduction across the board does not take into consideration the broad differences of agencies.

CCSO is asking its members to contact their legislators and voice their opposition to the proposed reductions. Also contact your U.S. Senator and Congressman in Washington D.C. Ask for federal monies to assist in California’s revenue deficit. Governor Schwarzenegger requested last month assistance from the federal government but was unsuccessful. The Democratic legislative leaders have formally requested assistance from the federal government. In part, their request cites:

“The fiscal challenges for the state of California are great. According to our non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), California is facing a 20-month deficit of \$28 billion. The Governor has called a Special Session in which lawmakers are contemplating a plan that would close the deficit by imposing tax increases on all Californians and slashing more than \$10 billion in essential services in education, healthcare, aid to seniors, the blind and the elderly, public safety, and transportation. The impacts of such a plan are particularly harsh in an economic climate in which each month more than 13,000 Californians are suffering job loss.

California needs its federal partner to help its citizens weather this economic storm. A ‘States Economic Stimulus and Fiscal Relief Act,’ akin to that recently passed to assist the nation's banking system, is what California needs now. While federal aid will not solve California's fiscal problems, an infusion of flexible federal funds would provide necessary relief to millions of Californians, by limiting the magnitude of tax increases and cuts to essential services otherwise required to balance our budget.”

Please call, write, or email your local and federal representatives today.

State Election: CCSO mailed out election ballots on November 5th to the home addresses of members. Please vote and mail back your ballot, in the prepaid secret envelope, to Berger & Company CPA’s before the December 5th deadline.

CCSO Office Closed Nov. 27th and 28th: This office will be closed next Thursday and Friday because the CCSO staff will be celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. From all of us at CCSO, we extend our wishes to all members for a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**.

Take care and always be safe!

