

Choice: Big Oil or California's Families?



Pass a Family Recovery Budget! End Loopholes & JOUs!

1. Invest in and protect the health and human services vital to California's economy and the health and wellbeing of California Families!

Work: Health and human services help hundreds of thousands of Californians go to work through job training, child care, adult care, and other supports. But under Governor Schwarzenegger's May Revise proposal, California stands to lose hundreds of thousands of jobs and \$36 billion in lost economic output. These services keep workers and their families healthy and safe, so they can contribute to the economy.

Well-being: Health care and human services also ensure the well-being of our families, our neighbors, and our communities. All of us need health care, emergency rooms, and vaccination systems. Seniors and people with disabilities need in-home support and day care, to keep safe and out of costly institutions.

2. Champion alternatives to dismantling our health care and human services, including targeted state revenues and federal recovery funds.

Targeted Revenue Proposals: The need to lay-off workers and eliminate services that benefit families and our economy can be further reduced through targeted revenue proposals. **Both the Assembly and Senate Democrats have unveiled proposals** -- both including targeted revenue solutions and proposals to roll-back corporate tax giveaways -- saving the state hundreds of thousands of jobs and averting the worst cuts to California's health and human services safety net. Options that target Wall Street instead of Main Street include:

- **Repeal parts of the secret corporate tax giveaways of recent years.**
- **Treat oil companies the same as every other government in the world and tax their extraction of oil in California.**
- **End the corporate loopholes that let corporations avoid proper ty tax reassessment when properties are sold (e.g., bank mergers, private equity buy-outs).**
- **Temporarily reinstate the tax bracket for the highest earners, as imposed by Governor Pete Wilson in the early 90's.**

3. Reform and re-invent our broken state budget process.

State government is unable to deliver an annual budget that charts a way forward for California and reflects the majority's will. The budget system must and can be transformed, through a series of policy changes, including first and foremost a change to the undemocratic and unworkable 2/3 vote requirement for budget and taxes.

Open the Doors: Beginning this year, the budget process must be more transparent and accountable to all legislators and the public, with much less reliance on the private "Big 5" meetings of the Governor and legislative leadership – where year after year secret corporate deals are struck and families are sacrificed.

HHS Network participants include:

Health Access, Western Center on Law and Poverty, California Partnership, California Immigrant Policy Center, California Family Resource Association, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA), California Primary Care Association, Lutheran Office of Public Policy, Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality, Disability Rights California, AARP California, California Hunger Action Coalition. Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), California LGBT Health and Human Services Network, Housing California, California Congress of Seniors, California Alternative Payment Program Association, California Association of Food Banks, National Association of Social Workers – California Chapter, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF), Parent Voices, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, CPEHN-California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, Having our Say, and many others!

Californians have shown courage, heart and brains in the face of the recession. Sacramento lawmakers should follow suit!

***End Tax-Loopholes and JOUs!
Say "Yes" to a Family Recovery Budget***

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