

CAUSE budget advocacy coalition

We are a coalition of central coast organizations and people who will not accept the idea that our basic human infrastructure must be destroyed in order for the state to balance its budget. Once again in 2010 California faces a huge budget deficit.

We are determined to resist damaging budget cuts, which amount to an assault on our community-- whether they affect the schools, human services, assistance for our most vulnerable neighbors, our local city and county budgets, transportation, or other essential services.

Together we are advocating for reform, for legislative majority rule for passing a budget and raising needed revenue. We are making a demand that California's largest corporations pay their fair share. Join the Budget Advocacy Coalition.

HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CA BUDGET? There is a \$19 billion state budget shortfall for 2010 - 2011 and the Governor is proposing another round of devastating budget cuts for 2010. He's cutting the budget despite giving huge breaks last year to multinational corporations that do business in California, costing the state (and our children) over \$2 Billion dollars a year.

The majority of California voters oppose these kinds of cuts. The majority of California voters want huge multinational corporations to pay their fair share to fund education, healthcare, transportation and other essential services.

But every year a small minority of California legislators shut down the government, and refuse to pass a budget unless it includes deep cuts to the most vulnerable populations, and giveaways to the wealthiest.

How do they do this? California is the only state in the nation that requires two-thirds, or a "super-majority" for the State Assembly and Senate to pass a budget or to raise new revenue. So a small minority of corporate-friendly legislators can block any action by the state, unless the state agrees to huge giveaways which harm our infrastructure and place our children at risk.

Ventura County includes all or parts of the districts of five state legislators, three of whom have signed the Taxpayer's Association's "No New Taxes" Pledge, committing them to blocking any budget that does not include disastrous cuts to our physical, educational and human services infrastructure.

WHAT DO THE PROPOSED CUTS MEAN FOR VENTURA COUNTY?

- Complete elimination of CalWorks program, California's welfare to work program as well as state funded childcare.
 - Complete elimination of In-Home Health Services (IHHS) for Seniors and Disabled.
 - \$41.3 million in cuts to Ventura County's schools, including \$4.3 million in cuts from Oxnard Elem. School District, \$5.4 million cut out of Oxnard Union High School District, and \$1 million cut from Santa Paula Elementary Schools & \$549,000 from Santa Paula High School District (CA Budget Project 2010).
 - 24,000 children losing health care coverage (CBP)
 - 12,220 SSI/SSP recipients' grants will be reduced and 220 SSI/SSP CAPI recipients will lose entire grants. (CBP)
- SHOULDN'T CALIFORNIA'S LARGE CORPORATIONS PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE, TO FUND EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES?**

Corporate income taxes have declined over time as a share of corporate profits. If corporations had paid the same share of their profits in corporate taxes in 2007 as they did in 1981, collections would have been \$8.3 billion higher. While corporate profits have risen 578% between 2001 and 2005, corporate tax liability has risen only 70% during the same period.

Backloaded corporate tax cuts enacted in 2008 and 2009 for the largest 0.01 percent of companies that do business in California will cost the state over \$3 billion between now and 2015.

Corporations take advantage of a tax loophole in Proposition 13 which allows them to cap their property taxes at the rate assessed 30 years ago, costing the state billions. Proposition 13 was meant to protect homeowners, but huge corporations have been taking advantage. **THE 2010-2011 PROPOSED CUTS ARE AN ASSAULT ON OUR COMMUNITY! FIGHT BACK TODAY . . .** Find out more about the cuts the Governor is proposing, and the California Budget (California Budget Project)

Write to the governor and your state Senator and Assemblymember

Volunteer for the CAUSE Civic Engagement Project and Get Out the Vote for Budget Reform

Take the Pledge: I support CA Budget Reform and I'm Voting June 8th

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