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AFT 1521 student interns at Los Angeles City College encourage students to register to vote. Remember to vote in the upcoming primary on June 7. The deadline to register is May 23.

May Revise Shows Shortfall – Prop 30 Extension Is Critical

By Michael Messina

With the May revise of his proposed 2016-2017 budget, Gov. Jerry Brown made it clear that he is getting ready to work with less revenue than expected. In the end, the revenue forecast was down \$2 billion from initial projections, and by 2019, California could face a shortfall of \$4 billion if voters don't take action. The world of education, including community colleges, is looking to the people of California to come through in November at the ballot box.

The Proposition 30 extension (the California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act) will be on the ballot this November. The budgetary shortfalls predicted for the coming years puts into stark focus the importance of this ballot initiative. When asked about the proposed Prop 30 extension – which will focus only on continuing an income tax on the state's wealthiest citizens while allowing its sales tax component to lapse – Gov. Brown refused to take a position, saying he would leave it to the voters. The governor, however, indicated California would have to come to terms with an even larger deficit in years to come if the Prop 30 income tax revenue from the top 1 percent were to cease.

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The Guild Election Results Are In!

While not yet certified by the American Arbitration Association (AAA), preliminary results have been tabulated. For Districtwide offices, the following Guild leaders were re-elected to office:

- Joanne Waddell – President
- William Elarton-Selig – Executive Vice President
- Deborah Kaye – Recording Secretary

Neither of the candidates for Treasurer received a majority of valid votes cast for that office (960 total votes, which included seven write-in votes), so a run-off is being held. Ballots have been sent to members' home addresses. These must be returned to the American Arbitration Association in the envelopes provided by midnight on May 31. In addition, there was a tie for the 5th ranking Executive Board delegate from Trade Tech, so Guild members at Trade will receive a ballot with those two candidates' names. No write-in votes are allowed in a run-off election.

Members at eight campuses re-elected their current Chapter Presidents:

- City: Sharon Hendricks
- East: Armida Ornelas
- Harbor: Mona Dallas Reddick
- Mission: Louise Barbato
- Pierce: Fernando Oleas
- Southwest: Sandra Lee
- Trade: Carole Anderson
- West: Olga Shewfelt

At Valley, Ruby Christian-Brougham, currently the college's Grievance Rep, has been elected Chapter President. Larry Nakamura is retiring and will continue on the EBoard as a delegate.

The Emeritus Chapter elected former Guild president Leon Marzillier as its Chapter President.

"The response by our members shows that they understand the importance of making their voices heard by voting," Guild President Joanne Waddell said.

For the full list of EBoard delegates, go to www.aft1521.org.

2016 Annual Membership Meeting

AFT 1521 will be holding its annual membership meeting at Los Angeles Trade Tech College on Friday, May 20. Come for breakfast and stay for the updates, discussion, and keynote address from Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas. Join us to honor retirees and celebrate the end of another school year with your colleagues.

When: Friday, May 20
Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
Meeting: 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Where: Los Angeles Trade Tech College – Aspen Hall (TE) 111

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Los Angeles College Faculty Guild President and CFT Vice President Joanne Waddell spoke during a kick off event for the California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016, a ballot initiative that will simply maintain the current tax rates on the wealthiest Californians to prevent billions of dollars in funding cuts for public education and vital services. For more info, please visit www.protectingcalifornia.com.

"California's future depends on the economic engine fueled by the community college students achieving 21st Century technical expertise and academic success," said AFT 1521 President Joanne Waddell at a kickoff press conference in Sacramento for the Prop 30 extension. "Let's not let our

students down. Let's not let California down. Let's pass the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act."

Elsewhere in the budget for 2016-2017, funding for California's community colleges is generally flat, but there were slight increases for a variety of programs and projects, including a \$75 million increase in base funding via Prop 98. The Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program, the Employment Opportunity Fund, and the Online Education Initiative also received increased funding.

As the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) has stated, "Prop 30 has been a game-changer for education in California..." As community college faculty, we can attest to that. We hope you will do all you can to ensure we pass this ballot measure in November!

Food for Thought



AFT 1521 student interns participated in the annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger food drive by sorting donated items. The goal this year is to collect 1 million pounds in donations. For more information on how you can help, visit www.laborcommunityservicesla.org.

Motions Passed by the Executive Board

March 15, 2016

- Approved \$500 for 10 tickets to support the Spring Tardeada Scholarship Fundraiser for undocumented students in our District
- Referred a motion on increasing adjunct health benefits back to the Adjunct Faculty Issues Committee for rewording
- Accepted the County Fed COPE recommendations for Congressional candidates with the exception of Roger Hernandez; accepted the County Fed endorsements for State Assembly; accepted the County Fed endorsement of Ricardo Lara for Senate District 63; included Grace Napolitano in the endorsements
- Endorsed Henry Stern for Senate District 27, Laura Friedman for Assembly District 43, Janice Hahn for LA County Supervisor Seat 4, and Kathryn Barger for LA County Supervisor Seat 5
- Contributed \$2500 to Henry Stern for Senate District 27, \$1500 to Laura Friedman for Assembly District 43, \$1500 to Christina Garcia for Assembly District 58, and \$1000 to Tony Mendoza for Senate District 32
- Agreed to stand in solidarity with our colleagues in the California Faculty Association in their demand for a fair contract

The Guild is Building Power!

The final push for the Building Power Campaign for the 2015-2016 academic year is taking place the week of May 16-20 at campuses throughout the district. The goal of the campaign is to sign up fee payers and bring them into the fold as full union members. The campaign has been a great success, adding hundreds of full and part-time instructors to the Guild's ranks.

Members of the Building Power Campaign team will be at campuses through May 20. Keep an eye out and encourage any fee payers who have not yet signed a union card to do so.

We are stronger together!



EDD Workshops in June

When the semester ends, adjuncts are eligible to apply for unemployment benefits and may be entitled to receive up to \$450 a week, depending on past and current income. For assistance in understanding the process and how to file, attend one of the Guild's hands-on EDD workshops in June:

Thursday, June 2, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

East L.A. College (Southgate Campus), Room 123

Saturday, June 4, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Los Angeles City College, Library, Room 123A

Register at www.aft1521.org

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