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CSEA TAKES ACTION TO ENDORSE STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CANDIDATES

The CSEA Board of Directors took action at the February 20th Board Meeting, endorsing the following candidates for State Constitutional Offices.

Governor: Attorney General Jerry Brown

Lieutenant Governor: (Pending*)

Attorney General: Assemblyman Ted Lieu

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Assemblyman Tom Torlakson

Insurance Commissioner (Dual Endorsement): Assemblyman Hector De La Torre
and Assemblyman Dave Jones

Treasurer: Incumbent Treasurer Bill Lockyer

Controller: Incumbent Controller John Chiang

Secretary of State: Incumbent Secretary of State Debra Bowen

United States Senator: Incumbent U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer

Election Dates:

State Constitutional Office (SCO) elections are held every four years in California, with this year's primary election scheduled for June 8, 2010. The General Election is scheduled for November 2, 2010.

CSEA's Endorsement Process:

CSEA's endorsement process for SCO candidates is based on a variety of important screening criteria, not on partisan politics. Both Republican and Democratic candidates were formally invited to participate in this process.

For incumbents seeking reelection, CSEA evaluated each incumbent's proven voting record on issues of importance to classified employees, including education funding, workers' rights, retirement benefit protections, affordable health care, contracting out of classified jobs, positions on statewide initiatives and other issues impacting our members in their workplace.

For non-incumbent endorsements, CSEA took into consideration a candidate's voting record on classified issues in previously held elective offices. In addition, candidates were required to answer a comprehensive CSEA questionnaire addressing how the candidate stood on classified issues, especially those that would fall under their purview if elected.

Questionnaires were then screened and candidates were selected to come before the PACE of CSEA (PACE) Committee for formal interviews. Candidates failing to respond to CSEA's questionnaire were automatically disqualified from any further endorsement consideration.

Following this rigorous process, PACE carefully weighed each candidate's questionnaire and interview responses, endorsements from other education and labor unions, and candidates' understanding of the essential services provided by CSEA members to students in California's public schools and community colleges. The committee then selected the candidates who best represented the goals of CSEA to rebuild California's economy, provide students' with a world class education and ensure the prosperity of

working families, submitting those candidates' names to the CSEA Board of Directors for endorsement consideration at their February Board of Directors meeting.

*Note: The Lieutenant Governor position is pending at this time, with action to be taken at a later date.

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