

LETTER TO THE EDITOR PRINTED IN FLIER AND SUN

ABC strongly urges the CA Board to overhaul the CA Budget for FY 2010 (which begins on May 1, 2009), with the objective of curbing the planned growth in operating and capital expenditures, which has consistently exceeded increases in CA's income over the course of the past several years. At a time when the precarious and highly uncertain condition of the national economy has forced state and local governments to cut waste and eliminate nonessential expenditures, CA's overseers should cut planned expenditures with the goal of reducing the assessment rate by 5 % from 68 to 65 cents without adversely affecting the projected budget balance. ABC believes that such a modest reduction could be achieved without compromising the quality of services and facilities provided by CA if the Board makes a serious attempt to eliminate wasteful spending.