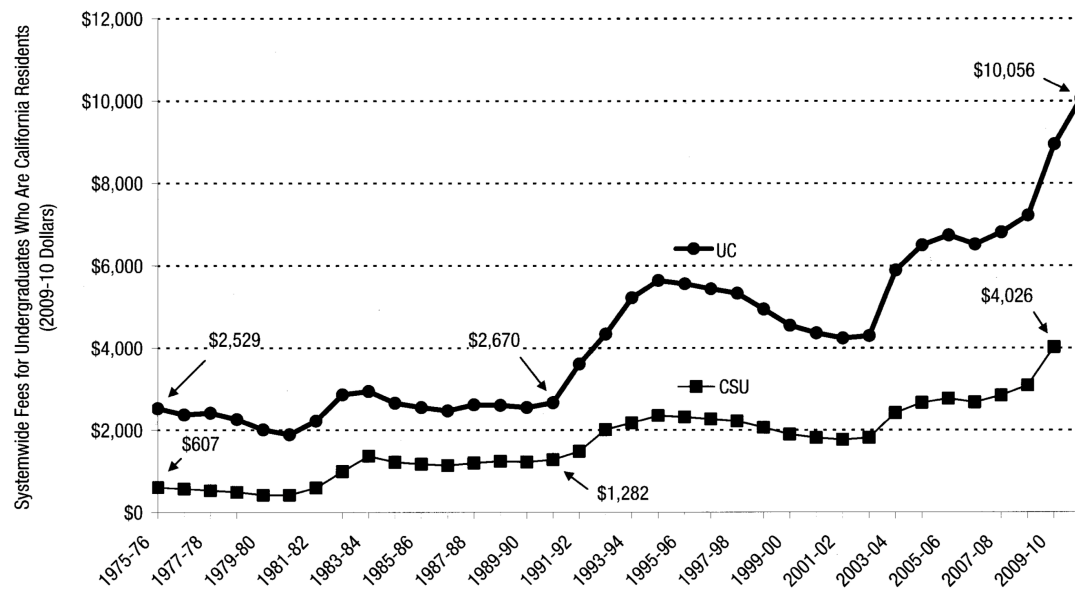


Students Get the Shaft

Last fall, California students, teachers, public workers, and other community members sparked a movement to defend public education. Thousands organized and participated in the events of March 4th 2010. This fight is not over. California activists have proposed October 7th as the next Day of Action.

Public education has been losing funding for years. The current budget crisis will result in more drastic cuts to public education. K-12 programs face further cuts to underfunded schools, unpaid days off for staff, and an incentive program promoting “reforms” that are outright attacks on teachers. Public universities are being restructured around the needs of private business – largely supported by massive private grants. Tuition hikes threaten accessibility to higher education for working families and people of color.

Inflation-Adjusted UC and CSU Fees Have More Than Tripled Since 1990-91



Source: California Budget Project

Here in California as in the whole country, we see taxes on the rich and corporations decreasing while working people struggle to provide for their families out of their ever-shrinking pockets. As private interests gain more power, and the private dollar strengthens its influence in education, our democratic rights are being stripped away.

The Peace and Freedom Party endorses the October 7 Day of Action and the movement to defend Public education. We urge you to get involved. For more information go to www.defendcapubliceducation.wordpress.com.

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PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY STATE CHAIR ARRESTED

"Someone needed to stand with the disability rights community and I did," said C. T. Weber, Peace and Freedom Party State Chair and nominee for Lieutenant Governor. Weber was arrested at a rally on Disability Rights Day at the state capitol on Wednesday, August 18. The disability community was protesting the crippling cuts to social services in the state budget. Twenty-two demonstrators, eight of them in wheel chairs, were arrested after they sat down and blocked traffic. However, the police vans had no ramps to take those in wheel chairs away. C.T. Weber received a head wound when a channel 3 TV camera hit him. All but one of those arrested were issued citations and released.

This is not the first time that Weber has been arrested for civil disobedience. Recently he was arrested in Congress member Doris Matsui's district office for protesting her votes for funding the occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan.



P&F candidates C.T. Weber, Debra Reiger and Daniel Costa at an immigrant rights rally in June, 2010

FROM OUR PLATFORM: Our goals cannot be achieved by electoral means alone. We participate in mass organization and direct action in neighborhoods, workplaces, unions and the armed forces everywhere.

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Workers' Voter Guide: The November Propositions



Yes on Proposition 19: Legalize marijuana ...because there is no good reason for it to be illegal. It is rarely addictive, is less harmful than tobacco and alcohol, and has well-documented medical benefits. Prohibition wastes billions of dollars and jails hundreds of thousands of non-violent people every year. The illegal drug trade breeds criminality and corruption. The “War on Drugs” damages society worse than cannabis ever could.

No on 20 and 27: Redistricting will not get us democracy: In a true democracy, people are represented fairly, and elected bodies reflect the population. When a representative body reflects the voters in proportion to the support for each viewpoint, it is called "proportional representation."

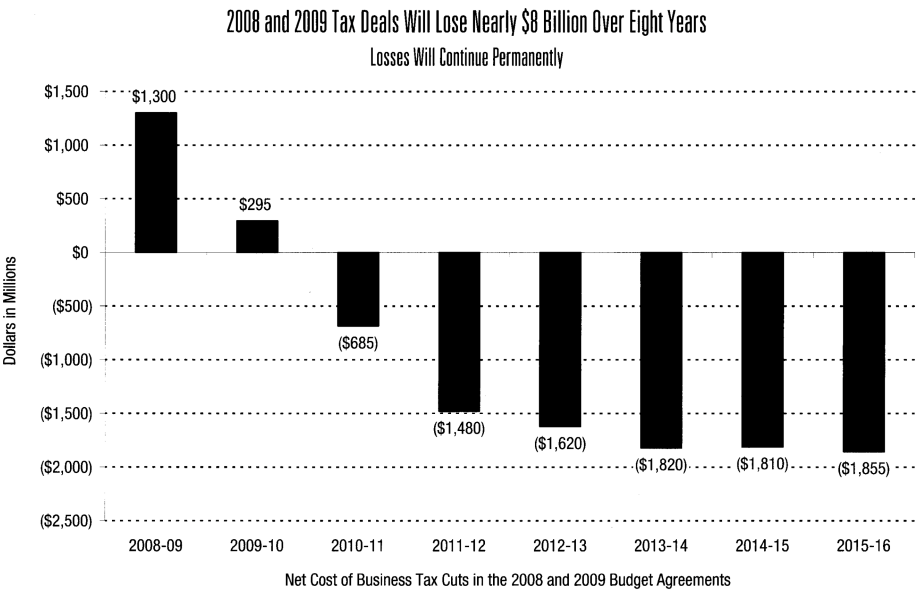
No matter how one re-draws the boundaries, winner-take-all elections by single-member districts will never produce elected bodies that reflect the make-up of the populace or represent their views. That’s why the Peace & Freedom Party opposes redistricting in its current form. We point voters to the real solution: multiple-member districts with proportional representation.

Yes on Proposition 21: Parks for the People: This proposition adds an \$18 fee to most vehicle registrations that will go directly to California’s 278 parks, and eliminate the vehicle entrance fee. We would prefer to tax the wealthy and their corporations. But we all need our parks to preserve the environment and help us enjoy it. We accept the cost of a half a tank of gas per year as a toll on the road to a more equitable future.

No on 23: The oil companies' deception: This dirty energy proposition would essentially repeal California's clean energy legislation. It calls for suspending AB32 until unemployment reaches 5.5% or less for four consecutive quarters — a market condition that has only occurred three times in the last 30 years. Proposition 23 is largely funded by two Texas oil companies, Valero and Tesoro, whose California refineries are major sources of pollution and industrial accidents.

We need to tax corporations and the rich and pass budgets that meet our human needs. Yes on 24 and 25 and no on 26 are steps in the right direction.

California is the only state which requires a supermajority to both pass a budget and raise taxes. We need a democratic process to raise the revenue we need and spend it for the common good. **Proposition 25** is a partial solution. It would allow the legislature to pass a budget by a simple majority. This would help relieve the gridlock which causes service providers of all kinds to go unpaid while one third of the legislature stalls. It would decrease the pressure to make deals like cutting corporate taxes. This proposition doesn't end the two-thirds vote required to raise taxes. We say vote YES on 25 and continue to fight for a fair tax system.



Source: California Budget Project

In the last two years, the state legislature had to make deals which will lead to increasingly lower corporate taxes. **Proposition 24** repeals those tax breaks, increasing state revenue around \$1.3 billion per year. Vote YES.

Proposition 26 would require a two-thirds vote to approve most state and local fees. It would cover everything from special fire protection districts to mitigation levies on corporate polluters. Vote NO.

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Marylou Cabral for Secretary of State
Karen Martinez for Controller
Debra Reiger for Treasurer
Bob Evans for Attorney General
Dina Padilla for Insurance Commissioner
Marsha Feinland for U.S. Senate

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