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CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ENDORSE PHIL ANGELIDES FOR GOVERNOR IN 2006

*California Federation of Teachers Leaders Praise Angelides for Record of
Standing Up for Educators, Students*

SACRAMENTO - Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Phil Angelides announced today that the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) has endorsed his candidacy for Governor of California.

"Educators are thrilled to support Phil Angelides for governor," said CFT President Mary Bergan. "When Gov. Schwarzenegger broke his promise and withheld \$2 billion for our schools, Phil Angelides was the first to stand up for public education. While the Governor is more than willing to raise taxes and fees on working families and students, Phil Angelides believes California needs a budget that is balanced fairly and that protects education."

"There are better ways to solve the state's budget crisis than by cutting funds to our classrooms, teachers, and students," said Bergan. "We believe that Phil Angelides has the vision, the passion and the commitment to improve our schools so that every teacher has the support to help every child reach his or her highest achievement."

"I am truly honored to have earned the support of the California Federation of Teachers," said Angelides. "I will be a Governor who elevates the teaching profession -- who trains and rewards teachers -- so young people from across America join our corps of educators as trustees of the next generation," said Angelides.

"Instead of bashing teachers and slashing funding, I will protect and strengthen education. We're going to take back this great state, and we're going to put it to work for working Californians," Angelides said.

Phil Angelides had a successful career as a businessman and served as Chair of the California Democratic Party before taking office as State Treasurer in 1999, the only elected office he has held. During just six years in public office, Angelides has gained a reputation as an innovative national leader and has earned widespread praise for his record of standing up for working California families and children.

The CFT, which represents over 120,000 teachers and school employees in California working in early childhood education to the university level, voted to endorse Angelides for Governor in its State Council meeting.

Angelides' campaign has already attracted broad-based support from Democratic leaders across the state. United States Senator Barbara Boxer and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi are serving as Honorary Co-Chairs of the Angelides 2006 campaign.

For more information, please visit www.Angelides.com.

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