

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Opposition to Proposition 75, the “Paycheck Deception” Act

WHEREAS, Proposition 75 is a deceptive measure put on the ballot by big corporations in order to silence the political voice of public employees such as teachers, nurses, firefighters and police officers; and

WHEREAS, the measure singles out public employee unions for elaborate political reporting requirements before spending any members’ dues dollars for political action, and requires public employee unions to do this every year; and

WHEREAS, no such cumbersome bureaucratic requirements are made of any other group, especially not the shareholders of the very corporations who put Proposition 75 on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics says that corporations and their various political action front groups already outspend unions by more than twenty to one in politics; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 75 would tilt the political balance even further toward corporate interests; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 75 has a hidden agenda, which is to destroy the ability of public employee unions to protect important programs such as public education, health care, and public safety that serve all the people of California; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, after Governor Schwarzenegger attempted to cut the pensions of public employees, public employee unions exposed the consequences of his plans to the public, causing the governor to back down, his allies made clear their intention to try again next year, and Proposition 75 would make it easier for them to do so; and

WHEREAS, supporters of Proposition 75 pretend to speak on behalf of union workers, but have never been union members themselves, and instead are anti-union ideologues who oppose workers’ policy interests such as the minimum wage, progressive tax policies, and Social Security; and

WHEREAS, union members have the right to majority rule, and Proposition 75 would impose a tyranny of the minority over the majority’s democratically derived political policies, overriding union members’ ability to make their own decisions about how to best run their organization; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the [school district/county office of education] strongly opposes Proposition 75 on the November 8, 2005 special election ballot.