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## **CFT President to talk at Laney College Hittelman to respond to state budget crisis**

Marty Hittelman, president of the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) and a longtime community college math instructor in Los Angeles, will address the state budget crisis at a forum organized by the Peralta Federation of Teachers on Wednesday, September 9, at Laney College in Oakland. The Peralta Community College District has campuses in Alameda, Berkeley and Oakland. Community colleges have suffered \$840 million in statewide cuts over the last two budget cycles, resulting in reduced course offerings in most places. “The state budget crisis, which was completely preventable, is making higher education unaffordable for enormous numbers of students,” says Hittelman. “High school graduates and unemployed workers need access to classes and retraining. Even with the recession, California is the richest state in the richest country in the world. The problem isn’t lack of money; it’s the wrong priorities by our governor and legislators.”

Peralta Community College District Chancellor Elihu Harris and others will join Hittelman.

**When:**        **Wednesday, September 9, 3:00 -5:30 p.m., Hittelman is speaking at 4 p.m.**

**Where:**        **Laney College, 900 Fallon Street, Room D 200, southeastern corner of campus, next to the gymnasium, Oakland**

**Who:**        **CFT President Marty Hittelman;  
                          PCCD Chancellor Elihu Harris;  
                          PCCD Trustee Abel Guillén;  
                          PCCD Vice Chancellors Tom Smith; Wise Allen; and  
                          a representative of Assemblyman Sandré Swanson.**

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