

March for California's Future

On March 5, the California Federation of Teachers will lead a march through the Central Valley to Sacramento. It will take six weeks. Its purpose is to focus public attention on three urgent goals:

- **Restore the promise of public education**
- **Rebuild a government and economy that works for all Californians**
- **Enact fair taxes to fund California's future**

There *are* alternatives to the destruction of the state's future. The state budget problem can be fixed with fair tax increases on the wealthy and closing corporate tax loopholes. But California requires a 2/3 vote, instead of a simple majority of the Legislature, to pass any new tax as well as a budget. As a result, a small group of anti-tax, anti-public education legislators can and does block passage of fair taxes and an adequate budget *every year*.

The "March for California's Future" will kick off with a demonstration in Los Angeles on March 5, and then resume in Bakersfield. A core group including representatives of unions and other community allies of CFT will march to Sacramento. Every few days there will be a larger event along the way—a rally, a town hall, a bigger march, visit to legislative offices or city councils, a teach-in—designed to maximize public awareness of the three goals.

We will register voters as we go, and press local public elected boards (education, water districts, city councils, etc.) along the way to adopt resolutions supporting these principles. The march will culminate in Sacramento with a big demonstration. But the march and demonstration are not ends in themselves. They will be part of an ongoing campaign: the Fight for California's Future. Be a part of it.



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