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## **California Federation of Teachers Re-Elects Top Leadership Team at Annual Convention**

Sacramento - CFT President Joshua Pechthalt, Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Freitas, and Senior Vice-President Lacy Barnes were re-elected by acclamation in an election held at the CFT's 71<sup>st</sup> annual convention - a solid show of support for the policies pursued over the past two years by the leadership team.

“It's gratifying to know that CFT members overwhelmingly support our union's efforts to help restore funding to California public schools. The CFT's work on shaping and passing Prop 30 last year was a watershed moment for the organization,” said Pechthalt. “But we know more needs to be done to bring California schools back to the level of funding and excellence we enjoyed back in the 1960s. Our convention delegates also made clear they agree with our efforts to build grass roots support for a true parent-educator vision of quality public education. Elected officials and corporate leaders who are pushing their one-size-fits-all, test-driven, market reforms in education need to know that there is real opposition to their agenda emerging across the country.”

In CFT Division Council elections, Paula Phillips, president of the Berkeley Council of Classified Employees, AFT Local 6192, was elected president of the statewide Council of Classified Employees, and Jim Mahler, president of the AFT Guild, San Diego and Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community Colleges, Local 1931, was elected the top officer of the statewide Community College Council, replacing Carl Friedlander, who chose not to run again. Gary Ravani of Petaluma was re-elected president of the EC/K-12 Council.

The new Executive Council of the CFT consists of the above listed officers, plus the following Vice-presidents:

Velma J. Butler, Local 1521A  
Cathy Campbell, Local 1078  
Robert Chacanaca, Local 6084  
Kimberly Claytor, Local 1794  
Melinda Dart, Local 3267  
Warren Fletcher, Local 1021  
Betty Forrester, Local 1021  
Ray Gaer, Local 2317  
Miki Goral, Local UC-AFT  
Carolyn Ishida, Local 2071  
Kathy Jasper, Local 957  
Dennis Kelly, Local 61  
Elaine Merriweather, Local 61  
Alisa Messer, Local 2121  
David Mielke Local 1343  
Dean Murakami, Local 2279  
Francisco Rodriguez, Local 1936  
Linda Sneed, Local 2279  
Joanne Waddell, Local 1521  
Carl Williams, Local 4529  
Kent Wong, Local UC-AFT  
David Yancey, Local 6157

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