In buttons: 25 years of ballot box victories

1993 **Vouchers 1**
- The first time CFT contributed to a major ballot measure campaign, voters agreed with us and said no to diverting money from neighborhood public schools to private schools.

1998 **Attack on Unions 1**
- Deceptively titled “paycheck protection,” Proposition 226 attempted to stem union power by limiting our ability to collect money for political action. Voters said no.

2000 **Vouchers 2**
- Proposition 38 would have crippled public education by siphoning at least $4,000 per pupil to private and religious schools. Voters said no the second time around, too.

2005 **No Times Three**
- Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s three bad ideas led to the biggest-ever mobilization of CFT members. Calling unions “special interests,” the governor wanted to extend probation for beginning teachers, restrict state spending for K-12 education, and hobble workers’ ability to exercise their voice in politics (**Attack on Unions 2**). Voters said no, no, and no.

2008 **President Obama**
- After eight years of GOP deficits and two new wars, CFT supported Barack Obama, whose pro-education platform included reforming the deeply flawed No Child Left Behind Act.

2010 **Democracy Rules**
- To break the legislative logjam that delayed education funding every fall, CFT put forward Proposition 25, changing the two-thirds vote for budget adoption to a simple majority.

2012 **The Millionaires Tax**
- To generate needed revenue, voters approved CFT’s progressive measure to increase income taxes on California’s wealthiest. Proposition 32 was a rerun of Props 226 and 75. Voters said no.

2016 **Progressive Tax Extended**
- With Prop 30 facing an expiration date, voters did not want a return to austerity and approved Proposition 55 to extend taxes on the wealthiest Californians to fund public services.