



MEDIA ADVISORY FOR: Friday, March 5, 2010

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**EDUCATORS, PUBLIC SERVICE ADVOCATES TO LAUNCH
48-DAY MARCH FOR CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE:
*LA Rally to Kick Off Bakersfield to Sacramento March;
Call for Governor, Legislature to Restore Promise of Public Education
& Public Services; Resolve State Budget Crisis, Gridlock***

A diverse group of Californians, including a San Diego community college professor, two Los Angeles probation officers, a Watsonville teacher, a retired Berkeley adult educator, and a retired Los Angeles teacher today announced they will embark March 5th on a 48-day "March for California's Future." The March, sponsored by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) and a coalition of labor, education and faith groups, will begin with a Los Angeles rally at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, after which marchers will travel to Bakersfield to begin their walk. Following in Cesar Chavez's footsteps, hundreds of firefighters, nurses, in-home care workers, students, and police officers will join the marchers for parts of their 260-mile Bakersfield to Sacramento trek.

"Our children's futures are being shortchanged. The governor and a minority of legislators believe the only 'solution' to California's budget challenge is to cut our public school system, and other vital public services and safety net programs," said Jim Miller, a 45-year-old English and labor studies professor at San Diego City College. "I know we can restore quality public education and public services, rebuild a government that serves all Californians, and create a fair tax system to fund our state's future. "

What: Rally to Launch "March for California's Future"

Where: Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 4269 South Figueroa Street, LA

When: Friday, March 5 - 10:00 am