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## **600 Educators to Gather in LA to “Fight for California’s Future” at California Federation of Teachers 2010 Convention**

Hundreds of educators, elected local delegates of the California Federation of Teachers (CFT), will gather in Los Angeles March 19-21 for its 68<sup>th</sup> annual convention. On the agenda: debate and voting on resolutions, speakers such as U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (Sun. afternoon), California Assembly Speaker John Perez (Sat. morning), and Oregon legislator Michael Dembrow, workshops, and following the March for California’s Future through the Central Valley via live video feeds. Assemblywoman Julia Brownley will receive CFT’s “Legislator of the Year” award.

“In a time of great crisis for public education, we will come together to chart a course for change,” said CFT President Marty Hittelman. “The State of California is abandoning the children and adults who depend upon our public education system. This was not inevitable. It is rather a result of conscious choices by the governor and legislators, and the wrong priorities in Sacramento. We can and must change direction.”

The convention is the highest decision-making body of the union. The meeting will be held at the Wilshire Grand Los Angeles.

The focus of this year’s convention is the “Fight for California’s Future” campaign, including the current “March for California’s Future,” making its way through the Central Valley to Sacramento.

**WHAT:** California Federation of Teachers’ 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
**WHO:** Marty Hittelman, CFT President  
**WHEN:** Friday, March 19, 9:15 am – media availability Glenwood Room  
**WHERE:** Wilshire Grand Los Angeles, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles

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