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Community College Students to Stage First-Ever “Ramen-In” to Protest Fee Hikes *Call for Wealthy to Pay Fair Share of Taxes*

Community college students today announced they would stage the first-ever “Ramen-in” at Governor Brown’s offices around the state next week. Students, faculty and their supporters will protest the \$300 fee increase the governor has proposed (\$10 per unit for 30 units, a normal academic year’s load). “The \$300 fee hike will come from students’ budget for food and other necessities. We will be eating Ramen for breakfast, lunch and dinner,” said San Diego City College student Jose Rodriguez. “Hundreds of students will deliver thousands of packages of Ramen to the governor’s offices to show the impact of this huge fee increase.” “Student fees represent a tax on the wrong people. Students should not have to shoulder the burden of the state's budget crisis when there are so many wealthy people in this state who are not paying their fair share,” said Alisa Messer, an English instructor and president of AFT 2121 at City College of San Francisco.

Protests are planned for Los Angeles and San Francisco:

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Los Angeles – 1:30 pm; Governor’s Office, 300 S. Spring Street

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**San Francisco – 1:30 pm; Governor’s Office, 350 McAllister St.
(between Polk and Larkin)**

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