

Educators, Firefighters and Nurses for an On Time Budget say:

END BUDGET GRIDLOCK IN CALIFORNIA

**PROTECT EDUCATION AND
VITAL PUBLIC SERVICES**

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The Majority Vote Budget Act will give us on-time budgets and stop the bleeding.

Democracy is supposed to be simple majority rule (50% plus 1). We have lost democracy in our state budget process, with terrible consequences for all of us.

California is one of just three states that require an undemocratic two thirds Legislative supermajority to pass a budget. Under these circumstances, a small minority of legislators controls the state budget process, and ensures the continued decline of funding for public education and other vital social services.

Each year the state budget is held hostage by the legislative minority until the majority agrees to tax loopholes and other favors for corporate special interests, as well as to massive cuts in education and services.

In addition, each year, items unrelated to the budget—but on the ideological wish list of the minority— are inappropriately thrown into the process. Over the past several years these non-budgetary items have included

- elimination of time and a half pay for more than eight hours work in a day;
- elimination of lunch breaks for workers in the hospitality business
- one state legislator holding up the budget process for *weeks* until the majority agrees to place a special favor measure on the state ballot

These actions, followed by efforts to stop them by legislators who care about education, public services, and decent jobs in the community, result in the budget deadlocks we experience each year.

The solution is reform of this dysfunctional budget process. Under the Majority Vote Budget Act, the undemocratic Legislative two thirds vote on the state budget would become a simple majority, like it is in 47 out of 50 states.

Educators, Firefighters and Nurses for an On Time Budget is:

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees • California Faculty Association • California Federation of Teachers • California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO • California Nurses Association • California Professional Firefighters • California School Employees Association • and more

