

# FACULTY MATTERS



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## Politics Our Way of Life

As many of us recall, the last presidential election was determined by a very few votes. This Election on Tuesday November 2, 2004 is extremely critical. There are many local races that are important to our Community College District. There are propositions and bond measures that affect education in many ways. And most important, those people who are elected to serve in Sacramento determine the resources for Community Colleges.

Because the Faculty Association, AFT 6157 is part of the AFT/CFT, we are able use the resources of a nationwide Union. Through its political organizations, the CFT and AFT endorse candidates and take positions on the propositions. Below is a list of recommendation from the FA, AFT 6157 (**bold** merely indicates races that are critical and/or in Santa Clara County). The most important part of this election is to be informed and to vote. Take this flyer with you to the polls and let's hold onto the few gains that we have made over the past years.

<b>NATIONWIDE</b>		<b>US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>John Kerry-President</b>		8 Nancy Pelosi (D)		16 Wilma Chang (D)	
		9 Barbara Lee (D)		17 Barbara Matthews (D)	
<b>US SENATE</b>		10 Ellen Tauscher (D)		18 Johan Klehs (D)	
<b>Barbara Boxer</b>		12 Tom Lantos (D)		19 Gene Mullin (D)	
		13 Pete Start (D)		20 Alberto Torrico (D)	
<b>CALIFORNIA STATE</b>		14 Anna Eshoo (D)		<b>21 Ira Ruskin (D)</b>	
3 Carole Migden (D)		<b>15 Mike Honda (D)</b>		<b>22 Sally Lieber (D)</b>	
7 Tom Toklakson (D)		<b>16 Zoe Lofgren (D)</b>		<b>23 Joe Coto (D)</b>	
9 Don Perata (D)		17 Sam Farr (D)		<b>24 Rebecca Cohn (D)</b>	
<b>11 Joseph Simitian (D)</b>		18 Dennis Cardoza (D)		27 John Laird (D)	
<b>13 Elaine Alquist (D)</b>				28 Simone Salinas (D)	
<b>15 Margaret (Peg) Pinard (D)</b>				30 Nicole Parra (D)	
<b>PROPOSITIONS</b>				<b>MEASURE G SJECCD Education Bond</b> <b>yes</b>	
1A State Funding Changes	no			Measure C Binding Arbitration	no
59 Open Government Records	yes			Measure S Library and Reading	yes
60 Protects Primary Elections	yes	<b>SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL</b>			
60A Surplus Property	no	Nancy Pyle (Almaden Area)			
61 Children's Hospital Bond	yes	<b>SJECCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>			
62 "Open" Primary Elections	no	District 1 Ron Lind		no contest	
63 Mental Health Services	yes	District 3 Richard Tanaka		no contest	
64 Weakens Workplace Safety	no	District 5 Randy Okamura		no contest	
65 Local Government Funding	no	District 7 Autumn Gutierrez		no contest	
66 Fix "Three Strikes"	yes				
67 Taxing Telephone	no recommendation				
68 Deceptive Gaming	no				
69 DNA Samples	no				
70 Expands Tribal Gambling	no				
71 Stem Cell Research	yes				
72 Expanded Health Care	yes				

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# Dealing with the health care crisis

Health care insurance costs are spiraling out of control. One in six Americans are without health care coverage, including over 6 million Californians. Premium cost increases are affecting the finances of schools, and snarling collective bargaining. Corporations are forcing unions out on strike over reductions in or outright elimination of health care coverage. Ultimately we need a single-payer health care system, like Canada's, to solve the problems created in this country by for-profit health care insurance companies.

Last year, however, California took a big step in the direction of extending health care coverage to working families who can't afford it. The Legislature and former Governor Davis passed SB 2, the "Health Insurance Act of 2003," which extended health care coverage to one million Californians through their workplaces.

The latest attack on our right to health care is the state Chamber of Commerce's effort to repeal the landmark SB 2. This opponent of the Health Insurance Act spent an estimated

\$3 million to qualify **Proposition 72** for the November ballot, and has already spent \$10 million dollars for its deceitful media campaign..

You can be a part of the ongoing effort to achieve affordable health care coverage for all. Health care is a right, not a privilege.




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