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Montebello Teachers Association Sends 300 Representatives to May 25 Rally

Our delegation, along with 10,000 other members of the Alliance for a Better California, gathered at Pershing Square Wednesday and conveyed the following message.

- Educators, nurses, firefighters, peace officers, public employees, and everyday Californians have joined together to oppose Governor Schwarzenegger's wasteful \$80 million special election for his special interest friends.
- Governor Schwarzenegger has broken his promises to the people of California, and is pushing an agenda that is out-of-sync with the real cares and concerns of everyday Californians.
- He borrowed \$2 billion from our public schools with the promise to pay it back and give schools their fair share of any additional state revenues. Revenues are up, and he's refusing to restore the money.
- He promised to protect Proposition 98, but is now pushing a budget initiative that would gut the law approved by voters to guarantee minimum funding to our schools and slash \$4 billion in on-going funding to our school children. His broken promises are costing every California classroom more than \$25,000. Our students deserve better.
- He said he would protect our state's firefighters and police officers, and then he tried to cut the death and disability benefits for widows and orphans of fallen officers.
- He said he wouldn't take special interest money, but he's raised more money than any Governor in history, outpacing Gray Davis by a landslide!
- Governor Schwarzenegger is siding with the corporate special interests instead of protecting consumers and helping working families. His special election agenda is a reckless waste of money and does nothing to improve our schools, our roads or our health care system.
- Last year, the Governor vetoed important legislation to lower the price of prescription drugs and to prevent electricity black-outs in our state, instead siding with his special interest friends in the pharmaceutical industry, and private power producers, like the Calpine Corporation. Drug and energy companies remain some of his biggest campaign contributors.



Board Member Ed Chau, Karen van der Baan (DO), Kathy Aparicio (WAE), and Frank van der Baan (BVE) attend rally

