



**CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES UNITED**

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## **Yvonne Walker Adopts CSEUnited Motion**

In the most interesting twist of events, the SEIU Local 1000 Council [approved a motion](#) to ask the Local 1000 delegates to rescind the second part of the previously approved dues increase scheduled to take effect in July 2010. The second part of the dues increase would raise the dues by another .25 percent (to a total of 1.75 percent). If the delegates rescind the increase, the required membership vote on the dues hike would not take place. Interestingly, the motion was sponsored by Local 1000 President Yvonne Walker, a major proponent of the original dues increase.

As you might recall, CSEUnited [organized member opposition to the dues increase](#) when it was first proposed in 2006. Despite our best efforts, the leadership of Local 1000 led by Jim Hard, Yvonne Walker and Cathy Hackett, pushed the increase through the Local 1000 Council and the Local 1000 delegates – both bodies dominated by their “Members Uniting to Win” (MUW) allies. “This was the main reason CSEUnited members were against the temporary dues assessment back in 2005. We all knew it would become permanent,” stated Lisa Flores, a CBUR for Bargaining Unit 1 and CSEUnited member.

At the 2007 delegate convention held in San Jose, [CSEUnited-allied delegates and Council members tried to rescind the 2010 dues increase](#) only to be blocked again by supporters of Hard, Walker and Hackett. However, CSEUnited successfully pressured the leadership to put the issue of the 2010 dues increase to a vote of the membership prior to it taking effect.

Ironically, while the rescission of the second dues increase will be widely supported, it would once again take away a golden opportunity for Local 1000 members to finally weigh-in on the issue of the dues increase – a vote that CSEUnited has advocated since 2006.

It took a dismal economic forecast and the realization that they could not deliver a good contract for the leadership of Local 1000 to realize that another dues increase would not be welcomed by the members. “It’s pathetic that even when the Local 1000 leadership does something that it believes will benefit the members, the members still get the short end of the stick,” said Arnold Zuniga, a CSEUnited member from Sacramento.

For the record, WE TOLD THEM SO!

### **ARE YOU READY TO TAKE ACTION?**

Delegate elections are taking place this spring and nominations are currently being accepted for delegate positions in Local 1000. If you are angry, put that energy to positive use by helping to shape the future of the union. Hard, Walker and Hackett are again pushing their supporters to run for these delegate positions. If you don’t take action, you will be giving them a blank check to write your future.

Visit the CSEUnited website at: [www.cseunited.org](http://www.cseunited.org) for more information about the upcoming delegate convention and how you can help take control of YOUR union.

**CSEUnited, fighting the dues increase since 2005!**