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## **Statement on the Primary Election Results**

*By Art Pulaski, Executive Secretary-Treasurer*

We are proud to say that union turnout made the difference in electing Phil Angelides as the Democratic candidate for Governor. The low voter turnout in this election made our grassroots mobilization even more critical than usual.

When California unions endorsed Angelides, our members hit the streets to turn that endorsement into a victory on Election Day. Phil Angelides stood with union members against Schwarzenegger's attacks on teachers, nurses and firefighters in the Special Election. We remembered that, and stood by him when he needed our support most.

And although we were disappointed with the negative campaigning and attack ads in the Democratic Primary, it is now time to move forward. We hope that all of those who supported Steve Westly will join forces with us in the upcoming Governor's race.

We are eager to work with Phil Angelides in support of our number one shared goal – defeating Arnold Schwarzenegger in November. Our unions will help Phil Angelides defeat Schwarzenegger and bring our state the kind of Governor we need – someone committed to creating more good jobs, expanding access to affordable health care, and fully funding our schools.

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