



Coalition of LA City Unions

AFSCME LA City Local Unions
International Union of
Operating Engineers Local 501

Laborers' Local 777
LA/Orange Counties Building &
Construction Trades Council

Service Employees
International Union Local 721
Teamsters Local 911

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Coalition Works to Protect Services and Avert Layoffs



Mayor Villaraigosa released his Proposed Budget for 2008–09 yesterday morning. The Mayor’s proposal is only a starting point for design of the Budget. It now moves to the City Council, where it will go through a series of hearings, beginning in the Budget and Finance Committee. The Coalition of LA City Unions and its members will be present and vocal every step of the way.

Coalition representatives will be meeting with City leaders and staff of the CAO. They will be working to determine the potential impacts of the Proposed Budget on members and ways we might minimize negative impacts such as layoffs. Mandatory furloughs cannot be imposed without negotiation. **Rest assured your union representatives are working to protect City workers and maintain support for the services you provide.**

“City workers understand the nature of the budget problem, not only as front-line service providers, but as Los Angeles residents and taxpayers ourselves,” explained Bob Schoonover, a Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic with the City and a Vice President of SEIU Local 721.

“The challenges facing the City are not unique to Los Angeles. They are the result of the same economic ordeal impacting cities, states, businesses, and families across the country.

“Despite the difficulties, we are committed to continuing to provide quality services to people of Los Angeles.

“There is no way we can accept layoffs and the accompanying service cuts until the City has taken a serious look at every idea on the table. That process is underway, and we will make sure City workers are heard.”

NO IDEA IS TOO SMALL!

There is still time to contribute your budget ideas to cut costs or enhance revenue. Log onto www.lacitycoalition.com and click on the “Budget Ideas” tab.

Trust the Facts, not the rumors. Trade your rumor in for the real facts. If you hear any rumors, please let us know by emailing info@lacitycoalition.com.

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