

Bail out the Public Sector!

Practically every state, county and city in the country is in financial crisis and the plan is to make **you** pay for it. Look at the figures for California State plus the cities of Berkeley and Oakland alone (*see box below on right*). These projected deficits are leading to massive cuts in services, wage cuts, layoffs, furloughs, and in one case already (Vallejo) to outright union busting.

This crisis is actually getting worse, and all these projected deficits will probably continue to increase. If allowed to pass, these cuts will only get worse. Other cities in the area and most states in the country face similar or worse deficits.

We do not have to be the victims! There *is* a solution!

Right now, the federal government has committed some \$7 trillion to bail out banks, insurance companies and even the auto industry. And many of these banks, they won't even tell us, the taxpayers, how they are spending that money. ***This is our money and we have every right to say how it gets spent!***

If the federal government can bail out Corporate America, then they can bail out "public America". The unions should all get together and call mass public meetings to organize a campaign to demand that federal bail-out money be used to eliminate the budget deficits of our cities, counties and states.

- **No cuts in services, public jobs or pay of public workers and retirees**
- **Use federal bail out money to make up the budget shortfalls**

Estimated deficits as of 12/08

City of Berkeley	\$20 million
City of Oakland	\$50-58 million
California State	\$40 billion

Update

It is now reported that Congress is considering using all of \$160 billion of the federal bailout money for state, county and municipal budget bailouts. As you can see, the deficits of Berkeley, Oakland and the State of California are likely to equal over \$110 billion alone. This plan of Congress is nothing but scraps off the dinner table

Who we are

The Industrial Workers of the World is a union that currently represents several different workforces. We have a long, revolutionary tradition in American's labor movement. We do not seek to compromise the interests of workers to benefit the employers. We want to work with the rest of the unions and with all workers' organizations to launch this campaign:

IWW-Represented Workplaces:

Buyback Recycling (Berkeley)
Curbside Pickup (Berkeley)
Shattuck Cinema (Berkeley)
Stonemountain & Daughter retailer
(Berkeley)

The IWW is also conducting a nation-wide organizing campaign at Starbucks, as well as other organizing drives nationally.

If you would like to get involved in our campaign, or would just like to know more about the IWW, we urge you to contact us at: