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THESE INITIATIVE PETITIONS

Paid signature gatherers are now on the streets with four initiative petitions:

Prohibition on Defined Benefit Public Pensions. Alternative Plans. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Prohibits all public employees from having defined benefit pension plans; authorizes only a 401(K)-style defined contribution plan. Will decimate retirement programs for teachers and public workers, with no immediate savings, but long term costs, to the State.

Public Employee Union Dues. Required Employee Consent for Political Contributions. Initiative Statute.

Restricts participation by unions in the political process. No restrictions on corporations. Will silence the voice of working people in elections, while allowing corporate interests to completely control the media. Corporations already outspend unions 11:1.

Reapportionment. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Requires re-drawing of legislative districts in 2006 with the aim of creating districts more likely to elect allies of Governor Schwarzenegger.

Public School Teachers. Waiting Period for Permanent Status. Dismissal.

Extends from two to five years period during which teachers may be dismissed without cause. Teachers who teach disadvantaged students who don't "perform" on standardized tests could be dismissed without regard to the teacher's ability in the classroom.

These initiatives are part of the effort by Arnold Schwarzenegger and his ideological allies to "reform" government by attacking the people who work for the public, in order to obfuscate the fact that under the **Schwarzenegger administration** the State now faces a **record deficit**. Not one of his sponsored initiatives will have any impact on the current State budget crisis.

How you can help:

- 1) Engage the signature gatherers in debate;
- 2) Complain to the store manager wherever you see these signature gatherers;
- 3) Spread the word to all of your friends and family members;

4) **DON'T SIGN THESE PETITIONS!**

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