



Assembly Member **SANDRÉ SWANSON**  
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## Swanson Responds To Governor's Budget Proposal

**(Sacramento)** – In response to Governor Schwarzenegger's address to the joint session of the State Legislature, Assemblymember Swanson (D-Alameda), made the following statement:

"The Governor's proposal to balance the \$24 billion budget shortfall without the use of additional revenues is neither a fair nor realistic solution to the budget crisis. I find it morally objectionable for the Governor's proposals to specifically cut Cal-Works, Healthy Families, Cal-Grants, In-home service care for the elderly, and even access to State parks. The Governor's proposal also fails at its intended goals: it fails to address our deficit and it fails to reflect our priorities.

In this budget year alone, we have instituted \$23 billion of cuts, over 20% of our \$105 billion budget. These cuts represent a tremendous amount of pain for California, a serious reduction in services to our constituencies, and a reduction in the prosperity of our state.

Our budget must reflect our priorities. It must reflect what kind of state we want to be. I believe our state should be one that gives priority to children, seniors, and support for working families, all of which requires us to invest in our state. I hope we will look at revenue solutions that are realistic, that help the state support its safety net programs, and that provide Californians with the services they require and demand as they work to bring our state through this economic crisis."

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