

From the press conference announcing the filing of a class-action lawsuit against the CTA and CFA unions to block funds for anti-Schwarzenegger electioneering:

**Joint Statement by
Plaintiff Colleen Hoover, Second Grade Teacher, Hesperia Unified SD
Plaintiff Gwynneth Morin, First Grade Teacher, Hesperia Unified SD**

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It's been our experience that the union hierarchy tends to forget that they work for and represent ALL of the members, not just those who agree with them. CTA union officials seem to assume that just because we are members, we DO agree with their views.

We are opposed to having our union dues used to promote agendas with which we do not agree. As educated individuals, we prefer to gather information and make our own decisions, rather than being told how to vote.

CTA officials never asked permission before raising our mandatory dues to pay for their political campaigning and they never gave us any opportunity to object. That's why we decided to fight this battle on behalf of the thousands of teachers like us who feel the same way.