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**Contra Costa Labor Council
Resolution in support of the Local Control Funding Formula**

Whereas, the California Legislature is considering Governor Jerry Brown's proposed reform of the K-12 school financing system, the so-called "Local Control Funding Formula" and

Whereas, Governor Brown has proposed the new funding formula based on the principles of subsidiarity, equity and transparency; and

Whereas, the goal of the new system of finance is to modernize and simplify California's overly complex and historically outdated system; and

Whereas, the new funding formula would hold Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) accountable to their local communities for implementing the Common Core State Standards, improving student achievement, making progress in closing achievement gaps, increasing attendance and high school graduation rates, and improving preparation for college and career; and

Whereas, the proposed funding formula would provide a target base grant level projected to reach full implementation in seven years; and

Whereas, the proposed formula would also include supplemental grants and concentration grants to provide additional funding to districts to address needs of English learners, students in poverty and students in foster care; and

Whereas, there are a number of other issues remaining unaddressed in the proposal including formula adjustments to reflect geographic cost differences, ensuring the provision of quality adult learning opportunities, allowing LEAs to continue to regionalize effective program and service deliveries for career education, transportation services, professional development, among other things; and

Whereas, all Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in California have undergone severe budget reductions since the 2008-09, including cuts to revenue limits and categorical programs and are striving to maintain high quality educational programs; and

Whereas, the currently-proposed new funding system does not establish a target that would bring California per pupil funding to at least the national average; and

Whereas, California per pupil funding was identified as 49th in the nation by the 2013 Quality Counts in Education Week; therefore

Be it resolved that the Contra Costa Labor Council supports the basic premises of the proposed Local Control Funding Formula and its reliance on local decision making and accountability to address the educational needs of all students.

Be it also resolved, that the Contra Costa Labor Council urges the Governor and the Legislature to develop the Local Control Funding Formula to provide that all Local Education Agencies are at a minimum restored funding levels of 2007-08 and that the target for the base grant provide funding to California's public schools at least at the national average.

Be it also resolved that the Contra Costa Labor Council calls for continued work on the development of the robust accountability system that will ensure that all students are making gains in academic achievement across a broad spectrum of learning opportunities, including career and technical education, in order to keep California competitive in a global economy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Contra Costa Labor Council.