



TEAMSTERS LOCAL 2010

An Affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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Secretary Treasurer and Principal Officer

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Timothy White, Chancellor
California State University
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Dear Chancellor White:

We write on behalf of over 1,100 skilled trades Teamsters whose hard work keeps California State University safe and running for the students and campus community, to urge that CSU continue to protect the jobs and livelihood of skilled trades workers through the COVID-19 crisis. CSU has announced that instruction this fall semester will be delivered primarily by remote means. Teamsters Local 2010 requests to bargain with the University regarding the effects of this decision on Unit 6 skilled trades workers.

The Teamsters acknowledge CSU's commitment to its workforce as reflected in its decisions protecting the jobs of CSU workers from layoff during the COVID-19 crisis, through the present fiscal year. Now the Union calls on CSU to continue this commitment to protect its workforce during the fall semester, to ensure that CSU's essential workers do not bear the brunt of this crisis.

The hard work and sacrifice of our Skilled Trades Teamsters has helped build CSU into a great University with strong financial reserves. Our members have worked on-campus throughout this crisis, risking their health to continue serving CSU students and the entire CSU community. Now the University must stand with the workers who have stood with CSU.

As a public institution and one of the largest employers in the state, CSU must continue to create and support good jobs in our communities in order to help speed California's recovery from the economic crisis caused by COVID-19.

Fortunately, the CSU has the means to do so. Because of the hard work and sacrifice of CSU workers, the University has accrued \$1.7 billion in surplus for use in challenging times such as these. The University has received \$525 million in federal CARES Act stimulus funds, and significant funding for deferred maintenance projects. Since, as CSU has acknowledged, the University has great amounts of deferred maintenance work to be done on its campuses, there is plenty of work for CSU skilled trades workers to perform, even with the campuses closed to most in-person instruction. Further, CSU must in-source contracted out work to its own workforce, in order to avoid any layoff or furloughs of CSU skilled trades workers.

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The CSU has the finances and the projects to keep our members working through the fall semester, even as campuses continue with virtual instruction. This is also the right thing for CSU to do to support its loyal workforce and our state's economic recovery. We look forward to partnering with CSU leadership to make sure that the dedicated skilled trades workforce is protected from layoff and furloughs through the COVID-19 crisis. Please contact us to schedule a time to meet and confer regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,



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