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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SENATOR LONI HANCOCK SPEAKS OUT IN SUPPORT OF CSU EAST BAY STRIKE**

Hayward, CA – Senator Loni Hancock (D-Oakland) joined striking faculty members, staff, students and supporters of the California Faculty Association (CFA) at a rally this afternoon at California State University East Bay.

Senator Hancock spoke at the rally in support of the strike and issued the following statement:

“This is a pivotal moment for California’s educational system. In times of economic fragility such as we are in now, we are faced with gut-wrenching choices. It is all too easy for high-level managers to shift a disproportionate burden of cutbacks and suffering to those who are the real heart of the university system – the faculty, staff and students.

I am here to congratulate and support the faculty of this great university for having the courage to stand up for fairness and for making a stand against the destruction of our education system.

You have been more than patient as you have watched the California university system diminished by drastic budget cuts, skyrocketing tuition and fee increases, reduced resources for faculty and staff and an intransigent administration refusing to compromise on contracts.

You have been more than patient as you have watched students suffer the consequences. Every day, I hear from frustrated and angry Americans worried about being able to send their kids to college because their savings have been depleted thanks to Wall Street greed and mismanagement.

I urge the university’s administration to listen to you – to heed the voices of the faculty, staff and students who are the heart and soul of this great university. You ARE the 99% and your voice WILL be heard.”

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