

# Bail out the Public Sector!

Practically every state, county and city in the country is in financial crisis and the plan is to make *you* pay for it.

**We do not have to be the victims! There is a solution!**

Right now, the federal government has committed some \$7 trillion to bail out banks, insurance companies and the auto industry. Many of these banks won't even tell us, the taxpayers, how they are spending that money. ***This is our money and we have every right to say how it gets spent!***

If the federal government can bail out Corporate America, then they can bail out "public America". The unions should all get together and call mass public meetings to organize a campaign to demand that federal bailout money be used to eliminate budget deficits in our cities, counties and states.

## **Estimated Deficits as of 12/08:**

City of Berkeley: \$20 million  
City of Oakland: \$50-58 million  
State of California: \$40 billion

## **Update:**

The federal bailout bill will spend about \$110 billion in direct aid to states plus money for social services like Medicaid, education, etc. On the other hand, the states are expected to run a \$350 billion budget shortfall over the next three years. California is expected to get some \$8 billion from the bailout bill, versus its expected \$40+ billion deficit. In addition, there are all the county and city deficits.

**Use federal bailout money to make up the budget shortfalls!  
No cuts in services, public jobs, pay of public workers or retiree benefits!**



**Who We Are**



The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) is a union that currently represents several different workforces. We have a long, revolutionary tradition in America's labor movement and do not seek to compromise the interests of workers to benefit the employers. We want to work with the rest of the unions and with all workers' organizations to launch this campaign.

Local IWW-represented workplaces include: Buyback Recycling (Berkeley)  
Curbside Recycling Pickup (Berkeley)  
Shattuck Cinema (Berkeley)  
Stonemountain & Daughter Fabrics (Berkeley)

The IWW is also conducting a nationwide organizing campaign at Starbucks as well as other organizing drives.

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**We urge you to discuss this with your coworkers, raise this in a union meeting  
and get your union to join this campaign.**

**If you would like to get involved in this campaign  
or get a speaker from the IWW to your union meeting or workplace  
or would just like to know more about the IWW  
please contact us at:  
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