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STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

- **1521A Demonstration - Classifieds Right to Participate in Shared Governance:** On January 25th, February 8th and February 22nd, the AFT College Staff Guild called for action at the Board of Trustees meeting to stop District leaderships continued disregard and violation of classified's right to participate in Shared Governance/decision-making. AFT Staff Guild is the EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE for the clerical/technical employees at LACCD. Staff Guild is demanding the District uphold Assembly Bill 1725-classified participation in Shared Governance and implement Education Code 70901.2- the Union's right to appoint representative to committees. Many labor leaders from other unions and faculty members joined the Staff Guild in support of Shared Governance. The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place on March 7, 2012 at East Los Angeles College. We call for all members to come out and support our right to Shared Governance.
- **Chapter Chair and Delegates Elections:** 1521A Chapter Chair and Delegates election is scheduled May 2, 2012 at each worksite and the Staff Guild Office. Members interested in running for office must notify the Staff Guild no later than 4:00 pm March 21, 2012. For more information, go to website at www.local.1521A.org.
- **CFT Millionaire's Tax Initiative:** The California Federation of Teachers is continuing to fight for the future of California by making an effort to place the Millionaire's Tax Initiative on the ballot in November. The Millionaire's Tax Initiative will mandate that people who earn a \$ 1,000,000 a year to pay 3% more income taxes. The Staff Guild Executive Board passed a resolution to support the Millionaire's Tax Initiative. Be sure to sign the petition and volunteer to be a signature gatherer. For more information, go to CFT websites at www.cft.org
- **MLK Jr. Celebration:** The AFT Staff Guild participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast (1/12/12) and parade (1/16/12) and would like to thank the members who participated. Special thanks to Dionne Morrissette (West) for organizing the event.

- **Free 2012 Income Tax Preparation:** Assemblyman Jerome E. Horton is offering free income tax preparation for household income of \$ 50,000 or less;
 - Saturday, March 24 - 10 - 3pm CSULA
 - Saturday, April 14 - 10 - 3 pm LBCC
 - For more information, please call 323-980-1221

- **Rolling Huskies:** The East Los Angeles College engineering and technology team members will compete in a competition to fabricate a Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) event. The Staff Guild Executive Board is proud to sponsor ELAC students in competition. *Go Huskies!*

- **Clean Carwash Campaign:** The Clean Carwash Campaign has added two more carwashes to their collective bargaining campaign. These contracts are the latest victories in the on-going efforts of the campaign to end abuses suffered by LA carwash workers.

- **Struggling Homeowners:** AFT Staff Guild endorsed candidate Attorney General Kamala D. Harris secured \$ 18 billion to California's struggling homeowners; \$ 3.92 billion to Los Angeles alone. This funding will benefit thousands of homeowners who were hit by the mortgage crises. For more information on how homeowners can apply for relief, go to www.oag.ca.gov.

- **Apple, Shame on You:** 250,000 people signed a petition to end slave conditions affecting workers at Apple's suppliers. Petitioners are outraged at the inhumane treatment of workers in China who make iPods, iPhones and other Apple products. Protesters visited Apple stores around the world to deliver the petitions calling for reform in the working conditions at factories run by Apple suppliers.

- **CFT/AFT Convention Election Results:** The results for the CFT/AFT Convention Delegate election are posted at www.local1521A.org

- **Shame on Walmart:** On Tuesday, January 31, 2012, concerned citizens protested at the Burbank City Council meeting to stop the opening of a Wal-Mart Superstore in the City of Burbank. Also, protest against Wal-Mart;s plan to open its first LA grocery store in "Chinatown".