

Leading the fight

What Local 1000 is doing

Internal Research – Completed extensive research on the scope of the proposed sale, including a full fiscal analysis of the sale and its impact on our members.

Financial Analysis – Hired an independent financial analytics firm, Beacon Economics, to examine and produce a report on the long-term costs and fiscal realities of the sale.

Top-level Support – State Treasurer Bill Lockyer, State Controller John Chiang, and Assembly Speaker John Perez publicly supported our findings that the proposed sale is a bad idea.

Legislative Hearing – Media generated by the Beacon report led to an April 28 hearing by the Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review, where Committee Chair Hector De La Torre blasted the proposed sale.

Media Coverage – Local 1000's Communications Department used the Beacon report and growing opposition to the sale to create significant news coverage and editorials questioning and opposing the sale in print and broadcast media throughout the state.

Lobbying – Members of Local 1000's legislative team met with political leaders to share our findings and build support to stop the sale.

Coalition Building – Formed a strong group of social justice and better-government groups, including leading real estate developers, opposed to the sale.

Legal – Local 1000's Legal Department provided research and opinions that helped shape legal strategies that could be used in our fight against the proposed sale.

Member Meetings – A Unit 15 custodial task force held numerous meetings with employees whose jobs may be affected should the proposed sale take place.

Member Survey – The task force is polling members so we can provide effective representation and mitigation in the event of a layoff.



Governor's plan: bad timing, bad deal

The state's plan to sell 11 prime office building complexes and lease them back for 20 years is entering the final bid phase. The Department of General Services claims the properties have a market value of nearly \$2 billion. After paying down a debt of \$1.4 billion, the state will be left with only \$600 million in proceeds to fill in the budget gap. This plan is bad for California for three key reasons:

- 1) Selling buildings in a terrible real estate market means the state will get an unfavorable price.
- 2) Owning buildings (rather than leasing) saves the state hundreds of millions of dollars.
- 3) This proposed sale will quickly cost the state more than it saves – more than \$4.2 billion over a 30-year period.

In addition, the building sale will likely result in layoffs for hundreds of custodians represented by Local 1000, as cleaning and maintenance of the buildings is contracted out.



“We’re reaching out to all custodians affected by this sale - and I’m proud that Local 1000 is fighting for us.”

—**Maria Patterson**
Custodian,
DGS (Stockton)

What's happening right now

Resistance to the idea, first floated by Gov. Schwarzenegger, is growing, but the threat of the sales actually going through remains. The non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office issued a report labeling the deal “bad budgeting practice as it simply shifts costs to future years.” Members of the Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review are developing a bill that would give the Legislature the final say on the sale; Local 1000 is working with leaders on a draft. At the same time, we are lobbying political leaders to gain additional support for blocking the sale while our legal team is working on possible litigation.

Member support is a critical element

Local 1000 is working to protect member jobs in the affected buildings. Informational meetings are being held, and more than 200 custodians have returned surveys that will help guide our efforts and assist members during the layoff process, should the buildings be sold.

What you need to do

- 1) Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper telling them that the building sale is bad for California. Send your letters to Megan Lane, Local 1000, 1808 14th Street, Sacramento CA 95811. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.
- 2) Complete a custodian job opportunities survey. This is important information that Local 1000 needs to assist you in the event of a layoff. If you haven't received a survey at a worksite meeting, contact Megan Lane at **916.554.1353**.
- 3) Come to a Local 1000 office and utilize our computers to research job opportunities.

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