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“Today the Governor Brown will release his May Revise that steals over \$2 billion from CalWORKS –the only income maintenance program for California’s impoverished children as “contribution to the General Fund” said Kevin Aslanian, Executive Director of the Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc. See Chart #1.

This theft proposed in the Governor’s budget is taking money from CalWORKs families whose fixed incomes have been FROZEN at the 1985 level said Aslanian. See chart #2

“No Governor has tried to fleece California’s impoverished families out of more than \$2 billion” said Aslanian. “The Governor’s Budget has a 46% increase in stealing money from the California’s children in deep poverty.

“30% of California’s children are in poverty and only 3% receive CalWORKs” said Aslanian.

In California while the cost of living has been going up, the CalWORKs benefits have been going down. In 2009-2010 the CalWORKs COLA was repealed. Next year Jerry Brown insisted that children who often starve the last week of the month take an 8% cut.

In 2013-2014 while poverty is ravishing California Jerry Brown’s budget will take over \$2 billion from the mouth of poor children as a Involuntary CalWORKs Contribution to the State General Fund.

The questions we have for Jerry Brown.

- Why does your budget take \$2 billion from the CalWORKs pot and use it as “contribution to the general fund” while we have 30% child poverty in California? This is a 46% increase in talking money from the poorest of poor children and using it for the General Fund
- Why does the budget propose to give the welfare bureaucrats an additional \$143 million and no COLA for the poorest of the poor children in California?

CalWORKs Involuntarily Contribute Billions to the State General Fund – CalWORKs payments are the same *TODAY* as in 1986

Today, CalWORKs families with children receive a monthly fixed income equal to what CalWORKs (AFDC) families received in 1986.

The automatic cost-of-living increase enacted by Ronald Reagan was repealed in 2010. Since the change from AFDC to CalWORKs in 1998, CalWORKs families have contributed over \$17.3 billion to the State General Fund coffers.

State Fiscal Year	CalWORKs Recipient Contribution to the State General Fund
FY 1998-99	\$708,502,000
FY 1999-00	\$745,249,000
FY 2000-01	\$1,021,913,000
FY 2001-02	\$1,126,647,000
FY 2002-03	\$1,088,940,000
FY 2003-04	\$1,163,238,000
FY 2004-05	\$1,087,321,000
FY 2005-06	\$1,299,448,000
FY 2006-07	\$1,184,134,000
FY 2007-08	\$1,745,291,000
FY 2008-09	\$1,268,997,000
FY 2009-10	\$1,262,046,000
FY 2010-11	\$1,234,159,808
FY 2011-12	\$1,222,447,450
FY 2012-13	\$1,153,301,000
FY 2013-14 proposed budget	\$2,037,913,000
TOTAL TO DATE CalWORKs Recipients Contributions to the State	
\$17.3 Billion	
If the State is enacted as proposed \$19.3 Billion	
Source: http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/localassistanceest/Jan13/AuxiliaryTables.pdf	
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California AFDC/CalWORKs COLA/Grant Level History at Glance

Year	Maximum Benefits for A Family of 3	The COLA	The Governor
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Senate Bill SB 796 - Tony Beilenson (D) Enacts the AFDC statutory COLA as a part of the 1971 Welfare Reform Act

1971-1972	\$235	0.9%	Ronald Wilson Reagan
1972-1973	\$237	2.5%	Ronald Wilson Reagan
1973-1974	\$243	7.8%	Ronald Wilson Reagan
1974-1975	\$262	11.8%	Ronald Wilson Reagan
1975	\$293	8.9%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr.
1976	\$319	6.0%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr.
1976-1977	\$338	6.3%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr.
1977-1978	\$356	0.0%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr.
1978-1979	\$356	15.2%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr.
1979-1980	\$410	15.4%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr.
1980-1981	\$473	-2.1%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr.
1981-1982	\$463	9.3%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr.
1982-1983	\$506	0.0%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr.
1983-1984	\$526	4.0%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1984-1985	\$555	5.5%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1985-1986	\$587	5.8%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1986-1987	\$617	5.1%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1987-1988	\$633	3.6%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1988-1989	\$663	4.7%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1989-1990	\$694	4.6%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1990-1991	\$694	0.0%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1991-1992	\$663	-4.4%	Peter Barton Wilson
1992-1993	\$624	-5.8%	Peter Barton Wilson
1993-1994	\$607	-2.7%	Peter Barton Wilson
1994-1995	\$607	0.0%	Peter Barton Wilson
1996-1997	\$538	-8.9%	Peter Barton Wilson
1997-1998	\$538	0.0%	Peter Barton Wilson
1998-1999	\$581	2.84%	Peter Barton Wilson
1999-2000	\$596	2.36%	Peter Barton Wilson
2000-2001	\$613	2.96%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2001-2002	\$ 647- \$679	* 5.31%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2002-2003	\$ 671 - \$704	3.74%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2003-2004	\$ 671- \$704	0.0%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2004-2005	\$ 704- \$723	2.75%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2005-2006	\$ 689- \$723	0.0%	Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger
2006-2007	\$ 689- \$723	0.0%	Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger
2007-2008	\$ 689- \$723	0.0%	Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger
2008-2009	\$ 689- \$723	0.0%	Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger
2009-2010	\$ 689- \$723	Cola Repealed	Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger
2010-2011	\$ 638- \$608	No COLA	Edmond J. Brown, Jr.
2011-2012	\$ 638- \$608	No COLA	Edmond J. Brown, Jr.
2012-2013	\$ 638- \$608	No COLA	Edmond J. Brown, Jr.
2013-2014	\$ 638- \$608	No COLA	Edmond J. Brown, Jr.

