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MAY 8 AT NOON: CSU EMPLOYEES "TAKE A STAND" AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

What: California State University workers and other participants in the "Take a Stand!" coalition will rally at the San Jose State University campus to show their support for CSU students and staff. The coalition calls on CSU management take action to retain experienced employees, among other concerns.

Purpose: With <u>CSU Employees Union</u> (CSUEU) and CSU negotiators bargaining a new contract on the SJSU campus from May 6 to 8, this is an opportune time and place for coalition members to show their support for students, for staff, and for our state. The current contract expires on June 30.

Background: At a time when student fees are at historic highs, state funding to the CSU remains at 1998-99 levels, and our state faces a shortage of well educated workers, we all need to take a stand. To protect the CSU and the future of California, a coalition of community, student, and labor groups has launched the "Take a Stand!" campaign. Rally speakers will include:

- CSUEU President Pat Gantt
- CSUEU VP for Representation Alisandra Brewer
- CSUEU VP for Organizing Mike Geck
- CSUEU Chapter 307 President Vera Acevedo

Date/Time: Thursday, May 8, 2014, 12 to 1 p.m.

Location: In front of Tower Hall

Campus Map

About CSUEU

Incorporated in 2005 after serving its members as a division of the California State Employees Association for more than 70 years, the California State University Employees Union (www.csueu.org) has built up a rich record of achievements on behalf of its approximately 14,500 represented employees. Today it represents classified staff members at the California State University's 23 campuses, as well as the Office of the Chancellor, encompassing such diverse job categories as registered nurses, custodians, groundsworkers, library assistants, graphic specialists, information technology consultants and performing arts technicians, among many others.