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December 19, 2008

President Mark G. Yudof
University of California
1111 Franklin St., 12th Floor
Oakland, CA 94607
president@ucop.edu

Dear President Yudof,

On behalf of more than 100,000 working families in the East Bay, I write to express our deepest dismay about thousands of workers earning poverty wages at the University of California. As a major employer in our community, when the University condemns its service workers to live in poverty, you drive down the quality of life for all Alameda County residents.

In failing service workers and their families, University of California is failing this entire community. Other Alameda County taxpayers are saddled with the burden of backfilling your healthcare costs and basic living standards. While 96% of UC service workers are eligible for some form of public assistance, UC's refusal to pay sustainable wages is eroding the very tax base that provides services at the local, state, and federal levels. In addition, businesses in our lowest income communities, where service workers disproportionately live, suffer further from lack of support.

In the current economic crisis, we simply cannot allow the wealthiest employers in our community to create poverty. That is why I stood with other labor council leaders from across the state, engaging in non-violent civil disobedience at the Regents meeting last month, to send a message that our community expects more from our state's finest university.

According to neutral state-appointed fact finder Carol Vendrillo, who evaluated service workers' demands, UC's decision to cheat its lowest paid workers is not a matter of the University's ability to pay, but simply a question of your priorities. In fact, the University's priorities have focused on excessive compensation for top executives, and questionable sweetheart deals for managers. We encourage you to re-consider these priorities.

Enclosed you will find a bill which represents the total cost to our community of UC's failure to pay sustainable wages. Cost data is quantified in "***Failing California's Communities: How UC's low wages affect Surrounding Cities and Neighborhoods.***"

With your leadership, our community expects UC will lift up service workers and their families, out of poverty, so that we can work together to make real the University's mission of truth and light.

Please make your check payable to UC Service Workers.

Sincerely,



Sharon Cornu
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Alameda County Board of Supervisors
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INVOICE

**Alameda County Central Labor Council
San Francisco Central Labor Council***On behalf of the Greater Bay Area communities*

INVOICE # 1

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2008

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CONTACT	JOB	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
Sharon Cornu, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Alameda CLC Tim Paulson, Executive Director, San Francisco CLC	Failing California's Communities	End Poverty for Service Workers & Their Families	Past Due— Send Payment Immediately

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE
Increased Federal, State & Local Tax Revenue	
State & Local Taxes	\$1,227,271
Federal Taxes	\$1,479,697
Total	\$2,706,968
Increased Economic Activity	
Direct	\$14,976,497
Indirect	\$2,954,357
Induced	\$2,726,251
Total	\$20,657,105
Employment Impact	
Direct	72
Indirect	18
Induced	19
Total	108
\$23,364,073 TOTAL, PLUS 108 New Jobs	

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO UC SERVICE WORKERS

THANK YOU FOR ENDING POVERTY AT UC!