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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**CRISIS IN STATE FUNDING FOR THE CALIF. STATE UNIVERSITY  
IS TOPIC OF ALLIANCE FOR THE CSU TOWN HALL MEETING IN LOS ANGELES**

**Students Declare it is  
"Our University, Our Future"**

**Friday, July 25, 2008 from 6 - 8:30 pm  
Cal State Los Angeles, Golden Eagle Ballroom**

**WHO:** Alliance for the CSU, a coalition of over 46,000 Cal State University advocates, including:

- Students for Quality Education
- Students/Parents from Six CSU campuses
- Singer, Songwriter and Actress, Lysa Flores
- Elected officials

**WHAT:** Hundreds are expected to participate in a regional town hall meeting to discuss the state of the CSU budget and the impact the budget cuts are already having on California's working families. Participants are Alliance for the CSU members, including CSU students, LA high school students, parents, professors, staff, administrators, community and business leaders, CSU Trustees, elected officials, and CSU alumni from the entire LA region.

Representatives from Cal State Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Fullerton, and Cal State Dominguez Hills will present their concerns to elected officials including Assemblymember Mike Davis and Assemblymember Warren Furutani.

Super Estrella 107.1 FM will be at the Town Hall along with singer, songwriter and actress Lysa Flores, who will perform, and free barbecue will be served.

*The media are invited to stay for the barbecue and show.*

**WHY:** About 10,000 qualified freshman were denied access to the California State University for Fall 2008 due to the Governor's proposed budget cuts. On top of that, student fees were hiked another 10%, for the 6th time in the last 7 years.

The impact of the cuts are devastating to minorities and working families of CA and will only make the State's budget problems worse. The CSU is an economic driver. It grants some 90,000 four-year college degrees a year-half of all the degrees granted in California-in fields vital to our state's businesses.

The outcome of this budget debate will determine the future of the CSU, its 420,000 students, some 50,000 employees, and millions of future students it might – or might not - serve.

Ana Patino, a Cal State Los Angeles student who is organizing the event, stated, "It is my University and whatever happens to it affects my future and the future for others in my family and neighborhood."

**WHEN:** Friday, July 25, 2008 from 6pm to 8:30pm

**WHERE:** Cal State Los Angeles campus, 5151 State University Dr, LA, 90032  
Golden Eagle Building 6, Ballrooms 1 and 2 (upstairs, near the bookstore)  
Parking in Structure C

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