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## CWDA Applauds Minimum Wage Agreement

## Increasing Income and Well-Supported Assistance Programs Key Combination to Ending Poverty in California

SACRAMENTO—Frank Mecca, Executive Director of the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA), released the following statement in response to the tentative agreement reached for increasing California's minimum wage:

"Today's agreement to boost the minimum wage over the coming years is an important recognition by California's leaders that too many working families simply cannot build a decent life without more income each month.

"The aftermath of the recession continues to bear down on low-income families, with the costs of housing, food and other basic needs driving many into unstable situations and homelessness. By increasing the minimum wage and supporting other critical assistance programs such as CalWORKs, California can change the outlook for the one in five children now living in poverty, as well as ensure long-term prosperity for the state."

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