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State Assemblyman Ed Hernandez to Provide Budget Forum at Cal Poly Pomona Student Organized Event Focuses on Educating, Empowering Public

POMONA, Calif. — April 7, 2008 — Cal Poly Pomona's Associated Students Inc. have organized an educational budget forum featuring California State Assemblyman Dr. Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina) in the university's Bronco Student Center, Ursa Major A.

Scheduled to speak on Friday, April 11 at noon, Hernandez will discuss the current budget deficit, the budget process, the allocation of funds, and how the proposed budget cuts affect everyone in the CSU system. A question and answer session will follow his presentation.

"We are facing a serious budget crisis, and we will need everyone working together to find a solution. But I do not believe we should be balancing the budget on the backs of our students," said Dr. Hernandez. "It is critical that we all be well-informed during this budget process, and I thank the students at Cal Poly Pomona for creating the opportunity for this kind of discussion."

According to student organizers the purpose of this event is to educate, inform and empower everyone at Cal Poly Pomona and in the community.

"We are so thankful Dr. Hernandez could provide this educational forum," said Gerald Angel, the student body's secretary of external affairs. "We are trying to make Californians aware that they should stand up and fight for their education. Fees have gone up dramatically since I began studying at Cal Poly and will only keep increasing unless we do something to change it."

Assemblyman Hernandez represents the 57th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, La Puente, West Covina, Irwindale, Industry, and other unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

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