

LRCFT Report to the LRCCD Board of Trustees

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The first weeks of the Trump administration have witnessed a slew of executive actions targeting higher education and our students. In response, several groups, including the *American Federation of Teachers*, have filed lawsuits to stop the executive overreach. The LRCFT is proud that our national affiliate is taking a strong stand for students and faculty.

On behalf of the LRCFT, I want to thank the Los Rios students and faculty who attended the recent *March in March to protect students and higher education*. Over 1,000 students and CFT members from across the state took part in the Day of Action in Sacramento. Our students and faculty marched and rallied for dignity and respect for all members of the higher education community. [The Sacramento Bee](#) covered the event.

March 4 was also a national day of action by AFT and other organizations, with a focus on protecting kids and fighting back against the Trump administration. The day of action included [over 2,000 AFT local events](#) throughout the country. AFT actions in CA. included a massive turnout of school site actions by the [Salinas Valley Federation of Teachers](#), a rally with parents and community allies hosted by the [Paso Robles Public educators](#), a joint rally [over the 101 Freeway](#) by the San Rafael Federation of Teachers and Novato Federation of Teachers, and many other protests.

Other recent LRCFT actions include partnering with FACCC at its recent *Advocacy and Policy Conference* to lobby statewide elected officials to support sponsored legislation. The LRCFT is also taking a leading role in financially supporting LACLAA's upcoming *Cesar Chavez March*, the largest annual labor rally in Sacramento.

A recent LRCFT *meet and greet* event held at our faculty union for Los Rios Part Time faculty was well attended with over 50 participants.

This weekend the LRCFT is sending 16 faculty delegates to the CFT biennial convention in southern California. The theme of this year's convention is *Union Power for All*, a call to action to expand our power and defend our schools, students, and communities from outside attack.

In closing, I want to congratulate ARC ESL professor Oranit Limmaneeprasert on her election as the new FACCC President.

