

What Californians Are Saying About Furloughs

California State Workers Agree: Being Furloughed Is Better Than Being Laid Off

Employment Program Manager Dollie Hamilton: “I’d Rather Be Furloughed A Day And Not To See Other State Workers Laid Off.” “So we’re furloughed. I’d rather be furloughed a day and not to see other state workers laid off.” (KNTV’s, “Morning News,” 2/6/09)

California State Worker: “We’re Just Happy We Still Have Our Jobs.” (KTTV’s, “Los Angeles Morning News,” 2/6/09)

California State Worker: “I’d Rather Have A Furlough Than Be Laid Off.” “As a state worker, nobody wants to be laid off ... yeah I’d rather have a furlough than be laid off but I’d rather be paid and have everyone within the state of California, you know, get this deficit fixed through raising taxes.” (KTXL’s, “Sacramento Morning News,” 2/6/09)

California State Employee: “I’m A State Worker And I Just Wanted To Let You Know That I Don’t Mind Taking A Hit.” “I’m a state worker and I just wanted to let you know that I don’t mind taking a hit, but I think the judicial branch should also take a hit because their Friday’s are pretty slow. So I think they should close their offices as well.” (KTXL’s, “Sacramento Morning News,” 2/6/09)

➤ **When Asked About The Legislators Still Taking Their Pay, This State Employee Responded: “I’m Very Upset About That.”** (KTXL’s, “Sacramento Morning News,” 2/6/09)

When Asked By A CNN Correspondent Whether A 10 Percent Salary Cut Was Preferable To Layoffs – California DMV Technician Frances Davis, Who Is Opposed To Furloughs, Said “Yes, It Is.”

➤ **CNN Correspondent Ted Rowlands: “You’re Going To Lose About 10% Of Your Salary, But Isn’t It Better Than Losing Your Job?”** “The state is in a financial mess, 40-some billion dollar projected deficit. The governor says, listen, tough times calls, desperate times calls for desperate measures and everybody’s cutting back, state employees should take a little bit of this hit. You’re going to lose about 10% of your salary, but isn’t it better than losing your job?” (CNN’s “Newsroom,” 2/6/09)

➤ **California DMV Technician Frances Davis: “Yes, It Is.”** “Yes, it is. I do have a job and I’m happy that I have a job.” (CNN’s “Newsroom,” 2/6/09)

Average Californians Are Calling The Governor’s Furlough Order A “Great Idea,” And Necessary To “Save Jobs.”

Northern California Resident: “I Think It’s A Great Idea.” “I think it’s a great idea, we have to cut costs, and we got to start someplace and why not do this? And it’s a good way to have people see that services are not going to be that bad by taking out one day.” (KNVN’s “Action News At 5pm,” 2/5/09)

San Jose’s Annabelle Chavez: Calls The Furloughs “Harsh,” But Says, “At Least They’ll Still Have A Job.” “That’s harsh, but you know, the economy is so bad right now, a lot of people losing their jobs, at least they’ll still have a job. They’ll be of Friday and come back Monday and have a job waiting for them.” (KTVU’s “Morning News Early Edition,” 2/6/09)

DMV Customer Richard Hicks: “I Think It’s A Good Idea.” “I think it’s a good idea, save jobs, help the situation that’s at hand right now. (KSBY’s “Evening News,” 2/5/09)

DMV Customer Joseph Taormina: “Do I Like It? No. But If It’s A Sacrifice It’s A Sacrifice.” “If it means taking two days off, well that’s something we’re going to have to do, to, you know, sacrifice. Do I like it? No. But if it’s a sacrifice it’s a sacrifice.” (KNBC’s “Evening News,” 2/5/09)

Santa Barbara Resident Annette: “It’s A Sad Situation, But We’re In A Sad Situation Overall.” “state workers or individual companies that are shutting down a day a week, Universities, Santa Barbara City College is going to be doing furloughs. It’s a sad situation, but we’re in a sad situation overall.” (KEYT’s, “Morning Santa Barbara News,” 2/6/09)