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Controller Westly Recruits Governor-elect For New Starring Role

October 15, 2003 – California Controller Steve Westly is challenging Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger to accept the role of a lifetime. Westly today asked the box-office sensation to star in his new screenplay, “The Road to Reform.”

“I’m asking Governor-elect Schwarzenegger to star in the screenplay I have written for California,” Westly said today on the steps of the State Capitol, as he stood next to a director’s chair bearing the words “Governor Arnold.” He also handed out his “screenplay” to reporters along with freshly popped popcorn.

In the action-packed, real life drama, California tries to erase a historic budget deficit and is detoured by partisan roadblocks at every turn. By carefully examining priorities and embracing new ideas, the State is finally able to move down “The Road to Reform.”

Without giving away the ending, Westly promises the film will be a “feel-good” movie for the State and its financial situation.

“My story line includes three simple acts that will restore California’s financial stability and the people’s confidence in their leaders. If the new governor agrees to take the role, it would be my honor to co-star with him,” Westly said.

The Controller’s “screenplay” includes three acts.

Act 1: My Big Fat Budget Deficit.

In this act, California solves its current budget crisis.

Act 2: Divine Secrets of a Balanced Budget.

In this act, California reforms the budget process for long-term fiscal health.

Act 3: A Few Good Candidates.

In the final act, California passes the Open Primary initiative and gives voters more choice, while encouraging politicians to appeal to a wider range of voters.

“I am standing here to make a point. Arnold Schwarzenegger is about to assume a lead role in our State’s government, and I hope he will make good on his promise to work with other leaders to find solutions,” Westly told reporters. “We need to craft a balanced budget now, we need budget reform and we need electoral reform to improve California and restore the people’s confidence.”

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