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## Down to the Wire, Budget Negotiations are Over

We are disappointed to report that state budget negotiations have derailed. This afternoon, Governor Jerry Brown released a statement announcing a halt to budget negotiations. Senate Republicans (otherwise known as the "GOP 5") also declared that negotiations with the Governor were "done." From Senator Anthony Cannella: "I do not foresee a path to compromise." From Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg: "There will be no June election."

Needless to say, this is distressing news. At this moment, it is difficult to foresee the next steps, particularly in terms of realigning programs and services to counties, as contemplated in SCA 1X and ACA 2X. There will undoubtedly be additional conversations with the Administration and Legislature as to how to proceed on a state budget solution.

We will keep you informed.

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