



## **PRESIDENT WALKER'S VIDEO MESSAGE – April 8, 2020**

So hello Local 1000.

Happy Wednesday or "hump day," as they call it. And speaking of hump days, so we are indeed flattening the curve in California. So instead of one big spike, we are going - it's more like an undulation that we're going to get. But what that means for us is that we are probably going to have our stay-at-home order for a longer period of time, right. And I know, I can hear you groaning through the camera.

What does that mean?

Because we've been at it three weeks already, and it feels like three years. We have got to find a way to push through this, to keep ourselves occupied, so here's some tips:

If your department - you're working from home, you're teleworking - and if your department has access on their website to classes you can take that will help you upskill, now's the time to take them. You have that time.

Just a little tip: this is what I did this weekend. I took it upon myself to do my major spring cleaning. So I moved my washing machine and my dryer, cleaned behind them and underneath them, the lint trap, vacuumed it out. I cleaned my oven, I cleaned out the refrigerator. I feel real accomplished, and this weekend, I'm going to conquer my dreaded hallway closet. So by the time we come out of this, my house is going to be pristine.

The other thing that I'm doing is, I'm going back, and I'm watching Brene Brown on TED talks. I'd invite you to watch her, I found her incredibly helpful for me, in my leadership. So you might want to look through some TED talks.

This is a time to explore things you didn't have time to explore before, and I would encourage you to do that.

Also, departments are putting together their implementation plans on the 80 hours. Those are starting to come in; the policies are starting to come in. We are doing a major in-depth review, I just wanted to let you know that we're on it,

I'll have more on that on Friday, and I look forward to talking to you then.