

Hey Children's Advocates!

Next Steps

Our players have all now bellied up to the starting line, staring down at the finish that is November's election. We've got work to do in scrubbing their paths.

The Children's Caucus met last month around the CDP Executive Board's special meeting to endorse CA state ballot initiatives. We planned our meeting to Do Something! in the wake of President Biden's candidacy. And we met in the glorious honeymoon of Harris' ascendence.

The announcement of Minnesota's former high school social studies teacher, Tim Walz, is just thrilling. His advocacy around children's welfare through universal free breakfast and lunch, paid sick and family leave, coupled with vital labor union supports, delivers a golden presidential ticket just sparkling with promise: "Don't ever underestimate teachers".

And now it's our turn. Such a strong ticket for children makes light work of uplifting the top of the Democratic Party ticket. But we need to deliver the legislative branch to our executive team. If President Harris and VP Walz are without Democratic leadership in Congress, the chance for a Green New Deal, and more, will be painfully hard to Build Back Better, and beyond.

That's why we met to phone for two of CADEM's targeted congressional

candidates: <u>Jessica Morse</u> in the north, <u>Mike Levin</u> in the south. Familiarize yourself with these candidates, drop in to our youtube channel to hear our northern Vice Chair, Matthew Hilliard, in <u>conversation with Jessica</u> <u>Morse</u> about flipping CD3. And listen to our southern Vice Chair, Ann Crosbie, <u>discuss holding CD49 with Mike Levin</u>. Let's deepen our consequence as a caucus meeting around children's issues, by lending the-weight of our membership to these campaigns. I hope every one of us will commit to following through with a pledge to phone for at least one of these candidates – for the future of all of us!

If you have 5 minutes here or there, please consider filling it at your convenience by phoning for <u>Mike Levin</u>. The resources available to us during our meeting remain accessible; please contact <u>chair.cademcc@gmail.com</u> to employ these from the comfort of your own armchair.

If you prefer to phone in the virtual company of others, please consider joining a <u>Tuesday afternoon phonebank for Jessica Morse</u>. Her western, rural district is so large the campaign will benefit emormously from our boost!

Share and encourage your efforts and information through our Facebook page <u>here</u>.

"Together we can win this"!

Coming Programs, Allied Resources

Meet CADEM for its December 13-15 Executive Board meeting in Northern California, at the Hyatt Burlingame.

~ follow our website for more details.

In the works ~ a **forum** on Career Technical Education and chronic absenteeism in schools.

Stay tuned for more of our **PLEO conversation series** around children's issues. Find past conversations on our <u>youtube channel</u>; future notifications on our <u>website</u> or via <u>email</u>.

The **CADEM Voter Protection Team** is recruiting! Our mission involves hundreds of trained volunteer attorneys and hotline operators, handling questions and fielding potential voter disenfranchisement issues. Our team has been ensuring every vote counts since 1992! Will you join us?

<u>Sign Up</u> for the VPT Now! No prior experience necessary.

The Children's Caucus loves our members! Thank you for sharing of your experience and insight, for joining with the membership and collectively working to grow an understanding and effectiveness in the group. Our dues support caucus infrastructure and communications; a special shout-out in gratitude for encouragement beyond the standard level to:

- Patron:
 - Jim Gallagher
 - Amy Hines-Shaikh
 - Norman Howell
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We will never name you without explicit permission. If your name is not listed here and should be, please contact chair.cademcc@gmail.com

To join the Children's Caucus, click <u>here</u> to pay membership dues (press on the fifth "+" down), or <u>here</u> to request waiver of membership dues.

To align memberships with CADEM's new calendar-year payment schedule, dues paid Nov/Dec, 2023, have been grandfathered for 2024; dues waivers should be resubmitted for each new calendar year.

As of July 11, 2024, the Children's Caucus counts its membership at 157, including several student memberships! Thank you all...

Standard Dues (\$15/annum)

Update Your Caucus Membership ~

Pre-registered Democrat (Youth; \$5/annum)

Patron-level Dues

Mentor-level Dues (\$50/annum) Dues support our hybrid programming costs - media and communications subscriptions, conference meeting facilities

Benefactor-level Dues (Lifetime; \$500)

Request of Dues Waiver

More Caucus links

- Socials:
 - Locate our growing **WEBSITE** here
 - Find CDP Children's Caucus on Facebook here
 - Follow us on <u>Instagram</u> @childrenscaucus <u>here</u>
 - Tweet @ChildrensCaucus here
 - Join our new @cdpchildrenscaucus Slack channel
 - Watch our <u>youtube</u> channel @cdpchildrenscaucus <u>here</u>

- Engagement:
 - Follow regional news E & A Watch postings from North and South
 - Download missed newsletters here and here and here
 - Prioritize a working committee here
 - Signup for the email listserv with fellow caucus members here ...then communicate directly with the membership via email
- Caucus business:
 - Review the 2023-24 Annual Children's Caucus Report here
 - View 2024's recertified Bylaws here
 - Submit this year's caucus dues here; (request dues waiver here)

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A note on membership and inclusion

* You needn't be an elected or appointed delegate to the CDP to belong to the CDP Children's Caucus! We require only your interest in supporting children's issues. *

CDP caucus membership is accessible to all California Democrats. And meeting attendance does not require Convention or Eboard Meeting registration. It is a good way to engage the state Party, without being a voting delegate to it. Dues are collected annually here; request a hardship waiver here. Direct questions to: chair.cademcc@gmail.com. If you no longer wish to receive news from the Children's Caucus, please accept our apologies for troubling you, and simply unsubscribe through the automated link below.



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