



Hello Children's Caucus!

Our forum with the candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) was really engaging; please review it if you're of a mind to!

The SSPI Forum

video is posted to our youtube page, **here**. And the conversation with our caucus about **listening to such answers** is queued up **here**.

Over 90 questions (some duplicates to be sure) were submitted. We'll review and edit these into a sheaf reflecting the issues our members care about. The collection should be important for the SSPI as a reflection of CademCC members' interests, and reciprocally, for members to consider the candidate's thinking on these topics more carefully. We'll share the questions with candidates and post any answers they choose to address on **our facebook page**.

There's time yet to submit any followup or other vital questions you believe missing still from the conversation (ignore the form's pre-forum format)

Submit new
questions here



Enormous gratitude for the capable moderation of **Erin Aubry Kaplan**, our network supporters, and thoughtful questions from the CademCC membership and our kid-focused clubs – with a special shout-out to our caucus leadership and Liz’ operations crew: Ann, Sam, Matthew, Wade, James, Vinita; and Nelson for post-production.

And huge hugs for solidarity as several of us turned out that afternoon for the

CADEM Prop 50 phone bank.

All six Democratic candidates were generous in committing their time to this forum. Unfortunately, circumstances prevented sitting Assemblymember Muratsuchi from joining us for the full event, and Trustee Hoffman was called away by a family emergency. We send appreciation for the public service of the former, and condolences to the latter.

Next Concerns

The cavalry is coming ... and it’s us. We have to get out there and persuade fellow Democrats of the existential choice we face:

block Republican dirty tricks, or lose our fair elections.

This election may be won on turnout. The vast majority of our fellow citizens oppose these Republican excesses we all are living. We must convince our neighbors to be unafraid and proactive: to speak up collectively by voting in November.



>> Proposition 50 does not change our commitment to independent redistricting. The timeline for our commission remains unchanged and the next lines we draw here in California will be from a commission like the last: independent and fair. Proposition 50 effectively sustains the independent redistricting commission by enabling free and fair elections to continue in the United States. That future is in jeopardy now, which is why we must **SUPPORT** Proposition 50 in November: precisely because Californians command a future with independent redistricting. <<

Go all-in for Prop 50 with fellow CademCC members!

If you would like to walk or phone with fellow CademCC members, drop a request (chair.cademcc@gmail.com) and we'll hook you up with geographically nearby members or organize a dedicated, virtual phonebank for CademCC expressly. In the meantime:

Keep count and keep us posted! JoinUS:

Canvass for Proposition 50

Phone bank for Proposition 50

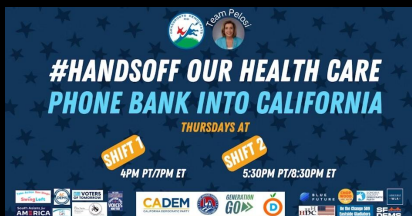
Forward photos of you canvassing and knocking doors –

special mention to images of you wearing your Children's Caucus pin!

We'll post them in a gallery on our Facebook page – share your accomplishments for a little friendly and fun motivation.

For hundreds more opportunities to engage, check mobilize.us - you can even phone bank from the Executive Board in Monterey on Saturday, 2pm – 6pm (see below). Stay Tuned!

Fighting For Healthcare



Federal policy, legislation and tax changes will severely impact the health, education and welfare of California's children.

Phonebank with CademCC and partner [GDHQ](#) on Thursday afternoons: ask constituents of key Republican districts ~ Why is your representative voting to take healthcare away from millions of people just to hand out more tax breaks to the wealthy?

[#HANDSOFF OUR HEALTHCARE](#)

CademCC Legislation Study Group

In August, CademCC recommended the following bills for support by CDP. CDP support* and current legislative status† are indicated below. This grid arrays fact sheets, legislative analyses, media reports and CademCC's submitted summaries. Included there is a tab with general information and resources for learning about the participatory process whereby a bill

becomes law.

See below for guidelines of how you can weigh in personally; CademCC may advocate and write letters for any legislation supported by CADEM.

Civil rights-Pupil and Student Safety-Law Enforcement

- SB 627 (Wiener, Arreguín, Pérez) ~ Law enforcement: masks. (No secret police) [enrolled†]*
- SB 805 (Pérez, Wiener) ~ Crimes (No Vigilantes) [enrolled]*
- AB 49 (Muratsuchi, Ortega) ~ Schoolsites: Immigration enforcement [enrolled]*
- AB 727 (González) ~ Pupil and student safety: identification cards [enrolled]*

Foster youth-housing-placement

- AB 1314 (Ahrens) ~ Transitional housing placement providers. [enrolled]*
- AB 896 (Elhawary) ~ Foster care: placement transition housing [enrolled]*
- AB 1099 (Bryan) ~ Developmental services: initial intake: assessment. [2-yr bill]*

Education accountability

- AB 84 (Muratsuchi, Garcia) ~ School accountability: Office of the Education Inspector General: school financial and performance audits: charter school authorization, oversight, funding, operations, networks, and contracting: data systems: local educational agency contractor background checks. [2-yr bill]*

Good Governance-Finance

- SB 249 (Umberg) ~ County boards of education: elections: consolidation. [Held]*
- AB 397 (González, Rodriguez, Sharp-Collins) ~ Personal Income Tax Law: young child tax credit. [2-yr bill]*
- AB 713 (Solache) ~ Public postsecondary education: student employment. [2-yr bill]*

Environmental

- AB 1243 / SB 684 (Addis / Menjivar) ~ Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025. [Cancelled by author]

* **Supported** by CADEM on 8/23/25

† An “enrolled bill” is the final version of the bill that has passed both houses of the Legislature and is pending action by the Governor.

Making Your Voice Heard

As a chartered caucus of the CA Democratic Party, CademCC itself takes no position on legislation; but CademCC's constituent individuals may.

Each and every time a bill comes:

- before a new committee or

- onto the house-floor or
- onto the governor's desk,

there is opportunity to comment on the legislation. [Weigh in!](#)

"[Enrolled](#)" bills are awaiting the Governor's signature. If not vetoed, it will go into law after 12 days ([exceptions here](#)). To override a veto requires 2/3 vote from both houses.

To [Contact The Governor](#), select the 'active' bill and your position on it, be sure to follow all instructions through to pressing the "submit" button.

For bills still in the legislature, login to the website [here](#). Press the tabs to locate the bill, its legislative analyses, original and amended text, a opt-in tracker for email alerts to follow a bill between committees/houses, etc. Comments left on this site reach only the author of a bill; to officially submit your individual position to the record, use [this portal](#) (separate login). If the bill has passed both its houses and is waiting for the executive, record your position with the Governor [here](#).

If you would like help with or more information about this process, or to urge caucus advocacy for CADEM-supported legislation, please email chair.cademcc@gmail.com.

Submit legislation around children's issues of interest for CademCC's next Study Group, which will convene upon receipt of 4-6 bills.

Submit legislation
to study here

October Executive Board Meeting

CADEM's [Fall Executive Board](#) will convene **October 24-26, 2025**, at the Hyatt in Monterey, CA. CademCC will conduct two meetings in association with the Eboard:

- Our regular membership meeting will be remote, via Zoom either Tuesday or Wednesday during the week in advance, **10/21/25 or 10/22/25**. *Stay Tuned for details!*
- We will gather in-person for a joint social-networking event with the [Black](#) and the [Senior](#) Caucuses during the first evening of Eboard, **Friday, 10/24/25 at 8:15pm**

February Endorsing Convention

CADEM's [Spring Endorsing Convention](#) will convene:

February 20-22, 2026, in San Francisco at the [Moscone West](#).

Your Children's Caucus

...is healthy and growing! Our new steering committee meets monthly – hop in with your own ideas (email the chair [here](#)) ~ and join the planning. We'll conduct special meetings and **Conversations** with our elected officials and Party leaders all year long. JoinUS on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [youtube](#), [Linktr.ee](#), via [newsletter](#), [email](#) and [website](#), or however you might prefer and wish to help us as we continue to forward information, resources and support around children's issues.

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Your dues support caucus infrastructure and communications, and membership dues for those in need. Our pin-membership drive has been a great success; please be in touch if we still owe you yours, or if you'd like to learn how to obtain one (chair.cademcc@gmail.com).

A shout-out in gratitude to those who have contributed beyond the standard level:

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CademCC's current membership numbers 340. To join the Children's Caucus for 2025, click [here](#) to pay membership dues (press on the fifth "+" down), or [here](#) to request waiver of membership dues.

Dues paid after November 2025, or in association with the Fall Executive Board meeting, may be grandfathered for 2026; dues waivers must be resubmitted for and in each new calendar year.

Thank you all... please consider renewing membership for 2025 right now!

Standard Dues
(\$15/annum)

Patron-level Dues
(\$25/annum)

Mentor-level Dues
(\$50/annum)

Update Your Caucus Membership ~

Dues support our hybrid programming costs - media and communications subscriptions, conference meeting facilities

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

Benefactor-level Dues
(Lifetime; \$500)

Request of
Dues Waiver

CademCC Statement On ICE In Los Angeles

The raids throughout Southern California – from Elementary School graduations, children's CIF finals, grocery stores and immigration courts – unveil an agenda of terror, intimidation, and menace. America's democracy morphs into totalitarianism before the eyes of our children.

The Children's Caucus of the Democratic Party of California condemn the attacks upon our communities. We call for calm and control by our elected, bi-cameral leaders, who must halt the overreach of our executive branch. Please feel free to share these phone numbers for reporting immigration citings or requesting community assistance.

CHIRLA - 213.353.1333

Los Angeles - 888.624.4752

Boyle Heights (L.A.) - 323.805.1049

San Bernardino/Riverside - 909.361.4588

ORALE (Long Beach) - 562.276.0267

Orange County - 714.881.1558

Sta Barbara/Ventura/SLO - 805.870.8855

Central Valley - 559.206.0151

Kern County - 661.432.2230

San Francisco - 415.200.1548

Contra Costa - 925.900.5151

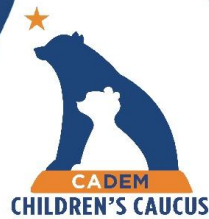
Alameda - 510.241.4011

Sacramento - 916.382.0256

Immigrant Defenders - 213.833.8283

GI Rights hotline - 877.447.4487

If you see ICE/HSI,
call your Rapid
Response Network
to alert and
protect your
community



Follow your Rapid Response Network on social media for information, training, e.g.: @chirla_org, @ocrn, @rrn_kern

Pass It On ...

Immigrant and civil rights are very much on the minds of our members, working closely with children and families at risk.



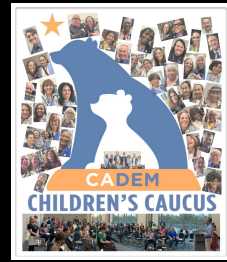
Here is a "red card" of information for you to keep on hand, with printer's instructions, from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center.

More Caucus links

- Socials:
 - 🐾 Locate our growing WEBSITE here
 - 🐾 Find CDP Children's Caucus on Facebook here
 - 🐾 Follow us on Instagram @childrenscaucus here
 - 🐾 Watch our youtube channel @cdpchildrenscaucus here
 - 🐾 Gaze @cdpchildrenscaucus.bsky.socials here
 - 🐾 Peruse CademCC's Linktr.ee @cademchildrenscaucus here
- Engagement:
 - 🐾 Download missed newsletters 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 2024 Annual Children's Caucus Report here
 - 🐾 View 2024's recertified Bylaws here
 - 🐾 Submit this year's caucus dues here; (request dues waiver here)

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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