



## ***Dear Children's Caucusers***

With the Endorsing Convention behind us, and Pandora's box flung wide open from DC, it's time to focus hard on securing the 2026 elections and our democracy.

### ***School Board Candidate Training***

*JoinUS!* along with CademCC Chair Emerita, ***Ann Crosbie***, President of San Diego's DemEdAlliance, for her expert school board candidate training:  
**Sunday, March 22, 2pm - 4pm.**

Please visit ***DemEdAlliance*** for



**Join the San Diego Democratic Education Alliance for our final virtual training of 2026**

**Sunday, March 22nd, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Are you a Democrat running for School Board or Community College Board? Join us!

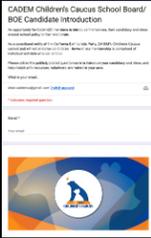
Learn more about what it takes to run for office and WIN!

**Register at: [DemEdAlliance.org](https://DemEdAlliance.org)**

more details.

[Click here to signup for the School Board Candidate Training](#)

## ***Platforming CademCC School Board Candidates***



As a constituent entity of the California Democratic Party, CADEM's Children's Caucus cannot and will not endorse candidates. However, our membership is comprised of individual-activists who can and do.

If you are running for school board or an education-related seat, you are invited to [\*\*\*complete our questionnaire\*\*\*](#) for public posting to our Facebook page [\*\*\*here\*\*\*](#).

The questionnaire is an opportunity for CademCC members to introduce themselves, their candidacy and ideas around school policy, to their electorate. As well hopefully to help match resources, volunteers and voters in our members' area.

## ***Engaging CA Young Democrats***

Funds are available from the California Democratic Party to support your project specifically engaging California Democrats aged 16-35.

Applications must be submitted by March 31st, 2026.

[\*\*\*Click for more information on the grant program supporting a project with CA young Democrats\*\*\*](#)

## ***Your Voice; Ways To Join In With CademCC***

### ***Review Our Program On Academic Freedom***

Find the discussion [\*\*\*here\*\*\*](#) from February's programmed membership meeting around the Convention, on [\*\*\*our youtube channel\*\*\*](#)



**Our Voice is Their Voice**

CADEMChildrensCaucus.org

**JOIN US !**

...for TWO meetings in association with the California Democratic Party's Endorsing Convention in San Francisco February 16 & 20-22, 2026

**Resourcing Education: Perspectives on Academic Freedom, University to UTK**

*Post-secondary*

- **Dr. Sheldon Gen;** Assoc. Dean of Faculty Affairs, Professor of Public Administration, SFSU
- **Dr. Theresa Montaño;** Professor of Chicana/o Studies, CSU-Northridge

*Secondary*

- **Ms. Zeena Pliska;** Children's Book Author, Transitional Kindergarten Teacher, LAUSD
- **Dr. Aleta Rose;** Elementary School Principal, LAUSD

*Primary*

**Remote:**  
Regular, membership meeting Monday, February 16, 2026  
Agenda: [tinyurl.com/SFAGda](https://tinyurl.com/SFAGda) 7:00 pm - 8:30\* pm  
Zoom: [tinyurl.com/SFCademCC](https://tinyurl.com/SFCademCC)

**In-person:**  
Campaigning-Social Friday, February 20, 2026  
7:30 pm - 9:15 pm  
Moscone Center San Francisco

**Social gathering of the Children's Caucus membership, and the advocate-candidates who would present to us their winning ideas**




## Featuring

- **Dr. Sheldon Gen;** Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs, Professor of Public Administration, San Francisco State University [Post-secondary]
- **Dr. Guadalupe Carrasco Cardona;** Magnet Studies Coordinator (LAUSD), Ethnic Studies Educator [Secondary]
- **Ms. Zeena Pliska;** Children's Book Author, Transitional Kindergarten Teacher, LAUSD [Primary]
- **Dr. Aleta Rose;** Elementary School Principal, LAUSD [Primary]
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) candidates, with regard to the significance for their administration, as head of California's Department of Education

on the subject of **Academic Freedom**, which, as Michael Ignatieff explains in **this\*** essay, "has become a defining issue in the geostrategic competition between liberal democracies and their authoritarian challengers. ... It is also at the center of the authoritarian populist challenge to liberal democracy in free societies."

<https://direct.mit.edu/daed/article/153/2/194/121270/The-Geopolitics-of-Academic-Freedom-Universities>

**Resourcing Education: Perspectives on Academic Freedom, University to UTK**

**Review the Children's Caucus SSPI Forum**

Find the forum video on our youtube page, [here](#).



**JOIN US!**  
Candidate Forum  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Moderator  
Erin Aubry Kaplan

Followed by action in FAVOR of Prop 50:  
Fight to secure federal support for  
kid's education, health and welfare!  
click [HERE](#) to sign up for zoom phone bank

Saturday, Sept 13, 2025 @ 9:00am  
[CADEMChildrensCaucus.org](#)

Forum Zoom registration:  
[https://www.cademcc.org/zoom](#)  
Click for zoom phonebank registration

• Richard Barrera, San Diego Unified BOE  
• Nichelle Henderson, LACCD Trustee  
• Andra Hoffman, LACCD Trustee  
• Al Muratsuchi, CA State Assembly  
• Josh Newman, CA State Senate (Imr)  
• Anthony Rendon, Speaker CA Assembly (Imr)

**COME AND TAKE IT**

And our advance discussion with the caucus about [the State Superintendent of Public Instruction \(SSPI\) post](#) queued up [here](#).

## Extremism At Our Schools

**Stay Tuned** for a solidarity-boosting viewing of the newly released documentary, [Moms Club](#), featuring several CademCC members and past presenters discussing the extremism on display across some Southern California schools and school boards.

## KidNetwork Organizing



CademCC has been supporting the work of kid-centered political Clubs throughout the state's 58 counties. We need to know when and how children's spaces are politicized the better to protect and support our kids mutually.

**JoinUS!** by growing this network ~ organize in your own area or elide with others. For more details, please email our network coordinator

[Genice Jacobs](#) or [chair.cademcc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.cademcc@gmail.com).

## Legislative Cabinet

CademCC convenes regularly to study legislation around children's issues – local, statewide, and federal. Inform your interest in meetings topically-centered, or with specific legislators sharing their kid-centric legislative packages with our membership:

[chair.cademcc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.cademcc@gmail.com)

As a constituent entity of the California Democratic Party, CademCC may recommend a position to the CADEM Legislative Committee, but has no

voice independent of the state Central Committee. However our members, comprised of individuals who engage and advocate on behalf of children professionally and avocationally, do.

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## About that email loop...

The email [googlegroup](#) is meant as a place for active members to discuss concerns around children's issues. If your membership has lapsed please consider renewing it today:

[Remit CademCC membership dues](#)

[Request membership dues waiver](#)

If you have accidentally been dropped from our email loop during recent efforts to clean our mailing list and discourage bot spam, please notify [chair.cademcc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.cademcc@gmail.com).

**Membership pins** (\$25 contribution offsetting dues waivers) **will be available for pickup at our next in person meeting** (rumored for late July);

**ASK PLEASE if we still owe you yours!**

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## Your Children's Caucus

...is healthy and growing! Our steering committee meets monthly and all members are welcome to bring your own ideas ~ email the chair for details [here](#). 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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### CademCC Executive

#### Board:

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Tiffany Sickler, Treasurer

Aba Ngissah, Secretary

#### Communications:

- Ann Crosbie, Nelson Tam

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- Koreen Cea (Chair),  
Renay Grace Rodriguez,  
Gregg Solkovits, Lara Triona

#### Operations Team:

- Liz Kane, James Moffat,  
Ahmanise Sanati

#### Programming:

- Sam Davis, Vinita Verma

#### Statewide Networking:

- Genice Jacobs
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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](mailto:chair.cademcc@gmail.com)).

A shout-out in gratitude to those who have contributed beyond the standard level in 2026:

### **Benefactor**

👤 Mia Bonta  
👤 Lanier Coles

👤 Brandee Marckmann  
👤 Renay Grace  
Rodriguez

👤 Keri Then  
👤 Clint Weirick

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👤 Richard Barrera  
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👤 Angela Scott  
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👤 John Smith  
👤 Sybil Smith  
👤 Erin Spivey  
👤 Analisa Swan

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CademCC's current membership numbers 216, including 36 reduced and waived-dues memberships completely offset by generous Patron level members. Your contribution at a level above the "regular", helps sustain membership for all.

Are you from assembly districts: {36, 43, 45, 47, 48, 53, 54, 58}? We Want You!

Help us extend our reach to these 8 ADs missing from CademCC last this year.

To join the Children's Caucus for 2026, click [here](#) to pay membership dues (press on the fifth "+" down), or [here](#) to request waiver of membership dues.

***Thank you all for your CademCC support!***

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Standard Dues  
(\$15/annum)

***Update Your Caucus  
Membership ~***

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

Patron-level Dues (\$25/annum)

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

Benefactor-level Dues (Lifetime; \$500)

Mentor-level Dues (\$50/annum)

Request of Dues Waiver

### CademCC Statement On ICE Incursions

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

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, @ocrrn, @rm\_kern

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 citations or requesting community assistance.

### 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**.

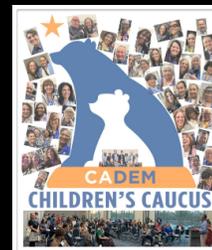
### More Caucus links

- 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](#), [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](mailto: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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