



¡Hola CDP Children's Caucus!


Join Us – Join Them!

Some of our **“ad hoc” committees** are off and running; the group composing CDP policy-suggestions around children is drafting its thoughts; the committee reviewing CDP's 2022 plank on *Children, Young Adults, and Their Families* is appraising the timeliness of our convictions.

Amplify our voice as a collective; speak up individually (via [CDP Platform hearings](#)). [Here](#) is the link to situate your interests with our working committees: tinyurl.com/CCCFocusCmtes

The first of our six **standing committees** has begun drafting two resolutions upholding issues of environmental justice in communities of the young and vulnerable. To contribute to this effort, please affirm your interest through the [CCC focus-committees engagement form](#), and join with its authors via Zoom later this week.

Organizational meetings are being scheduled via Zoom with those who have expressed interest in six working committees around children's issues: Health-related concerns; Social and Economic Justice; Campus Safety (Including Gun Violence); Experiential Issues in Education; Political/Ideological Issues in Education; School Board Electoral and Meeting Integrity.



As these groups come together they will sketch an effective agenda around their focused issue. The caucus will hear the groups' design at our next meeting* during the CDP's 2023 **Summer Executive Board Meeting** (August 18-20) in Visalia ...

***we invite you please to
Join Us in the
Central Valley this August!***

Harnessing Communications

We are looking for logistics team volunteers (Please contact chair.cademcc@gmail.com):

1. **Communications (social media)**. Help us to push out the CDP Children's Caucus work and goals.
2. **Zoom/IT**. Calling all Zoom mavens: please be our "ZeeJay"! We would love to avail ourselves of your expertise running hybrid meetings.

For interactive caucus communications, join our email loop via a one-time, blank email addressed to: **CademCC+subscribe@googlegroups.com** (then check email for a verification to initiate approval). Once subscribed, share information and discussion with the full caucus via email to **CademCC@googlegroups.com** .



Further Business

Join us in reviewing and developing the ideology that scaffolds our work:

1. **Platform committee**. Present testimony from the Children's Caucus to the CDP **Platform Committee** via Zoom (register [here](#)) on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 11am.
2. **Legislation Action**. Review current pending legislation for consideration by the CDP Legislation Action Committee on behalf of the Children's Caucus.
3. **Bylaws Review**. Evaluate our new, standardized bylaws for specificity to Children's Caucus needs.

Statement from the Children's Caucus on the demise of affirmative action:

The Children's Caucus of the CA Democratic Party seeks to give political voice to California's children. We are in concert with Governor Newsom around the Supreme Court's (SCOTUS) decision ending affirmative action in post-secondary schools. Governor Newsom cites California's experience



following CA Prop 209 which halted affirmative action in the University of California education system: “The impact that had on Black and brown communities was profound”.

We know from our own state experience how the decision would roll back decades of progress in making our country – and in particular our children’s schools – less racist, less inclusive. After centuries of legal discrimination and dispossession, it is foolhardy to now impose color-blindness on unequal institutions.

The decision is an attack on democracy, from a court which commentators from the **right to left** agree is openly corrupt. Legacy admissions and private schools already expose the lie of the meritocracy; this decision makes it impossible to realize the promise of educational opportunity. From privatization to pay-for-play capture, with SCOTUS’ latest decisions, the billionaire class forwards its powerful scheme to elevate the needs of the elite over the welfare of all American people.

As President Biden says: “This court is not normal.” The children of California, and all who stand with them, rely now on the President’s moral and ethical obligation to expand the court tomorrow.

Waiting to complete your [CCC focus-committees form](#)? No worries ~ it’s never too late to share your passions: Click [HERE](#) to convey which children’s issues motivate your zeal for action: **JOIN Us!**

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](#); hardship waivers are available through 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 link below.



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