



Dear Children's Caucusers!

This is quite the electoral year... Scrambling to get Democrats elected, this newsletter was delayed by the primaries. But please find here now, plenty of important matters for your attention.

Elections

Most – ***but not all*** – school board races are to be engaged in November. And the news from those conducted during the Primary is largely good, with several ***threatening SoCal races resolved*** according to democratic values of inclusion, civil rights and good governance.

School Board Incursions

The Children's Caucus (CademCC) has presented its road show to several County Committees. Titled ***Non-partisan, Down Ballot School Board Races Are Our Electoral Achilles Heel***, its goal is to raise consciousness among our electorate, particularly at distance to central Party convocations in big cities like Sacramento (past) and San Diego (announcement below).

Please contact chair.cademcc@gmail.com if your Democratic Club or County Central Committee (DCC) would be interested in the presentation.

And toward supporting this jeopardy, CademCC's Chair Emeritus/SoCal Vice Chair, Ann Crosbie, conducted a ***training*** in January geared specifically for school board candidates. To follow up, many of the 100

registrants participated in our subsequent [Open Forum](#) for discussing experiences and issues encountered “on the ground” in our districts and schools. Next month we will meet to address not just best practices in countering these incursions, but *strategies* for members to anticipate and reverse them.

Protecting Our Children; AG Bonta Visits!

Attorney General Rob Bonta is much in the news for his department’s [lawsuit against forced-outing school policies](#), which Chino Valley has [recently attempted to circumvent](#). Please *JoinUS!* early next Saturday, 3/23/24 – 9:30am – to hear directly from the Attorney General about this strategy, and other initiatives of the CA Office of the Attorney General’s [Bureau of Children’s Justice](#).

[Register](#) and submit advance questions for the conversation here: <https://tinyurl.com/AGBontawithCademCC>. To ensure everyone’s safety, complete this process by 5pm, 3/22/24. Late registrants may encounter difficulty being approved for the conversation on time.

A conversation with California Attorney General Rob Bonta - How California's Bureau of Children's Justice safeguards our children.

Saturday, March 23, 2024
9:30am – 10:30am

[Register](#)

JOIN US !

Saturday,
March 23, 2024
9:30am PST

ROB BONTA,
CA Attorney General

*How California's Bureau
of Children's Justice
safeguards our children*

Meeting held via Zoom, register here today:
tinyurl.com/AGBontawithCademCC

Democratic Party membership at the state level

The conversation with AG Bonta is one of the benefits of membership in the Children’s Caucus. We all of us need to better understand what protections our kids: are entitled to, can reasonably expect to be enforced, should seek our assistance sustaining – and how. Please renew your membership [here](#); waivers may be requested [here](#).

JoinUS! – In person in San Diego, May 17-19, 2024

The CA Democratic Party will **next convene in San Diego**. **Executive Board members** are expected in person, but the rest of the caucus, potentially comprised not just of delegates, but of any registered Democrat across California, may attend the meeting remotely, via Zoom. Logistics are still to be determined; watch the **website here** for more details.

Our caucus program in San Diego will pivot from the Educational focus of the past year, to its mirror-concern of family services and child welfare. From **Proposition 1** and mental health to juvenile justice, these issues are front and center in electoral politics, as well as our own members' consciousness. We shall caucus around information and experience relating to these matters, even while the prerogative of **legislation** and endorsement remains with CDP centrally. Please email programming ideas to **chair.cademcc@gmail.com**.

More important Caucus links

- Locate our growing website **here**
- Follow regional news E & A Watch postings from the **North and South**
- Download missed newsletters **here**
- Register your interest in joining our working committees **here**
- Join the email listserv with fellow caucus members **here**
- ...then communicate directly with the membership via **email**
- Submit this year's caucus dues **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**; 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 automated link below.



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