

Children's Caucus Committee Agenda
Wednesday, May 27, 2023
Location: Los Angeles Convention Center
6:30pm - 9:35pm

Attendance:

Executive Board

- Anne Crosbie - Chair
- Aba Ngissah - Secretary
- Sara Roos - Treasurer

Agenda:

I. Welcome to attendees

- A. Code of conduct reviewed
- B. Speakers
- C. Due to time constraints Areas of Emphasis will not take place.
 1. Members will receive emails asking for suggestions. School board elections have been a great concern by many members. School board training was held by the caucus. If interested in running for school board, community college, or any other position, let the caucus know.
 2. Website <http://cademchildrenscaucus.org>

II. Approval of Agenda

- A. Areas of Emphasis and Treasurer's Report moved off agenda with no objections

III. Treasurer Report - Postponed

IV. Leadership Election

- A. Self nominate from floor - none
- B. Candidates
 1. Chair - Sara Roos
 2. Vice Chair North - Matthew Hilliard
 3. Vice Chair South - Ann Crosbie
 4. Secretary - Aba Ngissah
 5. Treasurer - Tiffany Sickler

Motion to accept the board by acclamation.

Motion: Jodie Cooper 2nd: *Motion passed*

C. Election Results

1. Chair - Sara Roos
2. Vice Chair North - Matthew Hilliard

3. Vice Chair South - Ann Crosbie
4. Secretary - Aba Ngissah
5. Treasurer - Tiffany Sickler
6. Candidates introduced

V. Bylaws

1. Democratic Party of California wanted to make clear to all that we are the Democratic Party of California, therefore all caucuses will have the same set of bylaws.
2. Dues Waiver in bylaws explained regarding the period of time one must be a member before having the ability to vote.
3. Items bolded and in italics can be changed
4. Discussions on bylaws

Motion to accept bylaws as amended

Motion: Matthew Jodie Cooper

2nd: Tauna Rodart

Motion passed

VI. Youth Voices - Arcadia Young Democrats

- A. Shared issues facing youth in schools: Apathy regarding issues affecting youth, vaccination rights, abortion, equitable distribution of resources, healthcare, emergency preparedness plans, book banning, equitable distribution of educational resources, climate change
- B. Questions to students

VII. Speakers

- A. Assemblymember Juan Carrillo, District 39
 1. Palm school district approved a bill for all school districts to have student members on the school board.
 2. In Sacramento:
 - a) Teacher salary bill to increase teacher salary incrementally. Will take 15 years - it is in the Ed Committee
 - b) Bill to start 3-year old starting preschool
 3. Recognizing those in child education, understanding the work they do and dedication.
- B. Congressman Adam Schiff
 1. Thank you for your advocacy for children
 2. Campaigning for the U.S. Senate on the need to protect democracy, the economy, and save the planet.
 3. Child tax credit, valuing the lives of children, universal healthcare, gun safety, broadband access for every child, education for all.
- C. Congresswoman Katie Porter

1. Thank you for the work you do.
 2. Campaigning to be senator
 3. Lobbyists, corporate pac money, billionaires are running Washington. Never took corporate PAC money, refused contributions from federal lobbyists, campaign does not accept money from big banks, big oil, or big pharma.
 4. Fight for strong public schools, especially children with disabilities, mental care, free school lunches/universal school meals for all, housing insecurity, homelessness, safety, transportation.
- D. LA City Attorney Hydee Feldstein
1. Settled case with injunction that prevents selling ghost guns or any parts in California and \$5 million dollars in penalties.
 2. South Figueroa Track streetwalkers are 60% minors and aged out foster youth. Multi Agency project to rescue those who wish to be rescued, find shelter, and have asked labor to create apprenticeship programs for the minors.
 3. Thank you for the work you do and support of the Democratic Party
- E. LA District Attorney George Gascón
1. Rights of women, healthcare, gun safety, fentanyl epidemic. Ensuring women can come and get health treatment in California.
- F. LaShae Sharp-Collins
1. Campaigning for State Assembly District 79th, San Diego
 2. Every child can learn. Wants to be the voice of children, parents, and educators. Education is top priority.
- G. Suzie Shannon - Housing, Justice For Renters
1. Rent is too high in California. Children are moving to other schools, falling into homelessness. Rent Control Initiative will be on the 2024 ballot
- H. Nancy Hardwick - Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense
1. Wear orange on first Friday in June, National Gun Violence Awareness Day more than 80,000 people who die from gun violence daily
- I. Tim Robertson
1. School board races, child labor,
 2. Co-created the Children's Legislative Defense Network to fight policies that are damaging to children.
- J. Dan Kalb - District 1, Oakland City Council
1. Running for California State Senate in East Bay
 2. Gun violence, climate change, school safety, banning of ghost guns
- K. Mary Lee - California Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund
1. Advocates for children with special needs

2. Underserved, unhoused, housing
- L. Chris Duncan - Mayor San Clemente
 1. First democratic mayor in 100 years
 2. Running for Assembly District 74
 3. Public education, poverty, women's rights
- M. Congresswoman Barbara Lee - Matthew Hilliard spoke on her behalf. She is at granddaughter's graduation
- N. Gregg Fritchell
 1. Toxic battery waste. Hazardous wastes. Resolution on
- O. Senator Mark McGuire
 1. Increase in state subsidized child care slots, early childcare, universal meals for all students, counselors in k12 public school district to address mental health. Increase foster youth graduation rate. Senate Bill 407 for tuition free college in California.
- P. Evan McLaughlin
 1. Affordable housing
- Q. Cheryl Sudduth - President, Division 5 West County WasteWater in Contra Costa County
 1. Lead, arsenic, phosphates and deadly toxins in water.
 2. Water needs to be tested in schools, not just turned off.
 3. Some toxins in water cause harm to young women's reproductive system. Sam toxins are also found in hair care, nail care.
- R. Tauna Rodarte - Delegate District 75 San Diego
 1. School board districts are being taken over by MAGA extremists.
 2. Running for special school board election

VIII. Closing

- A. Ann Crosbie thanks everyone for their support of her during her time as chair, and for all being done for children.

IX. Adjournment 9:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aba Ngissah, Secretary