



Dear Children's Caucus ~

Nice to be back in touch, sorry for the extended delay after this summer's Eboard! Our Children's Caucus team took a bit of needed rest, and perhaps y'all did too ... *but* ... as everyone knows, *it's all-GOTV-all-the-time now!* (we'll rest in November at the virtual Eboard -- see below).

Checking in with our caucus steering committee (in no particular order) to hear what actions or techniques they may be engaging to elect kid-focused Democrats:

- **Sam Davis**, Programs: volunteering as campaign manager in an equity-focused school board race here in Oakland.
- **Koreen Cea-Heier**, Elections: serving on the DDS-DOR working group to restructure requirements to keep accountability while making it easier for community-based businesses to serve adults living with disabilities find jobs with structural support. We lack sufficient businesses due to overwhelming paperwork...
- **Ahmanise Senati**, Operations: *spreading awareness* about the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI), and canvassing for Rebecca Cappy in the Wiseburn USD.
- **Wade Kyle**, Southern Cal ViceChair: busy door knocking for Prop 3 [lower right -->]
- **Lara Triona**, Elections: weekly GOTV canvassing in Santa Cruz County alongside DCCC summer picnic, informational events and website endorsement updates.



- **Ann Crosbie**, Chair Emerita: attending to candidates and supporting GOTV in San Diego County with over 50 school board candidates endorsed and a strong, successful GOTV electing Marni Van Wilpert in CD48!
- **Nelson Tam**, Communications: Operations: cowering underneath the covers with periodic dash by door knockings and GOTV event hopping, streaming opposition podcasts to get to the bottom of these polls before once again hitting up more doorsteps.
- **Michael Lee-Chang**, Communications: presenting on Propositions to lots of Dem Clubs, overwhelmed with elections work.
- **James Moffat**, Operations: busy with work and school and weekends dedicated to two school board and two city council races, plus Working Families Party allyship and Insurance Commissioner advocacy.
- **Vinita Verma**, Programming: four elections in the Bay Area from June to November – busy! Reviewing local and statewide props, presenting these to groups and conducting nine candidate forums.
- **Genice Jacobs**, Networking: ... but focused locally, lol! – been chairing City of Oakland Commission on Homelessness; eager to hear other's recommendations for maximizing high-efficiency GOTV for kid-centered Dems!
- **Aba Ngissah**, Secretary: encouraging young people to vote in the board elections, Prop 3, and making certain people are aware and educated on the issues.
- **Tiffany Sickler**, Treasurer: hitting the pavement for Sean Frame and Flo Cofer and Amy Slavensky and Neva Parker and Richard Pan in the Sacramento area!
- **Matthew Hilliard**, Northern Cal ViceChair: (*in absentio*), holding down the North state.

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- **Sara Roos**, Chair: has been engaged in much of the above too, **blogging** about the propositions, plus **door knocking for Kid-Critical Prop 3 & SSPI**, and helping the campaign for **Prop 4** (Public Campaign Financing).

There seems (to me) little on the ballot as foundational as Prop 4 and the effort to control special interest spending in our elections. Prop 4 addresses public campaign financing, enabling the ~¾ of California which currently is *not* allowed to setup public financing of campaigns, to do so *if they like*. The measure imposes no mandate, extracts no taxes or cost, just relieves a prohibition on non-contract cities in California, from being able to arrange for public financing of campaigns if they so choose. Which empowers small donors to compete with larger ones, resulting in far more diverse and representative electoral bodies ... and attracts no special interest

support-funding, lol – so one small citizen's effort can have great "Return On Investment"; one's singular advocacy is highly efficient!

[Here's](#) a really clear explanation of the ballot measure, Prop 4:

Elections should be
Won not Bought

Unfortunately, the Secretary Of State's official ballot measure wording is confusing, though its concept is simple as can be. And so CADEM-endorsed Prop 4 could be in trouble and could use your help if you were so inclined! Please [drop a line](#) to lend your support in helping to pass Public Campaign Finance reform ~ Prop 4.

Which is not to say that CademCC members should neglect the [statewide doorknocking](#) for State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) Barrera, and the schools-vital "[Millionaire's Tax](#)", Prop 3! Prop 43 (NO!) is kid-mission critical too -- lots of matters to focus on and ways to help ...

CADEM As Beacon

In the meantime, [CADEM is all-in](#) to elect our [Prop 50 candidates](#) and flip both Houses in DC from Red to Blue. [JoinUS!](#) for two upcoming days of action including canvassing, phone banking, texting, and other voter outreach:

October 10–11: Randy Villegas, Congressional District 22

October 17–18: Marni von Wilpert, Congressional District 48

[Signup here](#) if you can participate in these CADEM efforts:

Northerly volunteering

Southerly volunteering

[Mobilize.us](#) is where to find groups joining elbows and getting down to this business of electing Dems, [up and down the state](#), from Prop 50 candidates to [kid-critical Propositions](#) and elected officials, be they State Superintendent of Public Instruction or local school board.

There's much to be done securing the vote too. [Volunteer](#) for CADEM's peerless [Voter Protection Program](#), run by the inimitable Emma Harper and Coby King. [Answer hotline questions](#), share [Voter Resources](#), face down election day issues [with an army at your back](#), make a lifetime's worth of friends (literally birthday and elections cards flow in from past hotline assistees!).

CADEM is [organized](#), and it is easy to fall into the opportunities available for forwarding our positions. Statelevel [endorsements are here](#). Your County Committee's endorsements can be found on their website. The terrific [CADEM weekly newsletter, BLUEPRINT](#), is designed, as Chair Hicks says, to be "ripped off" -- forward at will to friends, neighbors, family, skeptics; copy to your networking circles and newsletters.

Speaking of Prop 50 candidates ... SAVE THE DATE of:

**CademCC's regular business meeting
November 15, 2026 @ 9:30am!**

CADEM Children's Caucus is hoping to host a forum with newly-minted Prop 50 congressional candidates heading to Washington, DC to take back Congress after November's elections. The hope is to hear from them about the children's issues they will bring to DC, burning a hole in their conscience. *JoinUS!* for our regular caucus business meeting in conjunction with the ~

CDP November, 20-21, 2026 virtual Executive Board meeting

All CADEM caucus meetings are open and free to all registered Democrats

Interested in getting involved beyond the state of California?

The Democratic National Committee runs phone banks most days

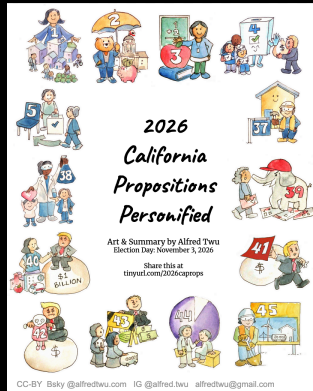
VolunteerBlue is a national online networking tool linking volunteer opportunities supporting Democratic candidates nationwide. Learn about their identified key races [here](#), find "friendly Dems" to call in these races [here](#); find all VB's actions [here](#).

Pitch in, find a spot for NoKings [Nationwide Day Of Action](#), 10/17/26

Your Voice; Ways To Join In With CademCC

Filter Ballot Propositions For A Kid's-Focus

Get your "hands around" the ballot's 14 Propositions with these fellow delegates' helpful summaries:



Delegate **Alfred Twu's iconic "Personification"**



CademCC Chair **Sara Roos's personal Op-Ed essay-arguments**

California November 2026 Ballot Measures	
Simple Voter Guide by AD 66 Delegate Michael Lee-Chang	
Current as of June 30, 2026. Proposition numbers from Secretary of State's List of Qualified Statewide Ballot Measures: https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-statewide-ballot-measures	
The big fight on this ballot: the billionaire tax	
Two other measures are designed to cancel out the billionaire wealth tax: the Audit New Tax Spending measure targets how its revenue is treated under state budget rules, and the Ban on New Personal Property and Patented Tax measure targets the wealth tax's legal structure. If conflicting measures pass, the one with the higher yes vote wins (joint act effect).	
Measure	One-sentence explanation
Proposition 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act (SB 477)	Authorizes \$11.25 billion in state bonds for affordable housing programs, including \$1.25 billion for veterans' long-term care facilities.
Proposition 2: Rainy day fund and budget reserves, limit for California's Public Act (ACA 26)	Limits California's rainy day fund and budget reserves during fiscal years when the state's general fund revenue is projected to be below the state's long-term average.
Proposition 3: Permanent high-income tax for schools and health care (Initiative 25-0016)	Increases the state's permanent high-income tax rates on high-income Californians that voters first approved in 2012 and extended in 2015.
Proposition 4: Public campaign financing, California Fair Elections Act (SB 42)	Allows state and local governments to create public financing programs for candidates, subject to meeting California's current campaign finance law.
Proposition 5: Recall election reform (SCA 1)	Changes state recall elections so voters would decide only whether to remove the official, not choose a replacement on the same ballot.
Proposition 17: Middle-class homeownership loan program (Initiative 25-001A)	Creates a state-run second mortgage program of up to \$25 million to help eligible middle-income homeowners pay more money but at lower interest rates.
Proposition 18: Immunology research bond (Initiative 25-002A)	Authorizes \$6.4 billion in state bonds for immunology and immunology research, with half to be allocated to affiliated nonprofit institutes and half for competitive grants.
Proposition 19: Voter ID and citizenship verification (Initiative 25-007A)	Requires voters to use government-issued identification when voting in person or provide for the four rights of that ID number when voting by mail.
Proposition 40: Billionaire wealth tax (Initiative 25-004A)	Imposes a new state tax of up to 5% on billionaires' net worth, but two other measures on the same ballot are written to cancel it out if they also pass and get more votes.
Proposition 41: Audits and state spending limit rules for new special taxes (Initiative 25-004A)	Requires audits for programs funded by new state special taxes and would cancel out the billionaire tax by blocking new taxes from excluding their revenue from the state spending limit.
Proposition 42: Ban on new personal property and restricted state taxes (Initiative 25-001A)	Prohibits new state taxes on owning personal property and certain restricted taxes, which would directly block the billionaire wealth tax from passing and the revenue gains more votes.
Proposition 43: Higher threshold for local special taxes (ACA 22)	Requires local special taxes, including voter-initiated special taxes, to receive two-thirds voter approval starting in 2027.

CademCC Steering Committee member **Michael Lee-Chang's data-driven personal summary**

White list and follow our communications!

Please help us reach you and keep us out of your spam! Be sure the following emails are in your address book:

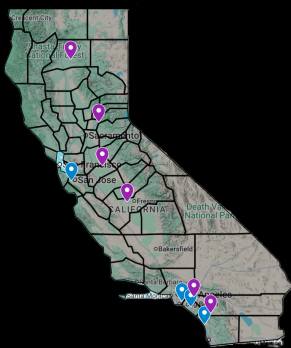
- **chair.cademcc@gmail.com** (caucus chair communications)
- **chair.cademcc-gmail.com@shared1.ccsend.com** (newsletters)
- **CademCC@googlegroups.com** (email loop)

Social media handles:

@cdpchildrenscaucus
@cademchildrenscaucus
@childrenscaucus

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 so we can protect and support our kids together.



JoinUS! by growing this network ~ organize in your own area or join up with others. For more details, please email our network coordinator **Genice Jacobs** or **chair.cademcc@gmail.com**.

Review Our Archived Programs

JOIN US !
for two gatherings in association with the CDP Executive Board meeting
July 28; 31-August 2, 2026
San Diego, CA

① **Bringing It: Fighting for Democracy, Elections, Our Kid's Future and Rights This November, 2026**

- Donald Cohen; *In The Public Interest*
- Michele Sutter; *Voters In, Money Out*
- Coby King; *CADEM Voter Protection*

② **Joint Caucus Social: with the collective membership of 11 CADEM caucuses**

① Remote:
Regular, membership meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Register: tinyurl.com/BringingItRtg
Agenda: tinyurl.com/BringingItRtg

② In-person:
Joint Caucus Social
Saturday, August 1, 2026
5:45 pm - 7:30 pm
Sheraton Hotel/Resort
San Diego

Visit the rest of
our youtube
archives

CADEM Children's Caucus 2025 Meetings

Membership business meetings ~

- May Convention (Anaheim):
 - *Energize And Organize* (virtual); Soapbox Social (in person):
- August Executive Board (virtual):
 - *Looking Around For Insight* (remote)
- November Executive Board (Monterey):
 - *Federal Impacts on Policy and the Political Impacts for CA's Families and Children* (virtual); Joint five-caucus networking Social (in person)

Focused programs (virtual) ~

- Conversations with PLEOS
 - *Asm. Al Muratsuchi*, Asm Education Committee Chair
- Special Topics
 - *From Cradle To Career: The Importance of Career Technical Education*
 - *Food Insecurity: the BigBadUgly During Holiday Season*

Party business ~

- *Forum*, State Superintendent of Public Instruction candidates
- *Legislative Study Groups* (June, July; virtual)
- *Platform discussion*, with committee co-chair Ingalsbee
- *CalKids Network meeting* (virtual) and organizing (on-going)

Programs archived at: youtube.com/@cdpchildrenscaucus
cademchildrenscaucus.org

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
Primary
- **Dr. Sheldon Gen;** Assoc. Dean of Faculty Affairs, Professor of Public Administration, SFSU
 - **Dr. Theresa Montaño;** Professor of Chicana/o Studies, CSU-Northridge
 - **Ms. Zeena Pliska;** Children's Book Author, Transitional Kindergarten Teacher, LAUSD
 - **Dr. Alela Rose;** Elementary School Principal, LAUSD

Remote:
Regular, membership meeting
Agenda: tinyurl.com/SFAGda
Zoom: tinyurl.com/SFCademCC

Monday, February 16, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30* pm



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

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



Resourcing Education:
Perspective
s on
Academic Freedom,
University to UTK:

Discussion
[here](#), from
[our youtube channel](#)

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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Wade Kyle, SoCal ViceChair
Tiffany Sickler, Treasurer
Aba Ngissah, Secretary

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- Ann Crosbie,
Michael Lee-Chang, Nelson
Tam

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Renay Grace Rodriguez,
Gregg Solkovits, Lara Triona

Operations Team:

- Liz Kane, James Moffat,
Ahmanise Sanati

Programming:

- Sam Davis, Vinita Verma

Statewide Networking:

- Genice Jacobs

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 in 2026:

Benefactor

👤 Mia Bonta
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👤 Analisa Swan

CademCC's current membership numbers 234, including 42 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: {2, 7, 22, 32, 36, 43, 45, 47, 54, 58}? We Want You! Help us extend our reach to these 10 ADs missing from CademCC membership 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!

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 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

CADEM CHILDREN'S CAUCUS

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



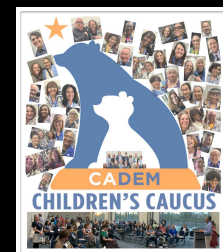
Here is a “red card” of information for you to keep on hand, with printer’s instructions, from the **Immigrant Legal Resource Center**.

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. 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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