

#### THE ELECTION EDITION

# **Dear Children's Caucusers!**

Please JoinUS! Share your championship of children; be a champion of the Children's Caucus!

Join our membership – become a member today!

<a href="https://tinyurl.com/DuesWaive">https://tinyurl.com/DuesWaive</a>
<a href="https://tinyurl.com/JoinCademCC">https://tinyurl.com/JoinCademCC</a>

And please consider joining our leadership team... we want YOU to consider running for office among us!

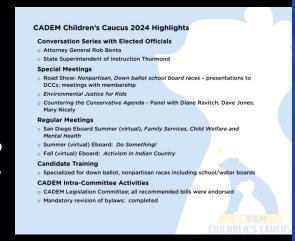
To vote for leadership, please make your membership arrangements for joining the caucus by Friday, April 25, 2025 (if possible, <u>please</u> do so early to avoid last-second deadline issues). Membership is open to all Democrats registered to vote in the State of California (or who would be if they could be – please contact the <u>chair</u> for more information if this contingency applies to you). Membership dues can be waived if they pose a financial hardship <u>here</u>, or <u>paid here</u>

Our levels fit your budget: Student-fixed income (\$5/annum), Regular (\$15/annum), Patron (\$25/annum), Mentor (\$50/annum) and Lifetime benefactor (\$500/annum).

We exist as a subgroup of the California Democratic Party (CDP) where delegates and registered Democrats meet to consider vital children's issues including, but not limited to, public education, school board electoral integrity, child abuse prevention, matters of juvenile justice, childcare, healthcare, and ending poverty. We voice the interests of children and represent these before the CDP. We advise the Party on

policy positions regarding children's issues – and more, please have a look at our bylaws <u>here</u>.

You can follow our activities of these past few years by reading up on our archived newsletters <u>here</u> (click <u>here</u> to join the newsletter or send email <u>here</u>), and by brushing up on these year-end summaries for 2023 and 2024.



### **Interested in Leadership?**

We are always looking to empower leaders! If you have an idea for a project or focus or program we should create: *let's hear it!* If you are interested in joining our board or leadership team – all the better. Please never hesitate to *email the chair* to talk about opportunities.

To nominate yourself or another to the two-year, 2025-27, term of CademCC Office for: Chair, ViceChair (Southern and Northern), Treasurer or Secretary, please email CademCC's Elections Chair Cea-Heier <a href="here">here</a>.

### **How Do Elections Work?**

Our next regular, CademCC meeting (preliminary <u>agenda</u>), will feature CademCC Leadership elections. Held <u>Friday</u>, <u>May 30</u>, <u>2025</u>, everyone is welcome to join, everyone is welcome to run, everyone is welcome to help us do things.

To declare your candidacy or nominate another as a Caucus officer, **contact** Elections Chair Cea-Heier between the nomination period's open on **April 11, 2025** and close on **May 2, 2025**.

To vote for leadership, you must become a member (at the latest) by **April 25, 2025**: pay membership dues **here** or request dues be waived **here**. Neither caucus membership, voting privilege nor candidacy status are in any way effected by ability to pay membership dues.

Declared officer candidates – whether incumbent or non-incumbent – may obtain a list of the caucus' eligible voters <u>from Elections Chair Cea-Heier</u> following the close of the membership's voting status deadline.

To attend the regular, caucus elections-meeting, join us **in-person at the Anaheim Hilton, 7:30pm on May 30, 2025**; or simultaneously **via Zoom online**, registration link **here**.

To request accommodations voting, please <u>email</u> Elections Chair Cea-Heier during the open nominations period. Requests received after this period may be refused accommodation.

For voters attending in-person or online, balloting will be conducted online via *ElectionBuddy*. Be prepared to use an email-enabled personal computer/laptop, tablet or mobile phone during the course of the meeting itself. Ballots will be emailed to the address on file for the credentialed member, to be cast online before the close of the meeting.

No proxy votes will be accepted; only credentialed, eligible voting members will receive an email ballot. Manual assistance will be available during the course of the meeting, for voters who are unable to access their email ballot, whether in-person or online.

Provisional ballots will be available for voters whose eligibility is challenged.

Election results will be announced before the close of the meeting, unless provisional ballots cannot be resolved before the meeting is gaveled closed. The elections committee may take up to 10 days to resolve provisional ballots.

### 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.

# **Membership News**

The Children's Caucus loves our 2025 membership! Thank you for sharing of your experience and insight, for joining with us and collectively working as a group to raise conscioiusness and effectiveness around children's issues. Your dues support caucus infrastructure and communications ~~ a

special shout-out in gratitude for encouragement beyond the standard level to:

- Patron:
  - Lindsay Carlson
  - Koreen Cea-Heier
  - Jennifer DeBrienza
  - Bob Eversole
  - Alyce Eversole
  - James Gallagher
  - Havaughnia Hayes-White
  - Nichelle Henderson
  - Elisabeth Robledo
  - Tauna Rodarte
  - Analisa Swan

- Mentor:
  - Brandee Marckmann
  - Rima Nashashibi
- Benefactor:
  - Renay Grace Rodriguez

To join the Children's Caucus for 2025, click <u>here</u> to pay membership dues (press on the fifth "+" down), or <u>here</u> to request waiver of membership dues.

Dues paid Q4, 2024, were grandfathered for 2025; dues waivers must be resubmitted for and in each new calendar year. The Children's Caucus current membership numbers 59.

Thank you all... please consider renewing your membership right now:

Standard Dues (\$15/annum)

# Update Your Caucus Membership ~

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

Patron-level Dues (\$25/annum)

Mentor-level Dues (\$50/annum) Dues support our hybrid programming costs - media and communications subscriptions, conference meeting facilities

Benefactor-level Dues (Lifetime; \$500)

Request of Dues Waiver

### **More Caucus links**

- Socials:
  - Locate our growing **WEBSITE** here
  - Find CDP Children's Caucus on Facebook here
  - Follow us on Instagram @childrenscaucus here
  - Gaze @cdpchildrenscaucus.bsky.socials here
  - Watch our <u>youtube</u> channel @cdpchildrenscaucus <u>here</u>
- Engagement:
  - Download missed newsletters <a href="here">here</a> and <a href="here">here</a> and <a href="here">here</a>
  - Prioritize a working committee here
  - Signup for the email listserv with fellow caucus members <a href="here">here</a> ...then communicate directly with the membership via <a href="mail">email</a>
- Caucus business:

- Review the 2024 Annual Children's Caucus Report <a href="here">here</a>
- View 2024's recertified Bylaws here
- Submit this year's caucus dues <u>here</u>; (request dues waiver <u>here</u>)

#### **CademCC Executive Board:**

- Sara Roos, Chair
- Matthew Hilliard, NoCal VC
- Ann Crosbie, SoCal VC
- Tiffany Sickler, Treasurer
- Aba Ngissah, Secretary

#### **Elections Chair:**

• Koreen Cea

#### **Communications Team:**

- Liz Kane
- Ahmanise Sanati
- Nelson Tam

# 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 <a href="mailto:here">here</a>; request a hardship waiver <a href="mailto:here">here</a>. Direct questions to: <a href="mailto:chair.cademcc@gmail.com">chair.cademcc@gmail.com</a>. 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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