



Hello Children's Caucus!

What a week; first we are wanting to thank you all so much for turning out and turning it up in Anaheim!

But then...

CademCC Statement On ICE In Los Angeles

This graduation weekend of peace and joy has been shattered for communities across Los Angeles by HSI and ICE.

The raids throughout Southern California – from Elementary School graduations, children's CIF finals, grocery stores and immigration courts – unveil an agenda of terror, intimidation, and menace. America's democracy morphs into totalitarianism before the eyes of our

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Central Valley – 559.206.0151
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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**



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

children, as militarized federal agents, local deputies and the machinery of war, chase down parents and caregivers, severing the connections of children and loved-ones.

These are the deeds that traumatize a generation, and break the peoples who comprise the fabric of our lives, the structure of our communities, our very society itself.

The Children's Caucus of the Democratic Party of California condemn the attacks upon our communities and its children this June of 2025. We call for calm as this authoritarian regime would provoke us to violence. And for control by our elected, bi-cameral leaders, who must halt such overreach by our executive branch.

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](#).

Anaheim Recap

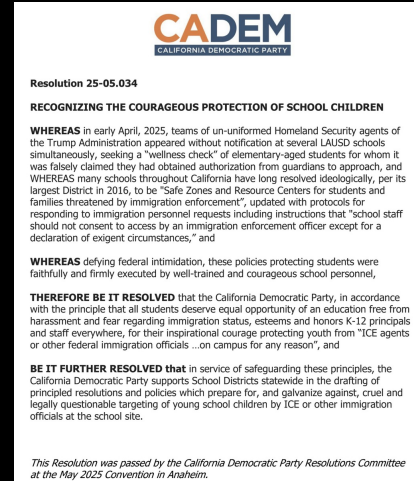
We started our Convention week on [Zoom](#), with CademCC’s regular caucus meeting in association with the 2025 Anaheim Convention; find it available now on [our youtube channel here](#).

A promotional graphic for the Cadem Children's Caucus Zoom meeting. It features four circular portraits of speakers: Renay Grace Rodriguez, Twiana Armstrong, Sarah Bradshaw, and Nancy Greep. The central text reads "Energize and Organize", "Join US on Zoom!", "Recognizing, and Fighting For... Those Who Fight For Us", and "Join US on Zoom! for our regular Caucus meeting, in association with the Anaheim, California Democratic Party Convention". It also includes the date "Tuesday, May 27, 2025 @ 7:00pm" and a QR code for registration.

The meeting was devoted to learning and taking inspiration from accidental heros, fighting for those who fight for us, such as exemplars: **Renay Grace Rodriguez**, president of [Stonewall Democratic Club-LA](#), and **Twiana Armstrong**, founder of [seeMYchild.org](#). We heard presentations from schools expert [Sarah Bradshaw](#) on key legislation and funding issues facing public education, how federal shortfalls can be addressed locally and how to buttress statewide and local supports. We heard an overview from retired internist [Nancy Greep](#) on the impact of federal cuts on California’s healthcare and food supports for children. See her MediCal/Food assistance presentation slides [here](#). And the meeting

Meeting Inspirations

The meeting was inspired by the courage of the collective efforts of staff and principals in two southeastern LAUSD schools, protecting elementary aged students from ICE agents seeking an unauthorized “wellness check”. The California Democratic Party adopted **Resolution 25-05.034** on Sunday, 6/1/25, **“Recognizing the Courageous Protection Of School Children”** (many thanks to friends of the Children’s Caucus and Resolutions Committee members Tony Hale and Andrew Lachman for shepherding this resolution through the process). We appreciate the hard work of teachers, counselors, administrators, staff and children’s health and welfare professionals everywhere, preparing, practicing and protecting our children.



Having concluded our business before the start of the Anaheim Convention, there was time for partying during our **SoapBox Social** on Saturday evening.



Replete with popcorn and ice cream, the venue was an opportunity to hear from members and elected officials informally. Our seating was scattered about the microphone, with the “*a capella*” part not quite working out, and a single room challenged to simultaneously support both private conversation and public discourse. We need still to improve the venue for networking across this vast statewide territory; stay tuned for our initiative to focus attention on local constituencies.

Looking Forward

More significant are the learned lesson plans for the future. The Children’s Caucus has many incipient programs informed by the interests and needs of this open forum, and our year-long activities:

- Discussion/s of the ideas from candidates for State Superintendent of Instruction
- Legislation information; toward CademCC advocacy around CADEM's positions at the Capitol
- Growing a network of countywide Democratic Clubs focused on children's issues
- Ethnic Studies appraised from the perspective of representative members of CADEM's ethnic caucuses
- Exploring IDEA funding and special education
- Maternal and child health in California
- Mitigating gun violence
- Controlling human trafficking

Hop in with your own ideas ~ chair.cademcc@gmail.com ~ and join the planning. We'll conduct special meetings and **Conversations** with our elected officials and Party leaders all year long. JoinUS on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [youtube](#), via [newsletter](#), [email](#) and [website](#), or however you might prefer and wish to help us along!

Caucus Elections



Overcoming technical difficulties, Children's Caucus Elections Chair, **Koreen Cea-Heier** (AD 52), with special help from team member, **Gregg Solkovits** (AD 40), and **Brandee Markmann** (AD 19), (and background support from **Jon Katz** (AD 61), **Patrice McKenzie** (AD 41), **Tracy Cook** (AD 51) and **Ángela Der** (AD 29), distributed all N=223 ballots via email to voting-eligible members.

By affirmative-acclamation, the 2025-27 Children's Caucus Executive Officers are:

Chair: **Sara Roos** (AD 55)
Northern CA ViceChair: **Matthew Hilliard** (AD 1)
Southern CA ViceChair: **Wade Kyle** (AD 66)
Treasurer: **Tiffany Sickler** (AD 5)
Secretary: **Aba Ngissah** (AD 61)

...and our Steering Committee is healthy and growing! Please do not hesitate to share of your interests and experiences and [JoinUS](#) as we continue to forward information, resources and support around children's issues:

Programming: [Sam Davis](#) (AD 18), [Vinita Verma](#) (AD 24)

Operations: [Liz Kane](#) (AD 61), [Ahmanise Sanati](#) (AD 61), [James Moffat](#) (AD 80)

Communications: [Ann Crosbie](#) (AD 77), [Nelson Tam](#) (AD 18)

Statewide Networking: [Genice Jacobs](#) (AD 18)

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Membership Drive

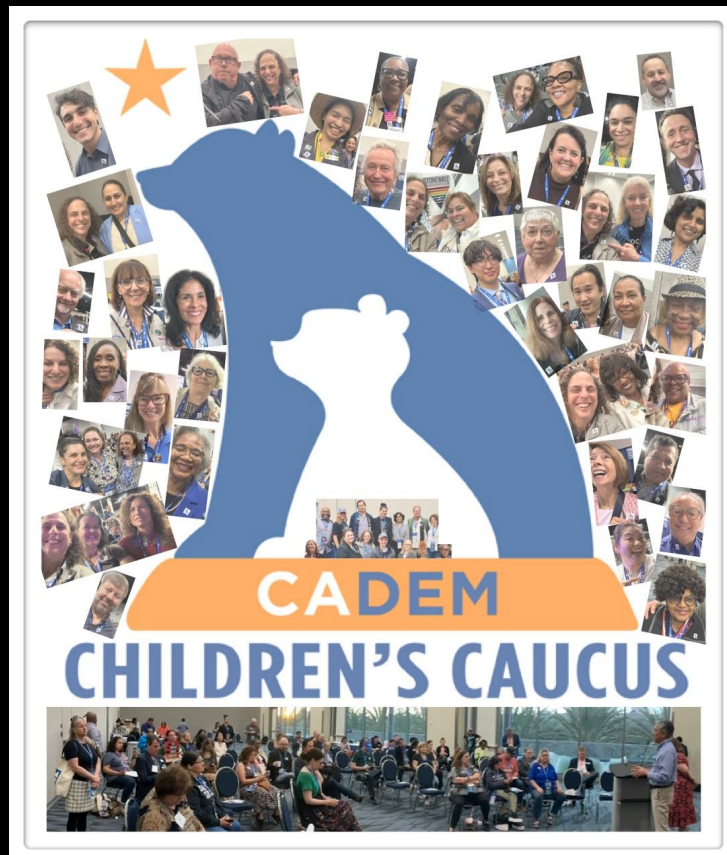
Our pins were a success as so many smiling faces attest!

The pins are a membership drive, to sponsor the one-fifth of our membership whose dues are low or waived. We now boast a membership of N=313! With a full 25% supporting the caucus at or above the \$25 level including 3 lifetime members. *Thank you one and all!*

If accidentally you should happen to have left Anaheim without your pin, [please](#) be in touch and we'll figure out a way to get that pin to you! We want you to wear it out and about proudly! Don't let us let you get away without it... if you did not receive yours, please reach out. **Or**, if you would like to upgrade your regular membership – it's not too late to acquire that pin!

Contact Chair.CademCC@gmail.com to arrange for that pin on your lapel, or to adjust membership records if something went awry; please confirm membership status on your delegate portal.

Your dues support caucus infrastructure and communications, and membership dues for those in need. A shout-out in gratitude to those



who have contributed beyond the standard level:

- **Benefactor:**

👤 Lanier Coles

👤 Renay Grace Rodriguez

👤 Clint Weirick

- **Mentor:**

👤 Mike Bullock

👤 Brandee Marckman

👤 Tiffany Sickler

👤 Havaughnia Hayes-White

👤 Rima Nashashibi

👤 Michael Soloff

👤 Susan Sheu

👤 Jane Wishon

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👤 Sam Davis

👤 Wade Kyl

👤 Analisa Swan

👤 Vilma Dawson

👤 Andrew Lachman

👤 Nelson Tam

👤 Angela Der

👤 Michael Lee-Chang

👤 Alfred Twu

👤 Jennifer DeBrienza

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👤 Billie Joe Wright

👤 Paulette Francis

👤 Heather Plotzke

👤 Jimmie Woods-Gray

👤 Frank Porter

👤 Renee Zeimer

To join the Children's Caucus for 2025, click [here](#) to pay membership dues (press on the fifth "+" down), or [here](#) 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 313.

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)

Dues support our hybrid
programming costs - media and
communications subscriptions,
conference meeting facilities

Benefactor-level Dues
(Lifetime; \$500)

Mentor-level Dues
(\$50/annum)

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 [youtube channel @cdpchildrenscaucus here](#)
- Engagement:
 - 👉 Download missed newsletters [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](#))

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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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