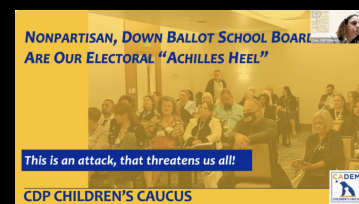




*We're focusing on Family Services, Child Welfare,  
and Mental Health, Dear Children's Caucus ~*

**JoinUS! - This Friday,  
May 17, 2024  
8:15 pm**

for a hybrid meeting  
of the Children's Caucus  
at the  
California Democratic Party,  
Executive Board meeting  
in San Diego -  
In-person or via Zoom



Register here for the Hybrid meeting

The Executive Board (E-board) of the CA Democratic Party will **convene in San Diego** next weekend. And while **E-Board members** are expected to attend in person, caucus members – required simply to be registered as a Democrat in California – may attend our meeting remotely, **via Zoom**. If attending in person, please beware of **restrictions** on what may be brought inside the facility. Official notifications are on **CADEM's** website.

Find additional help on CademCC's [website](#); [unofficial meeting info-graphics](#) available late next week from fellow delegate Twu.

Our program next weekend, held in the [Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina](#), will feature three special presentations from local experts in the field of [Child welfare, Family services and Mental health](#).

Joining us will be the San Diego County Child Welfare Director, **Dr. Kimberly Giardina**; lived experience and professional expert **Ms. Mirna Ariza**; and San Ysidro Health's Chief Behavioral Health Officer, **Dr. Gaurav Mishra**. Together they will present some context, perspective, and experience around some of the practical, legislative and systemic challenges and opportunities faced today by professionals working with children inside California's public social systems.

This promises to be a tremendously informative and interesting program; we are all excited for you to join us for this hybrid meeting, either in person (details [here](#)) or via zoom (registration [here](#)).

Please review the program's whole agenda [here](#). Take a moment to review the [minutes](#) from our last meeting, in Sacramento, and our updated [Bylaws](#), which we hope the membership will approve, prerequisite to our Caucus' recertification-vote at Sunday's floor session.

Also at the meeting we will hear a brief history of the Children's Caucus and a [memorium](#) to one of its founding members, the former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, [Delaine Eastin](#).

Finally we will hear from our caucus officers, reporting with a special emphasis on the program's focus of child welfare, mental health and family services.

If there are school board candidates present, their political introductions at the microphone will be prioritized during the evening's final 20 minutes showcasing ballot initiatives and candidates for elected office.

**[JoinUS!](#)** – we're all looking forward to seeing one another one way or another, at next Friday's meeting.

**Featured Discussion:**  
**Family Services, Child Welfare and Mental Health**

**With Guest Speakers:**  
**Kim Giardina**, Director, Child and Family Well-Being Department, County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency  
**Mirna Ariza**, Case Manager and Advocate, San Diego County Child Welfare System  
**Gaurav Mishra**, Chief Behavioral Health Officer, San Ysidro Health, Board Member, Behavioral Health Advisory Board, San Diego County

**JoinUS in San Diego at the CDP E-board's meeting of the Children's Caucus!**

**Friday, May 17, 2024 @ 8:15pm**  
Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

(Hybrid) Zoom registration:  
[tinyurl.com/SDEbrdReg](https://tinyurl.com/SDEbrdReg)  
[CADEMChildrensCaucus.org](https://CADEMChildrensCaucus.org)

**CADEM CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

## **[Advocating For Our Children:](#)**

The Children's Caucus recommended an official position of "support" on

nine bills (below) from the CDP standing Committee on Legislation, and stands in solidarity with a "support" position for three additional bills. The Party's endorsement is recommended in Committee and brought to the full floor on Sunday for official E-board membership vote.

As a constituent entity of the California Democratic Party, the Children's Caucus does not endorse independently, but speaks with the Party through "OneVoice". Our Children's Voice is represented at the CADEM Executive Board Meeting by you, and through you. Make a plan to visit and speak out for *them* at the Legislation Committee meeting, tentatively scheduled for Friday at 1pm.

Thank you for your advocacy, and all you do!

### **Education System**

AB 2013 (Irwin) - AI transparency

AB 2268 (Muratsuchi) - *English learners: English language proficiency assessment*

### **Social Welfare**

AB 1956 (Reyes) - Victim services

AB 2230 (Bennett) - Residential housing

SB 333 (Cortese) - Guaranteed Income Program

### **Legal protection-Human trafficking-CJR**

AB 1810 (Bryan) - Incarcerated persons: menstrual products

AB 2419 (Gipson) - Search warrants: child prostitution

AB 3049 (Bryan) - Minors counsel

SB 1128 (Portantino) - Sex offender registration: unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor

CademCC members also support three additional bills, recommended to the Legislation Committee by a different CADEM entity:

### **Libraries, Book bans**

AB 1825 (Muratsuchi) - Libraries

AB 1986 (Bryan) - Regulation of banned books in state prisons

### **Universal Healthcare**

AB 2200 (Kalra) - Guaranteed Health Care for All

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## **Membership News**

The Children's Caucus loves our members! Thank you for sharing of your experience and insight, for joining with the membership and collectively working to grow an understanding and effectiveness in the group.

Our dues support caucus infrastructure and communications; a special shout-out in gratitude for encouragement beyond the standard level to:

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- Patron:
  - 👤 Anonymous (3)
  - 👤 Jim Gallagher
  - 👤 Angela D. Scott
  - 👤 Teri Sorey
  - 👤 Tiffany Woods

- Mentor:
  - 👤 Anonymous
  - 👤 Harini Krishna
- Benefactor:
  - 👤 Renay Grace Rodriguez

We will never name you without explicit permission. If your name is not listed here and should be, please contact [chair.cademcc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.cademcc@gmail.com)

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

To align memberships with CADEM's new calendar-year payment schedule, dues paid Nov/Dec, 2023, have been grandfathered for 2024, but dues waivers should be resubmitted for each new calendar year.

As of May 9, 2024, the Children's Caucus counts its membership at 136, including several student memberships! Thank you all...

Standard Dues (\$15/annum)	<b>Update Your Caucus Membership ~</b>	(Youth) Pre- registered as a Democrat (\$5/annum)
Patron Member Dues (\$25/annum)	Dues support our hybrid programming costs - media and communications subscriptions, conference meeting facilities	Benefactor Lifetime Member Dues (\$500)
Mentor Member Dues (\$50/annum)		Request Dues Waiver

## More important Caucus links

- Socials:
  - 👤 Locate our growing **WEBSITE** [here](#)
  - 👤 Find CDP Children's Caucus on **Facebook** [here](#)
  - 👤 Follow us on **Instagram** @childrenscaucus [here](#)
  - 👤 **Tweet** @ChildrensCaucus [here](#)
  - 👤 Join our new @cdpchildrenscaucus **Slack** channel
  - 👤 Watch our **youtube** channel @cdpchildrenscaucus [here](#)
- Engagement:
  - 👤 Follow regional news E & A Watch postings from **North** and **South**
  - 👤 Download missed newsletters [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 2023-24 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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### **CademCC Executive Board:**

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- Koreen Cea

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- Nelson Tam

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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](mailto: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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