



## Greetings Children's Caucus!

Thank you to everyone for offering your interests and expertise as we organize into focused Committees. Please keep an eye on your email for notice of break-out meetings via zoom where our fledgling Committees will meet to develop plans for

Getting Something Done: who/how/where/what.

But first, this final introduction from our Caucus officers...

### A note from our NoCal Vice Chair, Matthew Hilliard;

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Hi everyone! My name is Matthew Hilliard and I am the newly elected Northern California Vice Chair for the Children's Caucus of the California Democratic Party. I am a member of the Siskiyou County Democratic Party Central Committee as well as the elected ADEM executive board representative for AD-01. I live in Mount Shasta, and my background is in social work.

One of my main goals for this session is to introduce myself and this caucus to all of the County Central Committees (DCCs) in our Northern region. This is a lot of DCCs and I've already begun the process. My interest area is in protecting our LGBTQ+ youth, working with vulnerable teenage populations and protecting access to books and education from challenges at all levels. I really want to shape our goals and our mission this session around your thoughts and wants, so please do not hesitate to get in touch with me (email above, or 530-408-6306). Thanks again! -Matthew.

### Addressing policy around children at CDP meeting

Our first order of business will be housekeeping: drafting suggestions for California Democratic Party (CDP) meeting-policy that is more inclusive of delegates with attendant families. Our initial zoom will outline ideas and be an opportunity to e-meet fellow meeting attendees to get a sense of their needs, and perspectives, on the challenges of attending meetings with kids. The bulk of our work drafting suggested improvements can be accomplished via google docs, but we should zoom-meet for grounding. Stay tuned for organizing emails soliciting your availability: please respond!

### Focusing on Children's Issues

We have a good core of respondents interested in actively addressing the issues which matter to our children. Initial zoom-invitations go out this week as a first step in organizing ourselves into effective groups. In the interest of concentrating our efforts, early groupings may combine issues. But if these wish to spinoff more tightly-focused groups, centered on a good idea and how to accomplish something related to it, then we will do everything possible to support our members in that.

It could be that a google doc or slack channel for each group might be an effective way to discuss and work on issues in between general (full zoom committee or CDP Caucus) meetings. Please consider discussing that in your organizational meetings.

## Harnessing Communications

How we organize is vital to our effectiveness. As discussed above, finding functional ways to communicate, matters - it will impact the effectiveness of our committees, as it will our ability to reach caucus members at large and our ability to effect change as a whole.

To communicate interactively with caucus members as a full body, please address a one-time, blank email to:

[CademCC+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:CademCC+subscribe@googlegroups.com) (then check email for a verification to initiate approval). Once subscribed, share information and discussion with the full caucus via email to [CademCC@googlegroups.com](mailto:CademCC@googlegroups.com).

We need volunteers for these communications “housekeeping” teams:

1. **Communications (social media).** Are you good at social media? Can you help us push out awareness of the CDP Children’s Caucus work and goals? Please volunteer your services to [chair.cademcc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.cademcc@gmail.com).
2. **Zoom/IT.** Are you a zoom maven? We would love to avail ourselves of your expertise running hybrid meetings. The CDP Children’s Caucus will always meet for our annual convention, but also at Eboard meetings 2-3 times per year (the next is scheduled for **August in Visalia**). Perhaps you live nearby or are planning to attend anyway, and could help us out as a “ZeeJay”? Please volunteer your services to [chair.cademcc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.cademcc@gmail.com).

## Doing Business

As a constituent caucus of the CDP, we do not adopt stances independent from the Party itself. Yet it is our prerogative and responsibility to articulate our ideological position with respect to children’s issues.

If you are interested in reviewing and developing the ideology that scaffolds our work, please volunteer your services with [chair.cademcc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.cademcc@gmail.com) for the following:

1. **Platform committee.** Develop and present testimony from the Children’s Caucus to the CDP **Platform Committee** via zoom (register [here](#)) on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 11am, regarding its planks on Children and Education.
2. **Legislation Action.** Review current pending legislation for consideration by the CDP Legislation Action Committee on behalf of the Children’s Caucus.
3. **Bylaws Review.** Evaluate our new, standardized bylaws for specificity to Children’s Caucus needs.

*Didn't yet complete your **form**? No worries ~ it's never too late to share your passions: Click **HERE** to convey which children's issues motivate your zeal for action: **JOIN US!***

## A note on membership and inclusion

You needn’t be a delegate to the CDP to belong to the CDP Children’s Caucus! Membership is open to all California Democrats, interested in supporting children’s issues. It is a good way to engage the state Party, without being a voting delegate to it. Dues are collected annually [here](#); hardship waivers are available through [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 link below.



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