



Happy Spring, Dear Children's Caucus!

Protecting California's children

Attorney General Rob Bonta joined our caucus on a fine Saturday morning in late March to discuss *How California's Bureau of Children's Justice safeguards our children*. Beyond learning of the ways that our AG and his office protect children, is the critical matter of understanding what we as children's advocates can expect from our government, and how we can engage them if necessary, in effecting our own critical work with children.

According to AG Bonta:

- You can contact our Office of Community Awareness, Response, and Engagement—or CARE—at care@doj.ca.gov.
- You can follow us on social media.
- You can visit our website for a plethora of information and resources: oag.ca.gov.

- Sign up for our weekly newsletter.
- Find more information about the Bureau of Children's Justice, including how to submit an official complaint to the Bureau.
- Visit our "contact us" page for ways to reach out to a number of different offices on several specific topics.
- You can call our Public Inquiry Unit at (916) 210-6276
- Contact Special Assistant Attorney General Damon Brown, who handles our children's justice portfolio—Damon.Brown@doj.ca.gov

More questions were submitted to the AG than there was conversational time to address. These are being compiled for submission to the appropriate staffer or AG division, and follow-up will be summarized for our membership. As AG Bonta assures us, the Conversation is intended to initiate closer connections and hopefully other OAG members will engage the caucus about their work and how we can articulate with it in the future.

Catch the Conversation at our youtube channel [here](#).

We hope to arrange for a complementary Conversation with the State Superintendent of Instruction in the near future. Stay Tuned!

The CA Democratic Party will [next convene in San Diego](#). [Executive Board members](#) are expected to attend in person, but the rest of the caucus, which may be comprised not just of delegates, but of any registered Democrat across California, may attend the meeting remotely, [via Zoom](#). Logistics are still to be determined; watch our [website](#) for more details.

**JoinUS! – San Diego,
May 17-19, 2024**

Eboard meeting registration
(optional for caucus
attendance in person)

Tentative meeting schedule ~
Friday, May 17, 2024
8:15pm – 10:00pm

Hybrid meeting registration

The caucus program in San Diego will pivot from the Educational focus of the past year, to its mirror-concern of family services and child welfare. From [Proposition 1](#) and mental health to juvenile justice, these issues are front and center in electoral politics, as well as our own members' consciousness. We shall caucus around information and experience relating to these matters, even while the prerogative of [legislation](#) and endorsement remains with CDP centrally. Please email programming ideas to chair.cademcc@gmail.com.

Legislation proposals

The Children's Caucus (CademCC) is empowered to recommend legislative action from the CDP on up to 12 bills. Our recommendations must be submitted 30 days in advance of the May 17-19, 2024, Executive Board meeting in San Diego, so our decision-timeline will be tight.

The CademCC leadership team (comprised of 8 members – its executive

board {Caucus Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary}, Elections and Communications Co-Chairs) will compile up to 24 favored bills (3 from each) on children's issues.

The opinion of all CademCC members in good standing will be surveyed regarding the relative importance of these bills. The bills under consideration will be distributed to the membership Thursday evening, 4/4/24. Interested members may [meet via Zoom](#) (click for registration) on Saturday morning, 4/6/24 at 9:30am to hear about or advocate for a particular bill. Your ranking will be surveyed via google form (overseen by Elections Chair Cea) available after the meeting upon request, until the following Wednesday, 4/10/24. Members' dues must be in good standing to participate in the survey, which therefore will not be anonymous.

Recommendations to the CDP Legislation Committee will be submitted by the Chair on behalf of Caucus members, under strict advisement guided by members' surveys.

If there is a bill you wish CademCC to consider, please email chair.cademcc@gmail.com asap. Thank you.

The “DNC” Election - confused by “the DNC”, what and whom you vote on and for, etc.?

There are two entities similarly named, that might be contributing to the confusion.

“DNC members” ...

will be selected to a four-year term during San Diego's Eboard meeting in May 2024. Only CADEM Executive Board members (rather than all DSCC members, of whom Eboard members are a subset) will vote to elect these candidates.

Filing for this office remains open through 4/17/24. Information can be found [here](#) and a filling form [here](#).

Like the state-level CDP, the **national DNC** meets periodically to carry out the business of the National Democratic Committee. Members serve 4-year terms and just as the path to membership in the CDP has multiple routes, there are several ways to obtain membership in the DNC. One avenue to that election is the contest that will be voted on in San Diego this May.

“DNC delegates” ...

are another kind of candidate we are voting on soon, but not at the Eboard meeting. Selected delegates will attend specifically and only, the **Presidential nominating convention** conducted by the DNC, held in Chicago next August, 2024. Delegates to the Presidential nominating

convention are selected in three tranches, one of which, at the “[Congressional] District-level”, had its filling period recently close. Registered Democrats may request a ballot for that race be sent directly to them, by filling out [this form here](#), before 4/11/24.

If you didn’t file for that first, “District-level” tranche and are nevertheless interested in attending the Democratic National Convention as a delegate, you may yet apply [here](#) to become an At-Large delegate, through April 24. Information and key dates are found [here](#).

Email questions to: delegate2024@cadem.org

Caucus Recertification

With approval of our [new Bylaws](#), CDP has finally recertified the Children’s Caucus. Thanks to the CDP Rules Committee, our executive board, and in particular, Chair Emeritus, and SoCal VC Crosbie, for pioneering the process.

More important Caucus links

- Locate our growing website [here](#)
 - Follow regional news E & A Watch postings from the [North](#) and [South](#)
 - Download missed newsletters [here](#)
 - Join our working committees [here](#)
 - Signup for the email listserv with fellow caucus members [here](#)
 - ...then communicate directly with the membership via [email](#)
 - Submit this year's caucus dues [here](#); (request dues waiver [here](#))
 - View 2024's recertified Bylaws [here](#)
 - Review the 2023-24 Annual Children's Caucus Report [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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