



## ***Hello Fellow Children's Caucus Goers!***

It was a privilege and a pleasure to meetup with you-all in Visalia, in-person and via zoom. The caucus meeting really drilled into life, strife and concerns in the Central Valley (CV); I learned a lot. You can too by reviewing audio or a vimeo of the meeting (h/t to CDP's new, awesome tech-vendors, NMT) on our website [here](#). Links to some further regional information follow at the bottom.

***-Sara.***

### ***What we heard***

Through the eyes of educators, students, politicians and those native-born and of native ancestry to the CV, we heard about a lot of privation and need. We heard that life in the Central Valley is different from life in our biggest cities. Visalia HS teacher Josh Evans gave a land acknowledgement and ***historical perspective*** of how the land and ***its geology*** informs our political and cultural experience there, from agricultural dominance to Klan rallies. Fresno intervention teacher Elisabeth Robledo shared the resilience of some of her students, in credit recovery programs amidst escalating rates of homelessness and economic instability so severe as to threaten their potential to learn.

Three students shared some of the challenges they faced in CV schools personally, inhibiting rather than empowering, their education. Mateo

Fernandez now of Chico State University called for more openness from teachers in combating the bullying experienced by LGBTQIA+ students and lapses in sex education. Fellow Fresno Polytechnic HS students, Daisy and Monte Boyd, also remarked on experiences of doubtful safety in a multitude of environments, from healthcare to housing. Ethnic discrimination and economic hardship, and the potential of physical violence from assault weapons are ever-present, threatening not just immediate wellbeing but devastatingly, the capability for realizing the very promise of education opportunity.

The instability is addressed by bringing resources. Fresno school board member Randy Villegas is at work boosting teacher pay. And Central Valley Empowerment Alliance ([CVEA](#)) board members and fellow California Democratic Party (CDP) delegates Arturo Rodriguez and Mari Perez-Ruiz painted a compelling picture of their social justice work through “radical love”, drawing forth resources and opportunity without judgment, in this land where students report alienation and their feelings of disempowerment from opportunity – educational, economic, societal, and beyond.

To this end candidate Adam Schiff called for a “human infrastructure bill” in Washington, addressing hardships from natural resources to human ones, of childcare, healthcare and education.

We heard member Jim Gallagher report on the seizure of “parental notification” in Chino Valley as a tactic to rally GOP supporters at the expense of school children, their needs and civil rights. Member Renay Rodriguez observed that communities of faith are allies in this caucus’ stand against disinformation, and on behalf of our children and their schools (see the CDP Children’s Caucus (CademCC) statement below).

Friend of CademCC, Keith Umemoto, reported on Democratic National Convention (DNC) resolutions to improve the quality of life for our kids, which our website will feature on a dedicated page.

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## Caucusing in Visalia

Our internal business is recorded in the [minutes](#). But we had the opportunity to look outwards as a caucus by standing with CVEA’s Arturo Rodriguez and Mari Perez-Ruiz in stuffing back-to-school backpacks for local children. See video [here](#).

And the Visalia historical society has mailed new members a big packet of past bulletins as souvenir and opportunity for further learning (in this newsletter's surround)!

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## Some regional CV-information of possible interest

- [Tulare County Historical Society](#)
- [Tulare Historical Museum](#)
- [Visalia wikipedia](#)
- [California State Library, Tulare County History](#)
- [Library of Congress, History of Tulare County](#)
- [Tulare County demographics \(PRB\)](#)



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## Forward to Sacramento

Autumn's Endorsing Convention in Sacramento has been announced and we have a lot of work to do before it!

Most concerning to many caucus members is the increasing turmoil at our school boards directed toward their trustees and even students, up and down the state, gathering speed in the going. It will have escaped no one's attention that Attorney General Bonta, Superintendent of Instruction Thurmond, and Governor Newsom are **united around enforcing**

California's Equal Protection Clause, Constitutional Right to Privacy, and Education Code. CademCC's working group on Election & Assembly Integrity (E & A Watch) is mobilizing through **our facebook page** where local posts are collected on the website as a Watch of our **Northern** and **Southern** regions. E & A Integrity Watch (see below) will next meet via zoom (register **here**) at 5pm on Thursday, September 14, 2023. **Our meeting** at this fall's endorsement Convention will focus on the threat.

**Join Us!**

## CademCC Statement on the mayhem

...link **here** regarding select California school boards up and down the state:

*The Children's Caucus of the CA Democratic Party stands against recent GOP attacks on our public schools and the rights of the children these institutions serve. Our children's basic right to privacy, protection, and the development of autonomy, must not be surrendered to bigotry around gender identity or censorship of letters, arts, or science. We must assure our schools' core function, as a place where learning is taught, social interactions are engaged, and truth is sustained.*

## Working Groups

The E & A Watch working group (signup [here](#)) will be developing a “road show” to share with County Central Committees and CDP caucuses regarding local incursions, commonalities between assault sites, cues to watch for and best, learned practices for practical protection and electoral push back. We next will meet (zoom registration is [here](#)) at 5pm on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

All meetings will be announced in our email loop. Subscribe [here](#).

Children’s issues are not exclusively educational of course, equally vital are matters of family services, culture and integration, social and economic equity. We are initiating working groups for these issues as well. Click [here](#) to let us know of [your interests](#) and expertise, the better to task a working group relevant to you.

Also of immediate importance is our study group on policy and legislation. We must devise a fair process encompassing research, consideration and evaluation of the enormous breadth of children’s issues. As constituent entities of the CA Democratic Party (CDP) we take no position independent of the Party, but it is incumbent upon us to find a common, representative voice to raise within it. [Here](#) is an updated spreadsheet of the legislation we submitted to the CDP Legislation Committee, including the CDP’s adopted position on each and the bill’s progress toward becoming law.

## Elections Committee

*A word from our Elections Committee Chair, Koreen Cea, who invites your participation:*

The window has opened to nominate yourself for the CademCC Election Committee. You have until **October 17, by 6 pm**, to submit your intent to run for one of the 4 slots available.

Here is the process: First, our treasurer will confirm your status as a registered democrat and an active member of our caucus, 35 days prior to the gaveling to order of the first session of our CDP Convention November 17, 2023. Second, be mindful that if elected, your job duties are to collaborate to manage elections for Children Caucus Executive Board members according to CDP bylaws and guidelines, before, during and after said election takes place in person and if hybrid, with appropriate Zoom protocol to assure the integrity of the election process. It will also be the duty of the election committee to properly tabulate all votes to assure the accuracy and integrity of the election process. Depending upon the number of applicants, we may have either an official election, which I as Chair shall supervise, or a simple vote by acclamation if there are only 4 candidates.

You may [email me](#), Koreen Cea, Election Chair, at AmoryLiebe23@outlook.com. If urgent, you may [email](#) me a request for a phone call outside of my working hours.

Looking forward to hearing from future candidates – best wishes everyone.

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## 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](#)
- Register your interest in joining our working committees [here](#)
- Join the email listserv with fellow caucus members [here](#)
- ...then communicate directly with the membership via [email](#)
- Submit this year's caucus dues [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](#); 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 automated link below.



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