



Education Committee Fact Sheet 2017

The Empowerment Congress (EC)

The Empowerment Congress, a distinctive and deliberate national model of civic engagement built on the core principles of participatory democracy, reciprocal accountability, and intentional civility, is a dynamic partnership among neighborhood groups, residents, nonprofit organizations, businesses, religious institutions, and community leaders within the diverse communities of Los Angeles County's Second Supervisorial District. The Empowerment Congress' mission is to educate, engage, and empower communities by fostering leadership, capacity building, and impacting public policy.

The EC Education Committee

The EC Education Committee supports district-wide efforts in achieving equitable education for all learners. The EC Education Committee educates, empowers and mobilizes the diverse stakeholders throughout Los Angeles County and the Second Supervisorial District around local, state, and federal educational issues and solutions.

Goals

1. Increase awareness of efforts and strategies that promote accessible and sustainable quality educational and special needs services and resources.
2. Educate and engage the Education Committee members and constituents on educational issues, Pre-K through 12, Higher Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training, and to work collectively to develop practical solutions and advocate for change.
3. Teach and mobilize youth leaders to address issues within their schools and community using the Empowerment Congress Model.
4. Collaborate and build partnerships with other EC committees, local businesses and organizations to explore options and strategies for increasing educational accessibility and outcomes (achievement).

Issues

- Accessible quality early childhood education services
- Early detection and intervention resources for students with special needs
- Closing the achievement and opportunity gap, and digital divide
- College and career readiness
- Cradle to prison pipeline awareness and abatement
- Accountability, engagement & professional development: parents & educators, child/youth serving professionals

To review the Education Committee's current work plan, please visit the EC website.

Committee Meetings (check the website for any changes)

4th Tuesday of each month (6-7:30pm)
Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
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700 Exposition Park Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90037

For more information:

Please contact the Education Committee at info@empowermentcongress.org or (213) 346-3247.



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