



# Education Committee Fact Sheet 2019

## **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 and county-wide efforts in achieving equitable education for all learners. The EC Education Committee informs, equips, and mobilizes diverse stakeholders throughout Los Angeles County and the Second Supervisorial District around local, state, and federal educational issues and solutions.

## **Goals**

1. Increase stakeholders' awareness of efforts and strategies that promote accessible and sustainable quality educational and special needs services and resources.
2. Educate and engage constituents on educational issues - Prenatal through 12, Alternative and Nontraditional Learners, Higher Education, Adult Education and Occupational Training, and to work collectively to develop practical solutions and advocate for change.
3. Collaborate and expand partnerships with EC committees, local businesses and organizations to explore options and strategies to increase educational accessibility and achievement.

## **Issues**

- Increasing accessible quality early childhood education services
- Removing obstacles and barriers to learning that may prevent students considered at-risk from receiving equitable educational opportunities
- Building cradle to college/career pipelines
- Addressing the effects of trauma on learning and workforce readiness
- Strengthening parent engagement and community supports

## **Committee Meetings (check the website for any changes)**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (6pm – 7:30pm)

Exposition Park Constituent Service & Training Center

900 Exposition Blvd., South Lawn, Los Angeles, CA 90007

## **For more information:**

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