

THE PEOPLE'S PITZER

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT 2020

October 4th- October 8th, 2021

Weekly Spotlight



Current Los Angeles city councilman and Pitzer Graduate Kevin de León '03 [has entered the race for Mayor of LA](#).

[De León](#) is the son of a single, immigrant mother, and was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college. He went to the U.C. Santa Barbara and participated in the New Resources program at Pitzer, graduating in 2003 with honors.

Before his political career, de León worked as a teacher and activist with the National Education Association and the California Teachers Association.

He fought for increasing funding for schools in low-income neighborhoods, modernizing schools, and better health insurance for children.

As city councilman and the first Latino president of the California State Senate, de León secured millions of dollars for cleaning up toxic waste and the LA River, building new parks, making LA's schools more environmentally friendly, keeping drinking water clean, and investing in permanent supportive housing for California residents suffering from homelessness.

Now, his [mayoral campaign](#) revolves around supporting those who are "barely holding on," according to the Los Angeles Times, with his primary focus on fighting systemic problems affecting those struggling with homelessness and housing insecurity.

Kevin de León's mayoral campaign depends on grassroots support. [Get involved](#) with his campaign, with online and in-person opportunities for volunteering and community organizing.

Volunteers Needed

Our center is looking for a fluent bi-lingual Spanish/English speaker to provide live interpretation for a CEC Know Your Rights event with the National Lawyers Guild on October 28th at 5:30pm. This event will be co-hosted by the Direct Action and The People's Pitzer pillars of the CEC and will be compensated at the rate of \$150/hour. We can provide both Spanish and English materials prior to the event for interpreter review.

The CEC is also looking for people who can provide document translation for our community partners and live interpretation at other CEC and community partner events. Written translation work is compensated at the rate of \$33/hour. For example, **community partner Huerta del Valle has asked for ongoing support with their farmer's training program brochures and live sessions.**

If you are interested in paid opportunities for either written translation or live interpretation, please email Ari_Wood@pitzer.edu and adcohen@students.pitzer.edu with your level of Spanish experience, availability, and services you're interested in providing.

Save the Date

TOMORROW! October 5 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: [Pitzer Industry Series: Government/Public Policy](#)

Virtual Event - [Register here](#)

Meet with alumni who are currently working in the Government/Public Policy industries. This program is part of a series that provides us with a regular platform for Pitzer alumni and families as well as employers to discuss careers in a variety of fields. In typical Pitzer fashion, we have specifically designed these series events to be small, approximately 10-15 students, to allow for meaningful conversations.

Confirmed panelists are alumni who work at the following organizations: Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a Legislative Representative from the League of California Cities; and a Legislative Correspondent for U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM).

October 13 @ 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm: [College for All Organizing: Connecting the Local to Statewide Coalition-Building for Educational Change](#)

Virtual Event - [Register here](#)

The Latino and Latina Roundtable College for All Coalition Committee works to generate educational policies that foster leadership development, civic engagement,

and a democratic culture for community empowerment and improvement. As part of its goals, the committee is building a core group of LRT parents, students, and members as part of the College for All Coalition to support key educational bills, develop college readiness programs in schools, create a pipeline between area colleges and schools, and advance access and retention in higher education. This event is co-sponsored by The People's Pitzer and the Latino Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley.

Plenary Speakers: Jose Calderon, Pitzer Emeritus Professor; Melanie Andreo, Pitzer Senior Latin@ Studies & Sociology; Cesar Casarrubias, PUSD Director of Pupil Resources; Maria Garcia, PUSD Senior Technical Assistant for and Community Services & Parent Involvement; Fabian Pavon, Pomona Education Coalition; and Oscar Segovia, Chaffey High School Social Science Teacher.

SAVE THE DATE

October 28 @ 5:30 pm: National Lawyers Guild Know Your Rights

Virtual Event

Connect with Us

Want to hear more from The People's Pitzer? Join our email list [here](#). Want to get involved in the Community Engagement Center in other ways? Fill out our volunteer interest form [here](#).

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Further questions? Comments? Concerns? For more information about The People's Pitzer, as well as how to get involved in our team, contact Alaina Neuburger at