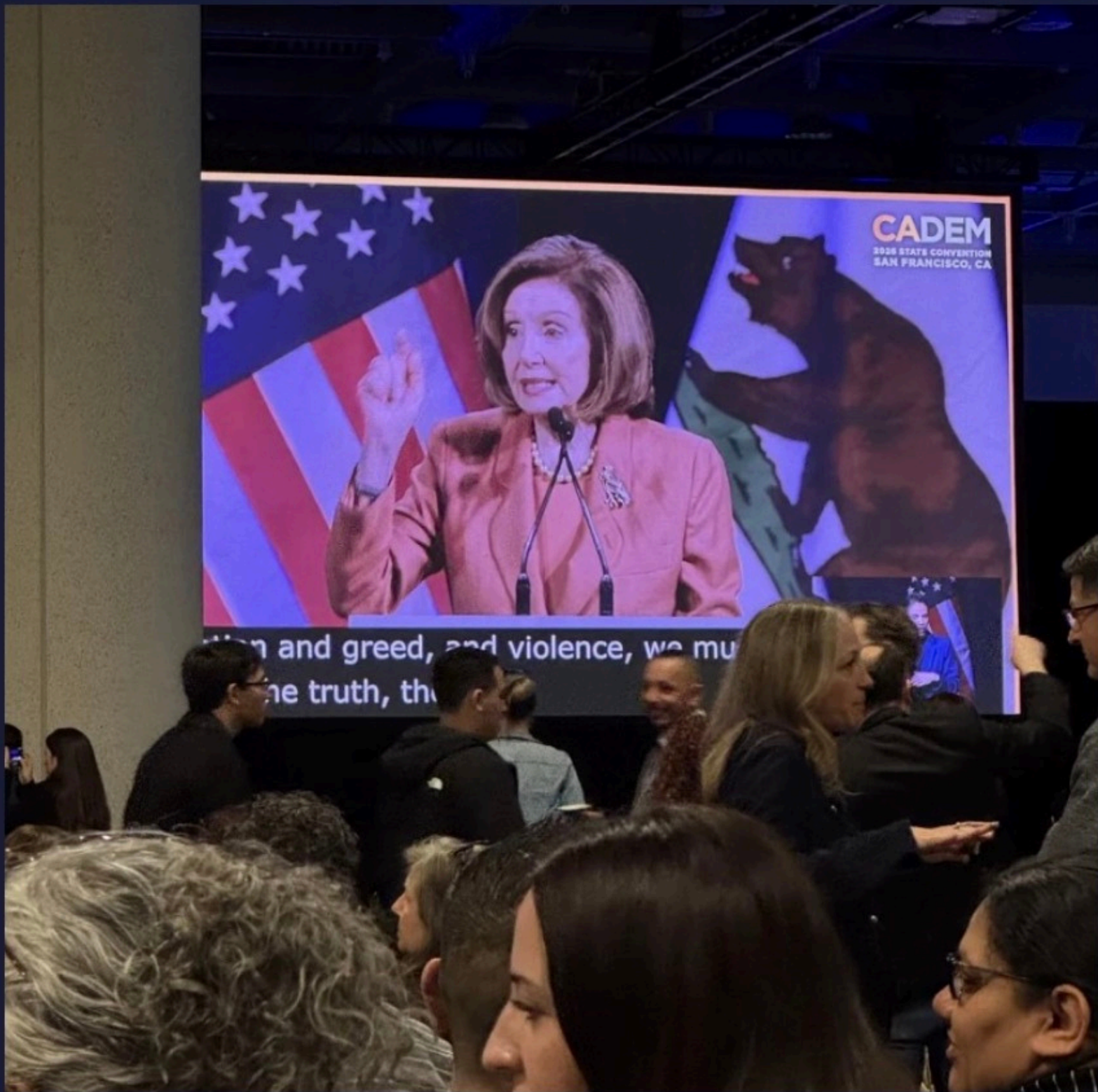


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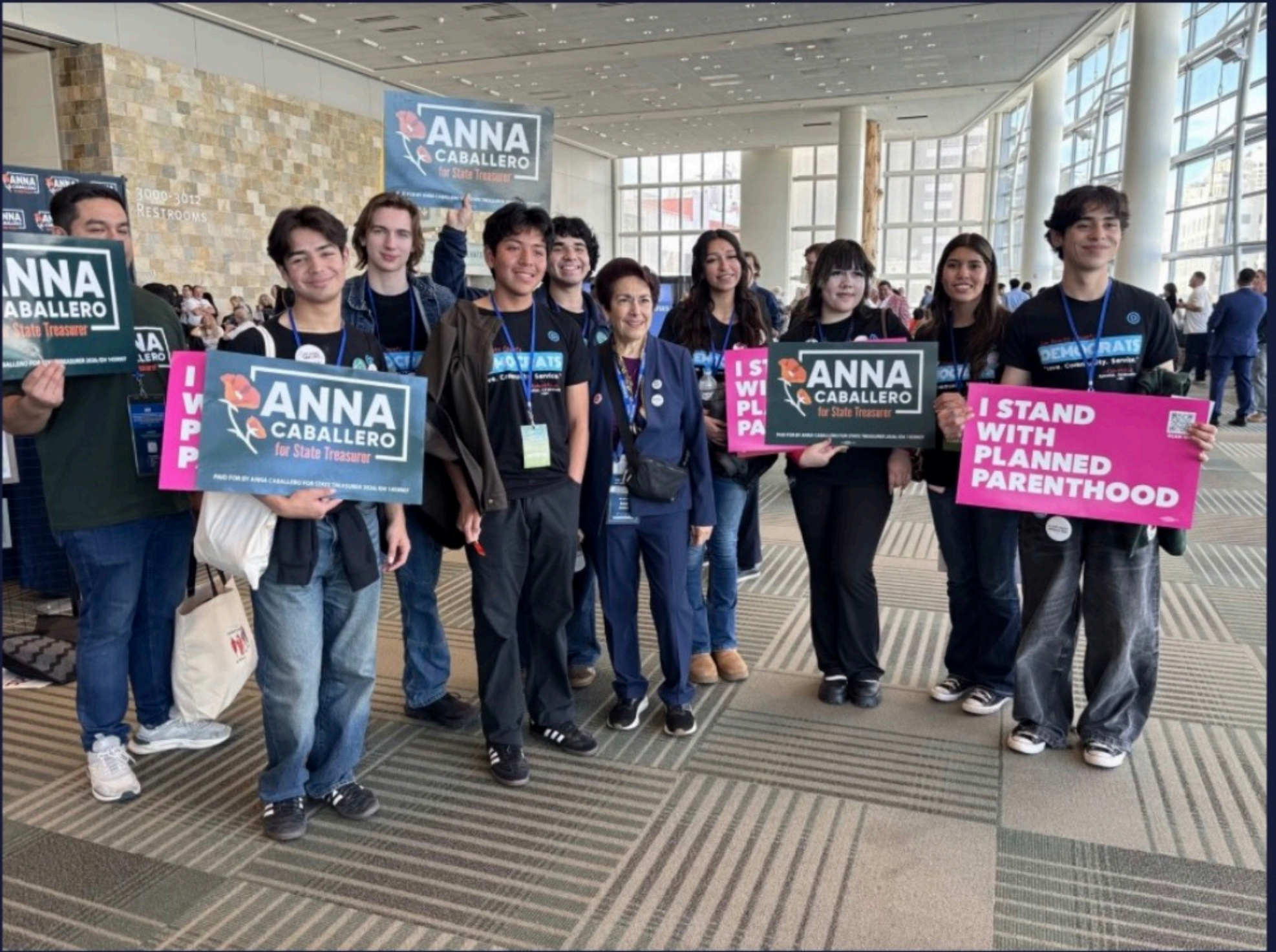
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When asked about the convention, youth members Nico and Lily felt similarly, saying “Listening to Nancy Pelosi speak, someone who held such a high office in our country, was so inspiring. Remembering these are real people and not just ones we see in the news is always a grounding experience, and I love that they take time out of their days to be here with us, inspiring the next generation of leaders.”



Youth member Franky had said “Coming out to San Francisco to CADEM and getting to hear from elected officials and so many others with like minded ideas all working towards a common goal was incredibly inspiring. Although my belief in our politicians has not always been steady, coming here really showed me that there are still people in office who do care about everyday people, and they are actively trying to help us. We just need to listen and take action alongside them”.



Youth member Alyssa stated, “Almost all of the speeches given by each of the candidates mentioned ICE and the atrocities that have been committed on their part. It was amazing seeing and hearing the passion they had on the subject and what they were willing to do about it, which again, was very comforting”



Youth member Eaton had said coming to the CADEM convention restored his hope for the future, with so many campaigns loudly pushing for real progress, accountability, legislative action, etc. He believes in passing Cal-Care, and getting ICE out of our state, which was a sentiment echoed by a large amount of officials at CADEM



Samir and Rihanna claimed they loved the authenticity of the candidates. Candidates were shaking hands with people, answering complex questions, and seemed to actually care about the needs and desires of their constituents. They especially loved how so many politicians and candidates were calling out ICE for what it was, and believe this is the right direction for the democratic party to be heading in.



Youth member Eduardo had said the abundance of anti-Trump rhetoric in the convention was amazing. He knew no democrat liked him, but it surprised him just how many politicians were calling him out directly, even using walkout songs to insult Trump (which he said was hilarious). Eduardo mentioned that, being latino himself, he feels a bit more comfort now that he knows politicians are starting to get more vocal about ICE and issues hurting his community. Similar to Rihanna and Samir, he is happy with the shifting platform of the Democratic Party.



Youth
members with
CA Senator
John Laird



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CALCARE rally



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