

# BUILD RESIDENT POWER — JOIN COPE!



**Medicine is already political.** Our Committee on Political Education (COPE) allows resident physicians to have a voice and get involved so we can:

- ✓ Win strong contracts
- ✓ Influence local policy
- ✓ Advocate for the issues that are important to us and our patients.



COPE is our member-run committee that sets and implements the political priorities for the region, as well as oversees our Political Action Committee (PAC) to contribute to candidates, campaigns, and organizations that share our values.

In **Florida**, CIR residents and fellows have:

- successfully lobbied for masks in Miami-Dade county schools at school board meeting (2021)
- Testified in support of expanded housing protections in Miami-Dade County (2022)
- Traveled to Tallahassee to testify at the state legislature in opposition to anti-union legislation (2023)
- Organized to get the right to abortion care on the 2024 ballot by collecting petition signatures and supporting the campaign with COPE funds (2023-2024).