

La Jolla Democratic Club

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February, 2011

February Meeting - the 3rd Sunday - February 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**La Jolla Ridford Public Library
7555 Draper Avenue, La Jolla, 92037**

Three Topics:

- I. **Update on Privatization of Miramar Landfill with presentation by City Councilperson, Sherri Lightner (More on p.3)**
- II. **State Budget concerns with Lori Saldana, former Assemblywoman and candidate for the 39th Senate District. (More on p. 4)**
- III. **Consider possible resolutions for the State Democratic Convention in April.**



Free Pizza!

Help organize La Jolla Democrats
at our first pizza party:
Tuesday, February 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Home of Marcia Bookstein
3024 Cranbook Court, 92037
RSVP: 858-457-3024
Details on page 2

Economic Action Group

Next meeting:
Thursday, February 17
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Home of Nancy Casady
8412 Sugarman Drive
La Jolla CA 92037
RSVP: 858-457-0246
Details on page 5



Pizza Parties in 2011:

2011 will be the year in which we will better organize the 7,000 Democrats in La Jolla by holding a series of pizza parties. Our club will buy the pizza and soft drinks and club members will bring their cell phones and call Democrats in the 40 La Jolla precincts. The goal is to recruit two precinct chairpersons per precinct who will agree to knock on Democratic neighbors' doors to register new Democrats, recruit new club members and generally keep La Jolla Democrats informed regarding what's going on that Democrats need to know.

This will better prepare us for the 2012 election.

Note: the FIRST ONE is February 8. See page 1.

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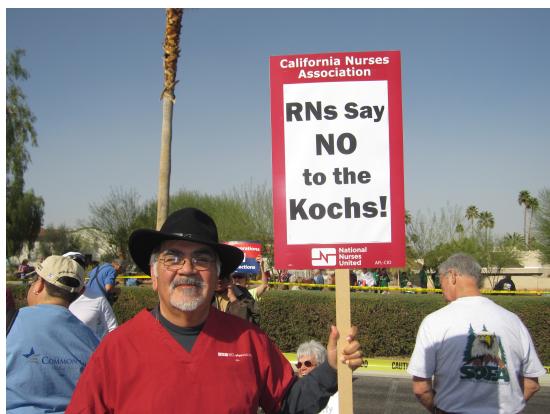
“Uncloaking the Koch Brothers” Rally



Six members of the LJDC (Nancy Casady, Phyllis McGrath, Derek Casady, Carolyn Shadle, Joan Dahlin, Marcia Bookstein) joined the rally in Palm Springs, January 30, to shed light on David and Charles Koch, who have used many millions of dollars from the energy conglomerate they run to finance conservative causes.

Organized by Common Cause (and 26 supporting organizations), the rally

gathered nearly 1000 protesters outside the Rancho Mirage Resort where the Koch brothers had invited conservative leaders to discuss strategies for the upcoming two years. See website for details and more photos.



FEBRUARY MEETING DETAILS:

Miramar Landfill

Sherri Lightner will speak to the Miramar Landfill issue, which was discussed at the January meeting. In January the club heard from a representative of the Center for Policy Initiatives (<http://onlinecpi.org/article.php?list=type&type=384>) who outlined the reasons that the CPI is opposed.



This month we will hear Sherri Lightner's position.

Sherri Lightner is a long-term resident of San Diego, currently residing in La Jolla Shores. She was elected for a four-year city council term in November 2008.

Lightner received her B.A. in Mathematics and Sociology from UCSD and her M.S. in Applied Mechanics and Engineering. She is licensed by the State of California as a Professional Mechanical Engineer.

Lightner worked in private industry as an engineer for 23 years. She started her professional career as an Engineering Aide at General Atomics (GA), hired by the High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor Division after graduation from UCSD. While working full-time at GA, Sherri was certified as an Engineer in Training and took engineering course work. She was quickly promoted to Engineer and then earned an M.S. degree. She worked as an engineer in the Structural Engineering Department at GA for eight years and GA's Fusion Division for another five years. She then accepted a senior engineering position with the Structural Dynamics group at Rohr Industries to work on high velocity (ballistic) impact analysis. After five years at Rohr, she returned to GA to work on the New Production Reactor (NPR).

After another five years at GA working on the NPR and other projects, Lightner retired from the engineering profession and formed with her husband a small technology hardware and software consulting firm in San Diego called Lightner Engineering.

She also took up public service work. She served as a volunteer for several San Diego nonprofit organizations. She was the president of the La Jolla Town Council and La Jolla Shores Association and secretary for the La Jolla Community Planning Association.

In November, 2008, Lightner replaced termed-out San Diego City councilmember Scott Peters.

February Meeting Details

The California Budget



Lori R. Saldaña is a former member of the California State Assembly from the 76th Assembly district. She served from 2004 to 2010, when term limits prevented her from seeking re-election. She is an announced candidate for the California State Senate in 2012, seeking to succeed the term-limited Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego).

She grew up in the Clairemont area of San Diego, then graduated with a BA in Physical Education and an MA in Education from San Diego State University (SDSU).

Saldaña started her career coaching at Clairemont and Madison high schools and San Diego City College. Later she taught Business Information Technology in the San Diego Community College District and taught Internet-related classes at San Diego State University.

Saldaña was on the founding Board of Directors for San Diego Earth Day and organized the first "Earth Fair" in Balboa Park in 1990. She was chair of the San Diego chapter of the Sierra Club from Jan. 1996 to Aug. 1997 and served in other volunteer positions for the Club. Her main interests were in water reclamation and sewage treatment, especially along the US-Mexico border. She served as Chair of the San Diego Wetlands Advisory Board 1992-94. President Clinton appointed her in 1999 to the Border Environment Cooperation Commission's Advisory Council.

In 2004, after tough grassroots campaigns in the primary and general election, Saldaña was elected to the California State Legislature. She was appointed Assistant Majority Whip and served on the Appropriations, Natural Resources, Veteran's Affairs, and Water, Parks and Wildlife committees. In 2007 Lori Saldaña was named "Legislator of the Year" by Californians Against Waste for her legislation regarding E-waste.

Due to California's term limits, Saldaña's assembly career ended on August 31, 2010 in an acrimonious, late-night session as she pushed legislation banning the open carry of firearms known as AB 1934. Saldaña presented her bill to the Assembly with only 70 minutes remaining in the 2010 regular session, and refused to suspend debate when it became clear that its opponents would not let it come to an early vote. Afterwards, Saldaña lashed-out at fellow Democrats, calling her own party's leaders "disorganized" and described as "embarrassing" their refusal to employ parliamentary procedure tactics to end debate so her measure could be heard. AB 1934 was opposed by virtually all gun rights groups and several civil liberties groups, too, as an unconstitutional infringement on free speech rights.

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And don't forget to check the website in between newsletters. Ann Kennedy keeps it up to date with the latest and greatest news of La Jolla Democratic Club activities.



--Carolyn Shadle, Editor

**La Jolla Democratic Club
Economic Justice Action Group**
Next meeting: Thursday, February 17,
6:30-7:30 p.m.
at the Casady's, 8412 Sugarman Drive,
La Jolla 92037

Share in the conversation about the
state of our local, state and national
economy.



Discuss the
impact on our
everyday
lives, identify
the critical
issues, and
develop a

plan of action to address these issues.
What has TARP, QE1, and QE2 done
for you lately? Do you know anyone
who is out of a job, lost a home, or was
denied health care? Do you know
someone who is just one paycheck
away from a family meltdown? Are you
concerned about the vanishing Middle
Class? How did it happen?

The Economic Justice Action
Group is organized to help understand
these critical issues and to mobilize a
grassroots effort to effectively deal with
them.

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