

# La Jolla Democratic Club

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## February Meeting - the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, February 19, 2012

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Community Room, AMC Theaters La Jolla 12  
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive, 92037

### GET READY FOR AN IMPORTANT ELECTION YEAR

#### Featured Speakers:

Toni Atkins, Candidate for the 78th Assembly District. (Bio on p. 2)

Jess Durfee, Chairman of the San Diego County Democratic  
Party and member of the Democratic National Committee. (Bio on  
p. 3)

ALSO:

Important announcements and update on Occupy San Diego

### 2012 DUES Are Due The cost is the same!!

\$20 per individual, \$30 per couple, \$50  
for sustaining membership, \$100 for  
patron , and \$5 for students.

Membership is on a calendar basis, so  
pay NOW for 2012. See the form on  
the last page.

Receive the monthly newsletter, help  
cover meeting costs and help get  
Democrats elected!

#### SAVE THE DATE:

Next Meeting, March 18. Speaker:  
Assemblyman Marty Block,  
candidate for 39th CA Senate  
District

### Grassroots Organizing (GO Team)

Hundreds of volunteers serving as part of the  
Grassroots Organizing Team connect with  
voters for better voter turnout.

We are currently adding new precinct  
leaders and data support volunteers for the  
2012 elections. The SD County Democrats  
provide training, support, and all the  
materials you'll need to talk to fellow  
Democrats or to provide data support.

Training is available on the first  
Saturday of every month, 10-11:30 a.m. For  
information or to register contact 858-277-3367  
or contact [goteam@sddemocrats.org](mailto:goteam@sddemocrats.org).

## **Assemblymember Toni Atkins, Candidate for Re-election in the New 78th California Assembly District**



Toni Atkins is a candidate for the newly redrawn 78th Assembly District.

She was elected in November 2010 to currently represent the 76th Assembly District. Previously she served as a member of the San Diego City Council, a position she held from 2000-2008. During her tenure on the council, Ms. Atkins served as a member on a number of the council's policy issue committees and as Acting Mayor in 2005 when the previous Mayor resigned. Prior to her election, Assemblymember Atkins also served as a staffer to former councilmember and now state senator, Christine Kehoe.

Assemblymember Atkins has battled for affordable housing throughout her public career. Additionally, Assemblymember Atkins considers legislative reform a top priority, having worked for financial reform and transparent budgeting as chair of San Diego's Budget and Finance Committee.

Along with affordable housing and reform, Assemblymember Atkins' other priorities include encouraging economic development, improving the state's educational standards and ensuring California residents public safety. Issues of concern to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community have also been a high priority.

Assemblymember Atkins is originally from southwestern Virginia, and graduated from Emory & Henry College with a degree in political science, focusing on community organizing. In July 2004, she completed the senior executive program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

### **ReligionedPolitics**



If you missed the dynamic discussion led by Dr. Robert Tapp at the January meeting, or if you want further information, log onto his website at <http://web.me.com/rtapp4/RelPol/>. You'll find an informative map of the U.S. showing religious distribution throughout the country as well as articles about the many issues of importance to religious groups with links to the groups interested.

**At the February LJDC Meeting: February 19  
Get the Latest from Jess Durfee,  
Chairman of the San Diego County Democratic Party**



Jess Durfee is currently serving an unprecedented fourth term as County Chair.

In 2008 he was the first San Diegan in recent memory to be elected to the Democratic National Committee.

He has been active in Democratic politics for 24 years and had a 15-year career as a high school teacher and administrator. During his time as a teacher, Jess was a negotiator and president for his local union and served at the state and national levels as a political action leader.

**32nd Annual Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt Dinner presented  
by the San Diego County Democratic Party**



**HOLD THE DATE:  
Saturday, April 14, 2012  
at the Holiday Inn on the Bay**

1355 North Harbor Dr., San Diego (92101)

VIP Reception 5:30 p.m. / General Reception 6:00 / Dinner 7:00



Additional event details will be announced soon. Please contact the La Jolla Democratic Club or County Democratic Party at [info@sddemocrats.org](mailto:info@sddemocrats.org) or (858) 277-3367 for assistance or more information.

**PRIMARY ELECTION: June 5**

According to a new CA law, this will be an OPEN PRIMARY. This means that Republicans, Democrats and "Declined to State" (or Independents) can all vote. The two top winners will run in the November election.

**Jerry Tetelman**

Congressional Candidate for the 49<sup>th</sup> District introduced himself at our January meeting. Read more about him at [www.JerryForCongress2012.com](http://www.JerryForCongress2012.com)



**Plan now to VOTE BY MAIL  
Become a PERMANENT MAIL VOTER**



Encourage your family and friends to become Permanent Mail Voters. Currently registered voters can become Permanent Mail Voters by completing a short application found on the San Diego County Democrats website at:

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/voters/Eng/INTERNET%20ENG%20PERM%20AV%20APP.pdf>

or call 858-565-5800

**It's simple.** Take your time in casting your vote. If you prefer, you can always take your Permanent Mail ballot in person to any polling place. No need to wait in line.

**It's secure.** You can ensure that you're properly registered and that your vote is counted - before Election Day. If there's a problem, you'll have time to fix it.

**It's convenient.** No need to rush around on Election Day. And remember that your polling place may have changed. Vote early to avoid risk and inconvenience.

**It helps our candidates.** Vote early so our candidates can spend time addressing those who have not voted.

**New registrants** can complete the Voter Registration Form and initial on line 15 to receive MAIL ballots automatically for each election. Registration forms are also available on the San Diego County Democrats website:

[http://www.sddemocrats.org/pages/county\\_registrar.html](http://www.sddemocrats.org/pages/county_registrar.html)

Allow three weeks.

The last day to apply to vote in the June 5 Primary Election is May 29.

## OCCUPY SAN DIEGO Update

### Get the latest on the February 4th Summit Gathering of Occupy SD County at

[CentroCulturalDeLaRaza](#) (Next to World Beat, Balboa Park) featuring Teach-ins, Work-Shops, GA, meetings, music, food, etc.

For more information attend the February La Jolla Democratic Club meeting or contact [OccupySDCounty@gmail.com](mailto:OccupySDCounty@gmail.com), & see: [googledoc spreadsheet](#)

The REAL work of the OCCUPY movement is taking place all around the city and in small groups that meet every day at Civic Center Plaza at 5:30 and the General Assembly (which is anyone who shows up) each evening at 7 p.m. Lurkers and visitors are welcome.

Get updates on Occupy San Diego at [www.occupysd.org](http://www.occupysd.org) or <http://activistsandiego.org/node/3204>. For daily emails send a request to [occupysd-request@citizenoversight.org](mailto:occupysd-request@citizenoversight.org)



Join the Occupella Chorus singing reworded lyrics to familiar tunes.

### San Diego Women Support Occupy

You can sign up by clicking the following URL:

<http://groups.google.com/group/occupy-women-discussion/sub?s=wS9tIBQAAAFrme8pII9cA1WbRBXXif39IRT-VKiWgPXly6Ya4H5EQ&hl=en>

For more information, contact Stephanie Jennings [stjennings@ucsd.edu](mailto:stjennings@ucsd.edu)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Transfer (all or part of your money) from one of the Big Banks to your local credit union.
- Consider the 10 ideas listed on the Contract for the American Dream. For the list and details about each go to [www.rebuildthedream.com](http://www.rebuildthedream.com)
- Support the initiative to **Tax Wall Street Speculation**. See the article on Club website at [www.lajollademocrats.org](http://www.lajollademocrats.org) (under "Tax Financial Transactions"). And see or contact [conor@pdamerica.org](mailto:conor@pdamerica.org) for further details. <http://c3190322.r22.cf0.rackcdn.com/FTT-flier-2up-rev2.pdf>
- Support the 99% Act to Rebuild the American Dream. (see the Infographic at <http://www.rebuildthedream.com/infographics/99act/>).



Occupy San Diego demonstrated at the Federal Building on January 20, joining similar country-wide protests on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision.



## News of Interests to LJDC Members

### League of Women Voters

Luncheon February 2

Topic: Update on the seismic case before the CPUC, Diablo's license renewal funding dismissal, Diablo seismic cases at the CPUC and an Emergency Plans bill being advocated in Sacramento.

Speakers: Rochelle Becker, Executive Director of the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, and Andrea Cook, Ph.D., Program Manager, Center for Sustainable Energy.

Location: Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant

2150 Harbor Island Dr.

RSVP: 858-48-8696

COST: \$30 at the door

### Future Occupy Events

**February 11, 2012, 9am-10:30pm,**  
**Occupy SoCal Conference**, tentatively at [SanDiegoCityCollege](http://www.sandiegocitycollege.edu/). Teach-ins, Work-Shops, GA, meetings, etc. This event is in the planning stages, check Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/OccupySanDiego/doc/228004193950572/> or send request for information to [occupy-san-diego-county-occupy-socal-conference-2012@googlegroups.com](mailto:occupy-san-diego-county-occupy-socal-conference-2012@googlegroups.com)

**February 29, 2012 Shut Down the Corporations** (NOT YET APPROVED BY Occupy San Diego's GA). Occupy Portland calls for a national day of non-violent civil disobedience targeting corporations who are members of ALEC, one of the most successful mechanisms that the 1% uses to control legislation. They are asking people around the country to choose members of ALEC in their home towns and SHUT DOWN BUSINESS AS USUAL. Get update on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/F29-Shut-Down-the-Corporations/169049533194891>

### Benefit Concert



February 19,  
7:30 p.m.-1:00  
a.m.  
Soda Bar,  
3615 El Cajon  
Boulevard,  
San Diego,  
CA 92104

\$5.00 All proceeds go to Occupy SD  
Music by Liquid Blue  
[www.liquid-blue.com/peace.htm](http://www.liquid-blue.com/peace.htm)  
[www.donateoccupysd.com](http://www.donateoccupysd.com)

#### Speakers:

Stephane Jennings and Jerrica Escoto

#### For more information contact:

Nikki@liquidblueband.com

Membership is based on the calendar year. 2012 club dues are due NOW. Please return the membership form. Thanks to all who have paid.



## **Membership Form**

Please print this form, fill in, and send with dues to:

**La Jolla Democratic Club**

**P.O. Box 288 La Jolla, CA 92038**

LJDC Membership Annual Dues: **All yearly dues are due in January.**

\_\_\_\$20 Individual \_\_\_\$30 Couple \_\_\_ \$50 Sustaining \_\_\_\$100 Patron  
\_\_\_\$5 Student

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Receive newsletter via email: yes / no**

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer:** \_\_\_Phone \_\_\_Precinct Work \_\_\_Host Meetings \_\_\_Raise  
Funds \_\_\_Serve on Board

Make your check payable to LJDC or La Jolla Democratic Club

*Dues are not tax deductible.*

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