

La Jolla Democratic Club

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NOTE CHANGE IN DATE TO THE FOURTH SUNDAY!!!

June Meeting - the 4th Sunday - June 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Please join us to hear

Richard Barrera

San Diego School Board President

on

“What’s Really Happening With the San Diego Schools”

Mr. Barrera, a graduate of El Cajon Valley High School, earned a bachelors degree in American History from UCSD and a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Harvard University.

All 2011 club dues are due NOW. Please return the membership form at the end of this newsletter. Thanks to all who have paid.

-- FREE PIZZA --

Join us in phoning La Jolla Democrats to find more precinct leaders

Wednesday, June 8, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Home of Marcia Bookstein,
3024 Cranbrook Court, 92037

RSVP: 858-457-3024





Richard Barrera

Richard is President of the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education. He brings to the board over 16 years of experience as a community organizer.

Following his graduation from El Cajon Valley High School, Richard went on to:

- Earn a Bachelors Degree in American History from UCSD, and a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Harvard University;
- Organize residents of distressed and low-income neighborhoods to revitalize their communities and develop affordable housing, quality health care, job training programs, support networks for parents of pre-school aged kids, neighborhood watch groups, and

groups engaging young people in community

solutions. Richard's community development experience includes five years as President of the Consensus Organizing Institute, in which he built connections between neighborhood leaders and leaders from government, business, labor, universities and philanthropic foundations.

- Work for the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the Comer Science and Education Foundation, and as a consultant for the City Heights Community Development Corporation;
- Organize homecare and healthcare workers – those who take care of sick, elderly and disabled members of our community – to achieve better pay and benefits for themselves and their families, enabling them to remain in their professions and provide quality care to their patients;
- Gain labor experience - including work as the San Diego Regional Organizer for both the United Domestic Workers and United Healthcare Workers, where he has developed skills in organizing and negotiating. Richard is a board member of the San Diego Cooperative Charter School, the Greater Golden Hill Community Planning Committee, the San Diego League of Conservation Voters, and the San Diego Unity League, and he volunteers for the Urban Corps of San Diego County and as a coach for his sons' North Park Little League teams. He has served as a past board member for Homestart – a San Diego-based child abuse prevention program – as well as for the Foundation for the Children of the Californias.

Richard is a first generation San Diegan whose father, Ernesto, immigrated to the United States from Colombia, and whose mother, Marion is the daughter of European immigrants who came to America through Ellis Island. Both Ernesto and Marion went on to teach at San Diego State University, where Ernesto was a professor and chair of the Spanish Department. Richard's older brother Ernie is a local journalist, and his younger brother Doug is completing a PhD in Higher Education at UCLA.

La Jolla Democratic Club Supports the Work of the Alliance For Nuclear Responsibility

Rochelle Becker, Executive Director of the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility outlined for the membership, at the May 2011 meeting, the work done since 1988 to safeguard the nuclear plans of Diablo Canyon and San Onofre.

Currently, the priority of the Alliance is to get seismic studies to assure that the reactors are safe prior to renewal.

The club members present voted to contribute \$500 from the club treasury to support the work of the Alliance.



Using Technology

Help us stay in touch via email. Send your current email address to me at cshadle@mac.com.

And don't forget to check the website for photos and updates in between newsletters. Ann Kennedy keeps it up to date with the latest and greatest news of La Jolla Democratic Club activities (www.lajollademocrats.org).

--Carolyn Shadle, Editor

San Diego County Democratic Convention

**Saturday, September 17, 2011
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

A full day of workshops, trainings, presentations and special guests as San Diego Democrats prepare for the 2012 elections.

Location: Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Ave., San Diego 92114

Contact: 858-277-3367

Email: rsvp@sddemocrats.org

The People's Budget prepared by the Congressional Progressive Caucus

- Eliminates the deficits and creates a surplus by 2021
- Puts America back to work with a "Make it in America" jobs program
- Protects the social safety net
- Ends the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq
- Is FAIR (Fixing America's Inequality Responsibly)

What the proposal accomplishes:

- Primary budget balance by 2014.
 - Budget surplus by 2021.
 - Reduces public debt as a share of GDP to 64.1% by 2021, down 16.5 percentage points from a baseline fully adjusted for both the doc fix and the AMT patch.
- Reduces deficits by \$5.6 trillion over 2012-21, relative to this adjusted baseline.
- Outlays equal to 22.2% of GDP and revenue equal 22.3% of GDP by 2021

For more details log on to <http://cpc.grijalva.house.gov/>



July Club Picnic

Because City budget cuts prevent us from using the Riford La Jolla Library in July, we are planning a club “**pot luck**” picnic. July 17, 11:30-2:30 at La Jolla Cove.

People’s Budget

83 members of the Democratic Progressive Caucus in the House of Representatives have proposed an alternative to Representative Paul Ryan’s radical and mean scheme to eviscerate the government: The People’s Budget protects the social safety net, promotes a progressive tax policy, reintroduces a public option for healthcare, makes significant cuts to the Pentagon by bringing our troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan, makes millionaires, billionaires and corporations pay their fair tax share, protects the poor and middle class and generates a budget surplus by 2021, according to Progressive Caucus co-chair Representative Raul Grijalva. For more info: Google “People’s Budget,” and keep hope alive!

Membership Form

Please print this form and send it with dues to:

La Jolla Democratic Club, P. O. Box 288, La Jolla, CA 92038

LJDC membership annual Ddues are due in January:

___ \$20 Individual ___ \$30 Couple ___ Sustaining ___ \$100 Patron ___ \$ Student

Name(s) _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email _____ Receive newsletter via email: ___ Y ___ N

Volunteer: ___ Phone ___ Precinct Work ___ Host Meetings ___ Raise Funds

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