

La Jolla Democratic Club *August, 2012*

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August Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, August 19 , 2012

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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



Featured speaker:

Congressman Bob Filner
of the 51st Congressional District

Candidate for Mayor of San Diego

**A Look Into San Diego's Future
with Congressman Bob Filner**

See his bio on page 2

**Time for Q&A with Bob Filner
Discussion of November Propositions
Announcements
Rants
Come prepared to participate!**

Filner received a Ph.D. in the history of Science from Cornell University in 1969. Shortly after, he moved to San Diego and it has been his home for over four decades. He brought his activist experience of a 20-year long teaching career at San Diego State University, challenging his students to put thoughts into action to shape the world around them.

School Board Member

Filner became frustrated with the local school board after the announcement of the closure of his children's school in 1979. His passion for his children's education and the education of the children in his community led him to run for San Diego School Board Member in 1979.

Parents across San Diego widely supported Filner's "back to basics" approach toward education. His accomplishments during his tenure on the School Board included the hiring of a more responsive superintendent, higher test scores, and the elimination of millions of dollars of taxpayer funded bureaucratic waste. He was selected as School Board President in 1982.

City Councilmember

Filner broadened his civic service when he was elected to San Diego City Council in 1987, fighting to develop the local economy in San Diego and attract quality workforce opportunities. His leadership allowed him to create the city's first Economic Conversion Committee and write the city's Economic Conversion Plan. He was dedicated to creating a safer San Diego, introducing Police Walking Patrols and a Citizen Graffiti Patrol with the area's unprecedented 24-hour graffiti hotline.

His leadership and ability to accomplish real results led his peers in the council to select him as Deputy Mayor in 1991.

Congressman

In 1992, Filner was elected to the United States House of Representatives. In his first term in Congress, he was one of only a handful of freshman legislators to get legislation passed.

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GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING (GO TEAM)

Training is available at the SD County Democrats Office on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m., or as needed.

Contact the Office at
www.sdDemocrats.org, 858-277-3367



Filner, as Congressman, continued from page 2

Filner took his responsibility as the representative for a military region seriously - almost immediately upon his arrival in Washington, his request for an appointment to the Veterans' Affairs Committee was granted. In 2006 he was elected by his Democratic colleagues as Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.



Filner has a solid record of fighting for the working families, seniors, veterans and small business owners that make up his district. He has worked to meet the challenges of his district, including providing affordable healthcare for border communities and all Americans.

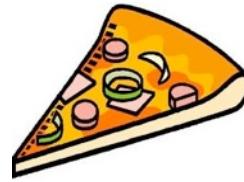
Filner's experience representing a border community has given him significant insight on the incredible potential of San Diego. He recognizes that the city is at a crossroads, and to move forward we must do things and tackle problems that might be difficult.

Bob Filner is running for Mayor because he has an outsider's view and approach combined with an insider's understanding of the problems and the solutions.

Freedom Rider

Bob Filner entered into a life of public service when he was 18 years old during the Civil Rights Movement. He served almost two months in the Mississippi State Penitentiary as a Freedom Rider.

Get Ready for November Elections



Join LJDC members for FREE PIZZA and phoning

5:30-7:30 p.m.

EVERY Tuesday

At the Coastal HQ

**1946 Balboa, Pacific Beach 92109 (near Garnet and Grand) (across
from Shell Station, between Mama Mia's and Dirty Blond Salon)**

RSVP:858-457-3024 and bring your cell phone.

La Jolla has 70 neighborhoods. 35 of those have Democratic neighborhood leaders who provide information to their neighbors prior to Election Day.

We will be calling Democrats in La Jolla to ask them to join others to contact their neighbors in the OTHER 35 neighborhoods.

In order to get Democrats elected in November, this task is crucial. It's also an enjoyable task, as neighbors talk to neighbors.

Miss Representation

Sunday, August 26, 2012

2:00 pm Registration

2:30 pm Film Screening

3:00 pm Reception

**At Irwin M. Jacobs Qualcomm Hall
5775 Morehouse Dr.
San Diego, CA 92121
Run Women Run Members: \$10
Non-members: \$15**

Run women Run and its 21 Partner organizations invite you to a private screening of Miss Representation.

This is a powerful documentary by Jennifer Siebel Newsom that explores how the media's misrepresentations of women have led to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence.

Attendees may bring a young women or man (13-18) as a complimentary guest.

RSVP: Send check to Run Women Run, 1531 Grand Ave., San Marcos, CA 92078, with names of participants.



Democratic Candidates General Election November 6, 2012

FEDERAL OFFICES

U.S. President, Barack Obama

U.S. Senate, Diane Feinstein, www.feinstein2012.com

U.S. Congress, District 49, Jerry Tetelman, www.jerryforcongress2012.com

U.S. Congress, District 52, Scott Peters, www.scottpeters.com

U.S. Congress, District 53, Susan Davis, www.susandavisforcongress.com

STATE OFFICES

State Senates, District 39, Marty Block, www.martyblock.com

State Assembly, District 78, Toni Atkins, www.atkinsforassembly.com

State Assembly, District 77, R.J. Hernandez, www.rjhernandez.org

EDUCATIONAL DISTRICTS

Richard Barrera, <http://barreraforschoolboard.com>

John Lee Evans, District A, <http://evansforschoolboard.com>

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Board of Supervisors, District 3, Dave Roberts, www.daverobertsforsupervisor.com

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Mayor, Bob Filner, www.bobfilnerformayor.com

Council District 1, Sherri Lightner, www.sherrilightner.com

Jeoffry B. Gordon <paradocs21@gmail.com> wrote:

You will be interested in reading this paper entitled "Prosperity Economics, Building an Economy for All, by Jacob S.Hacker, PhD, Director of the Institution for Social and Policy Studies and Professor of Political Science, and Senior Research Fellow at Yale University, and Nata Loewenthal, a student at Yale Law School and member of the Board of Directors of the New Leaders Council and on the Founders Board of PolicyMic.com. It documents from A to Z the parameters of the socio-political crisis in the USA, the total self-serving falsehoods of "austerity economics," and a roster of necessary and practical solutions. The only question is how can we mobilize the political clout to carry out this agenda? The alternative is Orwell's vision - coming only 30 years after its predicted arrival. See paper at www.lajollademocrats.org

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Safety Advocates Strike Pact with Labor on San Onofre Outage

Expedited Renewable Deployment, Conservation, and Safety Hearings In Deal

August 2, 2012 (ANAHEIM, CA) -- The California Democratic Party's Executive Board meeting this past weekend in Anaheim included approval of a resolution. It was the result of a stunning consensus between "Shut San Onofre" advocates and the Labor Caucus, which would rather not come out against the plant in general, but is willing to get serious when it comes to what should be done during the outage and what steps should be required before the plant can be restarted.

"We're all Democrats here. No one wants to create the perception that we are working against good jobs in the energy sector," said Martha Sullivan, delegate from the San Diego County Democratic Central Committee and one of the key negotiators of the deal. "So when representatives from the Building & Trades Council brought up their concerns, we were more than happy to work toward a consensus resolution that everyone could be happy with."

Discussions started with two similar "Shut San Onofre" resolutions from the two counties bordering the San Onofre Nuclear plant, San Diego and Orange Counties.

Working with Ray Lutz, Judy Jones, Richard Mathews, David Sonneborn and others, Martha Sullivan took the leading role to construct a compromise resolution with Cesar Diaz of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, that would meet the concerns of the Labor Caucus and still voice the concerns expressed in the original resolutions.

"I am greatly encouraged by this constructive, forward-looking Resolution working cooperatively with Labor." Sullivan said.

"I'm thrilled to have worked out this compromise, combining important needs to increase use of renewable energy sources and to demand that the nuclear restart is not rushed," said Richard Mathews, Executive Board member from Porter Ranch, who has a background in physics and has been speaking to groups about nuclear power safety issues.

See the RESOLUTION on the next page.

RESOLUTION: Response to the Continuing Outage of San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant

WHEREAS: the San Onofre Nuclear plant experienced an emergency shutdown and radioactive steam release January 31, 2012 after replacing four steam generators; and

WHEREAS: the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) preliminarily stated at its June 18, 2012 inspection hearing that the likely cause of the steam generator tube degradation was a design flaw that should have been identified in the computer modeling by the manufacturer, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, and the NRC will be holding additional investigative hearings in the months ahead to fully understand the causes and future options; and

WHEREAS: the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is responsible for protecting California ratepayers, and the cost of the recently installed steam generators was \$670M and the cost to repair or replace the recently installed steam generators is unknown but may be borne by ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission stated on June 18, 2012, in San Juan Capistrano that it will take as much time as necessary to ensure the safety of the San Onofre Nuclear plant and that no decision on restarting it has been made, and the California Energy Commission and Independent System Operator have announced they are planning for no San Onofre Nuclear plant supply through 2013-14 to ensure there are no rolling blackouts which may damage an already fragile economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, when fully operational, the San Onofre Nuclear plant supplies up to 2,200 Megawatts (MW) of electricity to the electricity grid, and is a major source of employment for 2,200 men and women of the building trades; and

WHEREAS, the uncertainty about its restart provides a concrete opportunity for California to realize the demonstrated potential for energy efficiency and conservation as a resource in its own right and of renewable energy power including utility scale solar, wind, geothermal and rooftop solar and micro-turbine wind power to offset this possible withdrawal of supply;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls upon our State policy makers and the California Public Utilities Commission to: a) direct a focused implementation of a renewable energy program that generates high quality jobs, that pays prevailing wages, incorporates local jobs through Project Labor Agreements, and includes solar power on residential homes in order to reduce peak energy costs, water demand, improve air quality, and which puts the men and women of the building trades back to work in the service territories supplied by San Onofre Nuclear plant; and b) order utility-funded incentives for the owners of nonresidential buildings in these service territories to implement the California Energy Commission's new energy efficiency standards before their official start date on January 1, 2014.

AND THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls for an independent design review prior to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's decision to permit a restart of either Unit 2 or 3, culminating in an adjudicatory hearing including discovery, testimony and cross-examination by independent experts on whether it is safe to restart the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant before it makes a decision on whether to permit a restart of either Unit 2 or 3. ###



PROPOSITIONS ON NOV 2012 GENERAL BALLOT

(Source: Pacific Beach Democratic Club Newsletter, August, 2012)

30 Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment

31 State Budget. State and Local Government. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

32 Prohibits Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Prohibitions on Contributions to Candidates. Initiative Statute.

33 Changes Law to Allow Auto Insurance Companies to Set Prices Based on a Driver's History of Insurance Coverage. Initiative Statute.

34 Death Penalty Repeal. Initiative Statute

35 Human Trafficking. Penalties. Sex Offender Registration. Initiative Statute.

36 Three Strikes Law. Sentencing for Repeat Felony Offenders. Initiative Statute.

37 Genetically Engineered Foods. Mandatory Labeling. Initiative Statute.

38 Tax for Education and Early Childhood Programs. Initiative Statute.

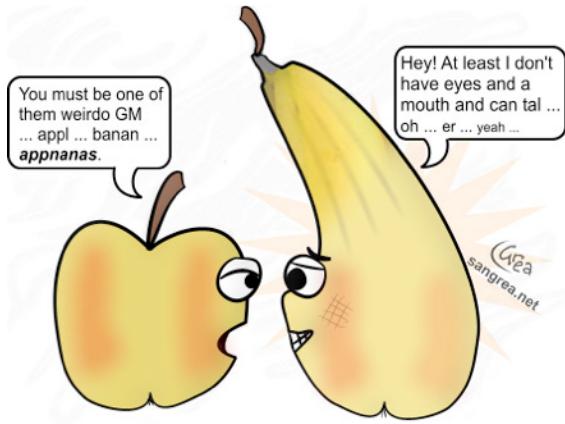
39 Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding. Initiative Statute.

40 Redistricting. State Senate Districts.



RESOLUTION TO SECURE THE LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD

Resolution Number 11-04.49



WHEREAS, consumers have a right to know what they are eating under the 1992 U.S. Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act which states labeling is misleading if it fails to reveal "material" facts and

WHEREAS, public health and consumer groups are concerned that genetically engineered crops have contaminated native and related species and that genetically engineered seeds can be

spread by wind insects or birds, contaminating conventional and organic food crops and

WHEREAS, surveys of the U.S. public consistently show overwhelming support for labeling genetically engineered food products that may cause allergic reactions, other health problems and potential environmental and ecological disasters and labeling of genetically engineered food in Europe has pretty much eliminated such foods,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party declares support for federal legislation or regulations that require labeling of genetically engineered food including current legislation to label genetically engineered salmon and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports labeling of genetically engineered animal feed, such as alfalfa and that this support for the labeling of genetically engineered food be communicated by the California Democratic Party to California Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Submitted by: Derek Casady, La Jolla Democratic Club

Adopted by the California Democratic Party
At its July 2011 Executive Board Meeting
Sheraton Park Hotel, Anaheim
July 31, 2011



Club member, Marilee McLean, is disappointed with the political slant taken by the San Diego U-T since Doug Manchester assumed its ownership. She suggests a novel way to take action. Read on....

“Just say no!” to the Union Tribune

Yes, historically the political slant of the San Diego Union Tribune has been consistently right wing. Many readers have grumbled about this for years; many readers cancelled subscriptions long ago in protest. I, however, remained “begrudgingly loyal” for FORTY years due to my interest in local news and sports.

But the partisan slant is getting worse! Doug Manchester, new owner of the Union Tribune, is plastering his right-wing political agenda over the front page of the newspaper---literally as a fold-over on occasion and most recently as a color editorial cartoon on the front page. No longer can I allow myself to financially support a newspaper that has replaced objective news reporting with partisan political propaganda! No more!

Do you share my anger but hesitate to “make the break”? I suggest you find a “Paper Pal” as I did! Find a neighbor who shares your disgust and frustration and **share** a Union Tribune subscription so that **one** of you can cancel! Of course there are logistics to be dealt with, but my Paper Pal and I are both willing to sacrifice convenience so that we can take “at least **half** of a stand” against the political propaganda of the Union Tribune.

I encourage you to join in our action, or better yet cancel your subscription altogether. Either way you’ll be saving money, saving paper, and expressing the frustration that you’ve probably felt for years! ***Please let me know if you take action*** so that we know the extent of our protest.

Thank you!
Marilee McLean marileemclean@roadrunner.com

The San Diego
Union-Tribune.

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Today's Date _____

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Membership Form

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