

La Jolla Democratic Club *September,*

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September Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, September 16 , 2012
2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Discussion of **Propositions** on the November 6 ballot, with a focus on Prop 34, 35, 36, 37.
See page 6 for Propositions.

Led by:

Alex Landon, Attorney at Law
(left, in photo)



**As stated in our August newsletter, we may make endorsements.
Be sure to be present to add your vote!**

ALSO:

Sherri Lightner, candidate for San Diego City Council, District 1 on the November 6 ballot
See details on page 3

ALSO:

- * Update on the Casady's legal case against AIG et al
- * Update on the future of the San Onofre Nuclear Plant

Alex Landon has practiced criminal law and supported prisoner's rights in San Diego since 1972 and is an adjunct professor law at University of California, San Diego. He earned his JD degree from the University of San Diego. He is a certified specialist in criminal law by the California Board of Legal Specialization and serves as lead counsel in class action lawsuits involving jail and juvenile hall conditions. He is a former executive director of the Defenders Program of San Diego Inc; chairperson of the board of directors for Community Connection; chairperson of the Commission of Legal Services to the Indigent Accused of the State Bar of California; and past president of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice and the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association.

He will be addressing:

Proposition 34 which repeals the death penalty and replaces with life without parole, and Proposition 36 which reforms the *Three Strikes* law.

Photo on page 1:

Landon walking with Jame McKenzie, a former parolee he has known for about 30 years through a mentoring program that Landon brought to SD in 1975 (U-T, Aug 29, 2005)

***The Democratic Professional Cub Focus Group**

An organization of Democrats called the Business and Professional Club has existed in San Diego for over 30 years. It has consisted of mostly attorneys but also accountants and other professionals. To better leverage our respective strengths, it was agreed to bring this club into the La Jolla Democratic Club as a "focus group." Roger Gleason is the president and will be serving as a liaison between the focus group and the LJDC Executive Committee.

NEXT MONTH - MORE ON PROPOSITIONS

OCTOBER 21, 201, our regular monthly meeting at 2 p.m.

The discussion will be led by Russell Doolittle, a biochemist at the University of California, San Diego with focus in structure and evolution of proteins. He earned his PhD at Harvard University. Among the many awards he has earned, in 2006 he was awarded the John J. Carty Award from the National Academy of Science. We know him as our beloved professor who helps untangle the mysteries of the voter guide and propositions therein. He has been performing this service



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.



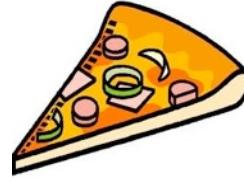
Lightner worked in private industry as an engineer for 23 years. She started her professional career as an Engineering Aide at General Atomics (GA), hired by the High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor Division after graduation from UCSD. While working full-time at GA, Sherri was certified as an Engineer 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 Council member Scott Peters.

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.

True or False: Barack Obama "robbed Medicare (of) \$716 billion to pay for ... Obamacare."

Romney said, "There's only one president that I know of in history that robbed Medicare, \$716 billion to pay for a new risky program of his own that we call Obamacare."

Truth-O-Meter: "The only element of truth here is that the health care law seeks to reduce future Medicare spending, and the tally of those cost reductions over the next 10 years is \$716 billion. The money wasn't "robbed," however, and other presidents have made similar reductions to the Medicare program." 8.12.12 Read more at <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2012/aug/15/mitt-romney/mitt-romney-said-barack-obama-first-history-rob-me/>

From Bob Jellison's, DIRECT eZine for Democrats, #757. **To subscribe to this free eZine email jellison3@me.com.**

Voice of San Dieoo's **Politifest 2012** for the whole family

Saturday, September 29

10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Ingram Plaza in Liberty Station, Historic Decatur Rd & Roosevelt Rd., 92106
Kd Zone, food, Lincoln/douglas-style mayor debate, a soap-box tent, an idea tournament. See www.VoiceofSandiego.or/politiifest/



**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 Tetalman, 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

Gregg Robinson, San Diego County Board of Education, District 1

Bernic Rhinerson, SD Community College, District B, www.bernie4collegeboard.org

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

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

Marne Foster, District E, <http://fosterforschoolboard.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.org

Bob Filner and Carl Demaio will speak about ending violence against women
3:30 p.m., Sunday, September 23, 2012
Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center

following a collection of skits, monologues and poetry presented by Suzanne Morse of
HealthFelt Voices United. Admission \$20 at door (\$15 in advance). For information
contact healthfeltvoicesunited@yahoo.com, 619-846-5158.



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.



2012 Presidential and Vice Presidential Debates

All debates will take place from 9:00-10:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

First presidential debate:

Wednesday, October 3

University of Denver, Denver, CO

Moderator: [Jim Lehrer](#), Executive Editor of the PBS NewsHour

Vice presidential debate:

Thursday, October 11

Centre College, Danville, KY

Moderator: [Martha Raddatz](#), Senior Foreign Affairs Correspondent, ABC News

Second presidential debate (town meeting format):

Tuesday, October 16

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

Moderator: [Candy Crowley](#), Chief Political Correspondent, CNN and Anchor, CNN's State of the Union

Third presidential debate:

Monday, October 22

Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL

Moderator: [Bob Schieffer](#), Chief Washington Correspondent, CBS News and Moderator, Face the Nation

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If you belong to an organization that is interested in a dynamic workshop to help folks understand the growing wealth divide, contact Carolyn Shadie at cshadie@mac.com.

**The Growing Wealth Divide
Inequality and the Roots of Economic Insecurity,**
an interactive workshop developed by *United for a Fair Economy*

LABOR DAY



It's Labor Day!

by John L. Meyer

Today our thoughts turn to labor,
A topic we don't often favor.
But let us reflect today
On who did the labor and who had to pay.

Think of the pyramids and who built them; they say –
slavish labor, not pleasing pay?
Who built the aquaducts, the bridges, the roads?
Who nursed and nourished the workers with their heavy loads?

And what about those cathedrals with their air-born spires?
Who built those skyscrapers going higher and higher?
Who labors to give birth - a lifelong burden
To feed, nurture, and teach the children?
And who brought us food from the farms?
And who cared for us when we were just babes in arms?

Work is good. It keeps us strong.
But it can break our backs, when things go wrong.

So on this special day,
Let us honor the work and the workers who led the way!

If you haven't paid in 2012, do so now.

Membership is on a calendar basis, so pay NOW for 2012. Receive the monthly newsletter, help cover meeting costs and help get Democrats elected!

Today's Date _____

★ La Jolla Democratic Club ★

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): _____ Type to enter text

Address: _____

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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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