

La Jolla Democratic Club *Oct., 2012*

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October Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, October 21, 2012

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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



A Conversation with Scott Peters,
Candidate for the House of
Representatives, 52nd District

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More on the propositions with Russ Doolittle

See bio on page 2.



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

ALSO:

- * Update on the Casady's legal case against AIG et al
- * The latest in the campaign to label genetically-modified foods
- * Update on the future of the San Onofre Nuclear Plant

Scott Peters, Candidate for U.S. Congress, District 52

Peters served two terms on the [San Diego City Council](#) (2000-2008) and was the first person to hold the post of President of the City Council (2006-2008). He currently serves as a Commissioner for the Unified [Port of San Diego](#) and is a candidate for Congress to represent [California's 52nd congressional district](#).

His father was a Lutheran minister and his mother was a church secretary. His father worked to improve race relations in Detroit during the 1960s and was involved in housing desegregation efforts during that time.

Peters' parents made it a priority to save a portion of their family's modest salary to help put Scott and his three sisters through college. Scott also worked while in college. He received his undergraduate degree from [Duke University](#). He served as an economist on the staff of the U.S. [Environmental Protection Agency](#), and then earned a law degree from the [New York University School of Law](#).

Prior to his election to the City Council, Peters worked as an attorney in private practice and practiced environmental law. He gained notability in a lawsuit against a local shipbuilder. He later served as deputy county counsel for the [County of San Diego](#).

Peters has served on various community and non-profit organization boards, including those of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, CleanTECH San Diego, and the UCSD Chancellor's Community Advisory Board. He is a Director on the Board of the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, which describes itself as "an educational, non-profit organization working to create healthy, connected communities that support active living and that advance opportunities for all people through walkable streets, livable cities and better built environments. Scott has also served as Chair of the San Diego Foundation's Climate Initiative, which was formed to study the effects of climate change on our environment and quality of life.

(Taken from Wikipedia)

MORE ON PROPOSITIONS - led by Russell Doolittle

Russell Doolittle is a biochemist at the University of California, San Diego, focusing on the 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 over many years for the club.

Mayoral Candidates Speak Out on Women's Violence

Both Bob Filner and Carl DeMaio spoke on what they have done and will do to combat domestic violence and sexual abuse. They spoke prior to the presentation of Heartfelt Voices United, September 23, 2012. A replay is here on youtube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Z-cgkiYNQI&feature=youtu.be>

California Democratic Party's Official Positions on Ballot

YES on Prop. 30: Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act

The measure promoted by Governor Jerry Brown would increase personal income taxes on annual earnings over \$250,000 for seven years and the sales tax by . cent for four years. While the funds would be earmarked for K-12 and community colleges, it would free up other state funds for vital needs of California. If it fails there will likely be a reduction in the length of the school year. www.yesonprop30.com

NO on Prop. 31: Unilateral Budget Cuts

Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to require a two-year state budget. It would also prohibit the Legislature from authorizing expenditures of more than \$25 million unless new revenues or spending cuts are identified. The measure also allows the Governor to cut the budget unilaterally during declared "fiscal emergencies" if the Legislature fails to act. www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2012/31_11_2012.pdf

NO on Prop. 32: Special Exemptions Act

Backed by right-wing and anti-worker business interests, this measure prohibits union political fundraising through payroll deductions. It would also ban unions from giving to candidates. While backers are promoting it as reform, it would do nothing to prevent multimillionaires and many businesses from contributing to campaigns, and it would increase the role of shadowy "super PACs" in political spending. Prop. 32 would dry up funding for Democrats and tilt the playing field heavily to favor businesses and the wealthy. www.stopspecialexemptions.org

NO on Prop. 33: Auto Insurance Rate Increases

This industry-sponsored initiative is designed to undermine the Fair Insurance Rates Initiative. It would base auto insurance rates on whether a driver has had continuous coverage rather than on the risk of car accidents. The result would raise premiums for good drivers and punish people who stop driving for legitimate reasons.

stopthesurcharge.consumerwatchdogcampaign.org

YES on Prop. 34: SAFE California Act

Repeals the death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. It would apply retroactively to the 700+ inmates on death row. Convicted killers will remain behind bars forever – and the state would no longer risk executing innocent people. The Legislative Analyst says the measure could create net annual savings in the high tens of millions of dollars. www.safecalifornia.org

YES on Prop. 35: Stop Human Trafficking

Also known as the CASE Act, this measure would increase criminal penalties for human trafficking, including prison sentences up to 15 years-to-life and fines up to \$1,500,000. It would also require those convicted of trafficking to register as sex offenders and to provide information regarding their Internet access and identities they use in online activities. www.caseact.org

YES on Prop. 36: Three Strikes Reform Act

This measure would revise the law to require that the third felony that triggers a life sentence under "three strikes" must be a serious or violent offense. Dangerous criminals would stay in prison, and taxpayers would save over \$100 million annually. www.fixthreestrikes.org

YES on Prop. 37: Labels for Genetically Modified Food

Requires labeling on food made from plants or animals with genetic material modified in certain ways. It would prohibit labeling or advertising such food as "natural" and would exempt foods that are certified organic and food sold in restaurants. www.carighttoknow.org

NO on Prop. 38: Middle Class Income Tax Hike

Also known as the "Munger Initiative," this measure contains serious flaws that would hurt middle-class families and the working poor and blow an immediate \$6 billion hole in the state's education budget. It increases tax rates for every Californian with taxable income, locking those increases in for 12 years regardless of the budget situation in future years. While it claims to raise money for schools, due to a flaw in the initiative schools would not receive any new funding until the end of 2013.

www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2012/38_11_2012.aspx

Prop. 39: Multistate Corporate Tax Formula (No Position)

Changes the tax formula for multistate businesses to one that is less favorable to them, devoting the revenue to fund projects that increase energy efficiency and clean energy jobs in the state. It conflicts with the proposal of the Speaker of the Assembly, who would make the same change in corporate tax liability but devote the proceeds to college education. www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2012/39_11_2012.aspx

YES on Prop. 40: Referendum on New Senate Districts

This is a referendum and not an initiative, so a YES vote is needed to affirm the current law and keep the new State Senate districts in place. This measure was sponsored by the Republican Party to challenge the redistricting of the Senate. The Republicans have abandoned the campaign, but the matter is still on the ballot. www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2012/40_11_2012.aspx

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GET OUT THE VOTE



**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.**

The Supreme Court Appointments Loom

Columnist Andrew McCarthy gives us what probably is the most important question regarding the upcoming presidential election: appointments to the Supreme Court. Keep these things in mind:

1. Justice Scalia just turned 78
2. Justice Kennedy will turn 78 later this year
3. Justice Breyer will be 76 in August
4. Justice Ginsburg turned 81 about a week ago. In addition, Justice Ginsburg is reportedly quite ill.
5. Justice Stephens has already said he would retire and is just waiting for Obama to be reelected.

The next president could appoint as many as 5 new Justices over the next four years.



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.come
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
Bernie 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.

2012 Presidential and Vice Presidential Debates

Join fellow Democrats to watch the debates at the Coastal Democratic
Headquarters, 1946 Balboa, Pacific Beach 92109

All debates will take place from 9:00-10:30 p.m. Eastern Time, 6:00-7:30 Pacific 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

FREE EVENT

Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 pm
Linder Hall at First United Methodist Church of San Diego
2111 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, 92108



A presentation on California's Prop. 34

**Author of *Dead Man Walking*
Sister Helen Prejean**

Presents:

California Death Penalty: A Broken System

Proposition 34 will replace California's death penalty with a sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole, which will save taxpayers well over \$100 million every year without releasing a single prisoner.

Voter Registration Events

The election is right around the corner and some of our most productive registration events are coming up. Please consider volunteering to help register new voters at this event!

RSVP if you'll be able to attend and specify the event, date and time that you would like to work. We'll bring the supplies and train new volunteers- all you need to do is show up!

Event: Voter Registration at Politifest

Date: Saturday, September 29

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Liberty Station

Politifest 2012 is for the whole family

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/politifest/ for details of activities



Event: Voter Registration at Adams Avenue Street Fair

Date: Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, September 30

Time: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Location: Adams Avenue Street Fair - Normal Heights

Contact: 858-277-3367

To RSVP or for questions: Email: sdvoter@gmail.com

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 _____



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: _____

Date _____

Volunteer: ___Phone ___Precinct Work ___Host Meetings ___Raise
Funds ___Serve on Board

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