

La Jolla Democratic Club

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November Meeting - the 3rd Sunday - November 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION:

**Community Room, AMC La Jolla 12 Theater
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive, 92037**

Two important agenda items:

1. Consider endorsing a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Congress, 52nd District:

NOTE: Redistricting has put La Jolla in the 52nd District, which Brian Bilbray now serves. La Jolla is NO LONGER in Susan Davis' district. DEMOCRATS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THE 52ND!

Lori Saldaña served six years as Assemblywoman before being termed out in 2010 and is currently a professor at SDSU. Long interested in water reclamation and sewage treatment, she was appointed by President Clinton to the Mexican-US Border Environment Cooperation Commission's Advisory Council. Her Assembly service following a career as an environmental policy research fellow at UCSD and a community college teacher specializing in technical vocational workforce development.



Scott Peters is Chairman of the SD Unified Port Commission. He served as supervisor in the Office of SD County Counsel. He represented La Jolla on the SD City Council for eight years and served as its first City Council President from 2006 to 2008. This service followed his work as an economist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

2. Nominations for La Jolla Democratic Club officers for 2012:

See the slate on page 3.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Democratic
Holiday Party
Dec. 18, 2-5 pm**

**Estate of Bill and Michelle
Lerach, La Jolla Shores.**

**Watch for details regarding price
and RSVP.**



**OCCUPY
SAN DIEGO**

See page 4
for photos and
the first official
release from
Occupy Wall
Street.



Tax on Financial Transactions

A resolution is being considered by the California Democratic Party Resolution Committee. Read full copy below. International support among the G20 is also growing for this tax. On Nov. 3 a rally will be held in Washington, D.C. to demonstrate support. See <http://c3190322.r22.cf0.rackcdn.com/FTT-flier-2up-rev2.pdf> or contact conor@pdamerica.org for details.

Whereas the economy of California, and the entire nation, was severely damaged in a recession triggered primarily by Wall Street-led investment banks and hedge funds trading in opaque and poorly regulated financial instruments, resulting in a severe contraction of credit and lending, significant loss of revenues to federal, state and local governments, decimation of public and private funds held for pensions and retirement, the loss of millions of jobs, and forcing California and other states into a deepening of annual deficits, devastating austerity measures, layoffs and curtailment of essential services,

Whereas Wall Street investment banks, hedge funds and similar entities across the nation currently pay zero sales tax on a host of highly profitable transactions, while in contrast American families dutifully pay sales tax of up to 10% every time they purchase necessities including school supplies and children's shoes; and a small fee on financial transactions could raise hundreds of billions or trillions of dollars in new revenue that could be spent on job creation and reduction of deficits,

Whereas such a tax, in various forms, on financial transactions has already been strongly supported in legislation sponsored by prominent Democrats including Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) and Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), by labor organizations, including the AFL-CIO and the California Nurses Association, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and by prominent economists Paul Krugman, Joseph Stiglitz and Dean Baker,

Therefore be it Resolved that the California Democratic Party supports the establishment of a national Wall Street Transactions Tax on securities transactions, including but not limited to speculative trading, high-speed flash trading, and derivatives, and exempting tax-deferred retirement accounts of U.S. citizens, pension plans, and similar payroll savings plans.

Be it Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be transmitted to all members of the California Democratic Congressional delegation for further action.



Set Sail for Victory - December 3-10

Join fellow Democrats for a trip along the Mexican Riviera, organized by the San Diego County Democratic Party. You'll be treated to everything from informal political workshops to excursions and entertainment.

For details see www.demcruise.com or contact Dan Presser, Four Winds Travel (CST #1000683-40) toll free: **(800) 897-2310** or info@fourwindstravel.com.

November 5th 2011 BANK TRANSFER DAY Join others in sending a clear message to the banks by taking your money out of banks and putting it into credit unions. Read more at <http://occupywallst.org/forum/november-5th-bank-transfer-day-pass-on/>

La Jolla Democratic Club Planning for 2012

Nominations for Club Officers

The nominating committee will present the following slate at the November meeting. Voting will take place at the December meeting (aka Holiday Party).

President - Derek Casady
Vice President - Jerry Griffith
Vice President, Communication - Carolyn Shadle
Secretary - VACANT
Treasurer - Nancy Casady
Member of the Board and webmaster - Ann Kennedy
--Nominations Committee:
Merle Boyd, Jerry Griffith, C Shadle



Call for Secretary

There is a vacancy. Consider offering your service as secretary. This responsibility entails taking notes when endorsements or resolutions are passed at club meetings.

If you would like to partner with another person with one serving as back-up in case of absence, that is acceptable.

Contact a member of the nominations committee or Derek Casady to volunteer.

Bob Filner,
candidate for San Diego mayor was endorsed by the La Jolla Democratic Club at its last meeting.



Programs for 2012

The following topics have been suggested for club consideration in 2012. Please register your interest and add to the list:

Endorsements:

- San Diego City Council One (Sherri Lightner and her opponent)
- San Diego County Board of Supervisors candidates
- San Diego Mayor election (Update on endorsee, Bob Filner)
- San Diego Unified School Board (District A candidate, John Lee Evans, and his opponent) (La Jolla is in District C)
- CA Assembly District candidates
- CA 39th State Senate District candidates
- Other????

The Campaign:

- Talking points for Obama: What Obama has accomplished
- GOTEAMS. What are they?
- Our Campaign Headquarters

Issues:

- GE (Genetic Engineering) labeling legislation
- Climate Change
- CA Nurses and the Main Street Contract for the American People
- The Navy Broadway Complex
- Other????

Ballot Initiatives:

- 401K Pension Plan for San Diego City

Resolutions:

- Approve in February to send to the Democratic State Convention in April*
- Tax on Financial Transactions
 - Support for Occupy San Diego
 - Break-up of Megabanks
 - Getting pension funds out of Wall Street equity investment
 - Other????

**At Civic Center Plaza adjacent to San Diego City Hall (1200 3rd Avenue)
OCCUPY SAN DIEGO**



People and color at the Plaza.



Presentations by faith-based groups on Monday, October 24

First Official Release from Occupy Wall Street - Excerpts

On September 29, Occupy Wall Street released a declaration. Here are some excerpts. For the entire list see the LJDC website, <http://www.lajollademocrats.org/>. For Occupy San Diego updates, see www.occupysd.org

We have peaceably assembled...to let these facts be known:

- They have taken our houses through an illegal foreclosure process, despite not having the original mortgage.
- They have taken bailouts from taxpayers with impunity, and continue to give Executives exorbitant bonuses.
- They have poisoned the food supply through negligences, and undermined the farming system through monopolization.
- They have continuously sought to strip employees of the right to negotiate for better pay and safer working conditions.
- They have held students hostage with tens of thousands of dollars of debt on education, which is itself a human right.
- They have consistently outsourced labor and used that outsourcing as leverage to cut workers healthcare and pay.
- They have spent millions of dollars on legal teams that look for ways to get them out of contracts in regards to health insurance.
- They determine economic policy, despite the catastrophic failures their policies have produced and continue to produce.
- They have donated large sums of money to politicians supposed to be regulating them.
- They continue to block alternate forms of energy to keep us dependent on oil.
- They continue to block generic forms of medicine that could save people's lives in order to protect investments that have already turned a substantive profit.

Get updates on Occupy San Diego at www.occupysd.org
For daily emails send a request to occupysd-request@citizenoversight.org

All 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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