

La Jolla Democratic Club *May, 2013*

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May Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, May 19, 2013

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Cindy Martin, recently named



superintendent of
the San Diego
Unified School
District after serving
the past decade as
principal of Central
Elementary School.

Also note:

Saturday, May 4, Bob Filner's office. Civic Center (Details on page 3)

Fundraiser for Kevin Beiser * Wine & Chocolate

Sunday, May 26, 3-5 p.m.

Home of Nancy and Derek Casady
8412 Sugarman Drive, La Jolla 92037

June 1 Brunch at Cocos to organize the "Committee for the City." (See details on page 3.)

Action is possible on any item contained in this newsletter.

Cindy Marten



Cindy Marten was unanimously named as superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District after serving the past decade as principal of Central Elementary School.

Martin will succeed Bill Kowba, who told the district's Board of Education he would retire June 30 when his three-year contract ends.

"In our selection of a new superintendent we wanted an educator who is a visionary leader," board President John Lee Evans said. "We have found such a person in our

own district, Cindy Martin, an educator for 25 years who started off as a teacher then became principal of one of our most challenging schools. Central Elementary, serves 850 at-risk youth, 99 percent of whom live in poverty and 85 percent of whom are English learners."

Martin called being selected as superintendent by the school board "an incredible honor."

"I believe in the hope and promise of public education in America, and I believe in doing the work to show Americans what public schools are all about," Martin said.



Members in action:

Michael McQuarry is on the Resolutions Committee. 80 were submitted, 12 from San Diego County (most of those from LJDC). 14 were marked as "high priority."

Nancy Witt was elected Volunteer of the Year by the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee.

Suzie Ditmar was elected chair of the Senior's Caucus of the CA Democratic Party.

Gerry Senda, one of the delegates from our club, is preparing a convention report. He will be glad to send it to you by email or snail mail when it's ready. To receive a copy of the report when finished, contact Gerry at gerrysenda@gmail.com.

2013 Officers for the La Jolla Democratic Club:

President - Derek Casady
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Join us for the 2013 Summertime Farmer's Market Voter Drive! The La Jolla Democratic Club invites volunteers to sign up voters and get the word out about our club. Happening every Sunday from 9am to 1pm from June through September at the **Open Aire Market** at the La Jolla Elementary School. It is located on the corner of Girard and Genter in the Village of La Jolla. Volunteer for at least one hour (or more if you can)! Please contact Michelle to sign up at 858-750-3747 or michelle.marzullo@gmail.com.



Part of Mayor Filner's commitment to making government more open is by literally opening the doors of City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month. He listens to anyone who wants to share an opinion, make a suggestion, ask a question or offer support.

<http://www.sandiego.gov/opengov/index.shtml>

**"Committee for the City"
Saturday, June 1, 9:30 a.m.
"Dutch treat" brunch**

Coco's Restaurant
4280 Nobel Drive (between Costa Verde Blvd & Genesee Ave)
San Diego, 92122

Members of the LJDC as well as others, invited from around the County, will discuss how we can be supportive of our new DEMOCRATIC mayor.

Update on San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station



The Coalition to Decommission San Onofre (CDSO) recently submitted written testimony in Phase I of the CA Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC). This is an investigation into the San Onofre Outage (I.12-10-013), responding to opening testimony submitted by Women's Energy Matters (WEM) on March 29, 2013. CDSO seeks to provide additional perspective and detail to that offered by WEM, based upon our unique perspective as a grassroots project of Citizens Oversight, Inc., a 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation which

encourages increased engagement by the public in the operation of their local, state and federal government to reduce waste, fraud and abuse by public officials. You can read our testimony here: http://www.copswiki.org/w/pub/Common/M1349/CDSO_OII_Rebuttal_Testimony.pdf

The CPUC will hold Evidentiary Hearings on the Testimony submitted in this 1st Phase of its Investigation into the San Onofre Outage in San Francisco at CPUC HQs on May 13-17. Phase I focuses on the costs resulting from these defective nuclear reactors and how much should ultimately be borne by SCE and SDG&E ratepayers, as well as the effect of this outage on the reliability of our electric service and grid and how effectively the operator, SoCal Edison, has communicated with the community about the outage and emergency preparedness.

Our CDSO Testimony Team (Gary Headrick, Ace Hoffman, Torgen Johnson, Ray Lutz, Deanna Polk and Martha Sullivan) wants to be present to advocate for our perspective, representing the ratepayers and residents most impacted by this defective and aging nuclear power plant. Unlike our regulated utility counterparts, we don't have ratepayer or shareholder funding for OUR advocacy and we operate very frugally, primarily using our own funds. Don Bauder of the San Diego Reader recently wrote about the uphill climb faced by truth-tellers at the CA PUC: "An organization participating in a commission decision 'lives or dies by intervenor compensation,' says Bill Powers of San Diego's Powers Engineering. Therefore, the commission 'has you on a leash.' Intervenor becomes resigned to 'fighting at the margins, not challenging the basic premise — and [the commission's] basic premise is to make sure that the revenue of utilities is ever increasing.'" <http://www.sandiegoreader.com/news/2013/apr/24/citylights1-electric-rates/>

Looking back...

At the April LJDC meeting club members heard from and endorsed Kevin Beiser for reelection to the San Diego United School District Board.

This vote followed a vote to suspend the rules requiring a 30-day notice. It was deemed important to allow Beiser to get out in front on his campaigning. Those present were privileged to hear him report stunning accomplishments of his first term, including retaining music education in the elementary schools, the establishment of organic gardens in each of the elementary schools, an expansion of the use of locally grown organic food in the school cafeterias, moving from diesel to biofuel for buses, expansion of the use of solar power (with further reduction in electric bill), the banning of styrofoam containers in the schools (resulting in a considerable financial savings). He also reported on excellent test scores (with San Diego rating first in the state in science and math). Kevin was named Legislator of the Year by the California Music Educators.

Looking forward....

May 4 - Bob Filner's open office (See page 3)

May 26 - Fundraiser for Kevin Beiser (See page 1)

June-August - LJDC staffing at the La Jolla Farmers Market (See page 3)

June 1 - "Committee for the City" organizational brunch (See page 3)

June meeting -NEW DATE - the 4th Sunday, June 23 (avoid conflict with Father's Day)

July - dark (That means there is NO MEETING.) Even committed Democrats take a vacation!

August 18 - Picnic and concert at the Cove (Watch for details)

October 5 (all day) County Democratic Convention, Pala Casino Resort Hotel (www.PalaCasino.org) (Watch for details)

Obama's Accomplishments.

Have you ever been tongue-tied when you tried to illustrate the point that, despite the uphill climb, Obama HAS made a lot of accomplishments which please Democrats? Professor Robert P. Watson at Lynn University made a list of 250 of those accomplishments. (It takes up about 22 pages!) And that was only until 2010!

Christine Forester alerted us to this list. Take a look at <http://robertwatson.us/obamas-record/>.



Fossil Free! Divest and Take Action!



Bill McKibben leads the worldwide campaign to end fossil fuel energy and move to clean, renewable energy. I encourage you to go to his website (www.350.org) and view the video called, "Do the Math." It is one of the most moving climate change statements Nancy and I have seen.

McKibben is calling for universities, churches, cities, counties, states, and enlightened corporations to divest themselves of any stocks in the dirty energy companies that produce and sell natural gas, oil and coal. This is patterned after the divestiture movement of some years ago when institutions and companies were urged to divest their holdings of anything relating to apartheid.

Nancy and I think this is very exciting and absolutely the number one issue we must now focus on because if we don't stop loading our atmosphere with CO₂, there simply will not be enough oxygen remaining in the world to support human life. CO₂ in the atmosphere threatens every country, every religion, and every political party in existence. We are all in this together, and we are all threatened---every single person in the world. And the natural gas, oil and coal companies have enough reserves left in the ground to load the atmosphere with CO₂ in an amount that is 5 times more than the amount that will let us survive. So these companies (oil, natural gas and coal) must be stopped. They are engaging in the radical activity of threatening our planet in order to continue their profits. And we are being the conservatives asking that the people on our planet be allowed to survive. Human survival is being threatened.

And now we must find out all we can about what dirty, unrenowable energy stocks are being held by the University of California, the University of San Diego, the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego, and the churches. We must plan divestiture rallies at these institutions. Give it some thought!

--Derek Casady, President, LJDC

The following resolutions were passed during the State Convention of the California Democratic Party in April.

AFFIRM CONTINUING SUPPORT OF CEQA

CALLING FOR OVERTURNING OF PROPOSITION 8 BY US SUPREME COURT

CHARTER CITIES SHOULD PAY PREVAILING WAGE

CLOSE THE CORPORATE LOOPHOLE

CONDEMNING REPUBLICAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE AND PASS VOTER ID LAWS

DO NOT REPEAL THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS' RIGHTS

MORATORIUM ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE & MASS SHOOTINGS

RESOLUTION TO END UNLAWFUL DRONE STRIKES, EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS, AND RESTRICT DOMESTIC DRONE SURVEILLANCE

RESOLUTION TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY

SUPPORT IMMIGRATION REFORM AND PROVIDE PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR NEW AMERICANS

SUPPORT OF HOSPITABLE DISTINCT PART SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

SUPPORT OF THE US POSTAL SERVICE

SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DISPELLING THE CORPORATE "REFORM" AGENDA

SUPPORTING FAIR, ACCOUNTABLE, AND REPRESENTATIVE UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA TO REJECT THE TAR SANDS PIPELINE

For details go to <<http://www.cadem.org/resources/resolutions>>

Dues for 2013 are now due.

Membership is on a calendar basis and is not prorated.

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:

\$20 Individual \$30 Couple \$50 Sustaining \$100 Patron
 \$5 Student

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Email: _____

Date _____

Volunteer: Phone Precinct Work Host Meetings Raise
Funds Serve on Board

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