

# La Jolla Democratic Club *Sept., 2013*

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## September Meeting will be the 4th Sunday

Sunday, September 22, 2013, 2-4 p.m.

**NOTE NEW DATE!!!!**

(This month only, the 4th Sunday)

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



**Speaker:**

**Simon Mayeski**

**Topic: Money & Politics:**

Elections, policy and climate change



"So, if we think too much money in politics gets in the way of good and honest government policy - **and we do** - and if we think it will take smart and brave government policy to prevent environmental disaster due to runaway global climate change - **and we do** - let's see how these two facts confound us, from the goals and actions of two organizations - **Common Cause and 350.org** - devoted to solving those two problems. We will view this fascinating nexus, and together look for solutions."

--Simon Mayeski

*"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much it is whether we provide enough for those who have little."*

*Franklin D Roosevelt*

*Action is possible on any item contained in this newsletter.*

## **Simon Mayeski, Common Cause Organizer and SanDiego350 Activist**



Simon Mayeski helped restart Common Cause in San Diego beginning in 2005 and has been part of the local steering committee since then. He has focused on election and campaign finance matters, attending almost every meeting of the San Diego Ethics Commission. (The Commission is the part of city government charged with administering campaign, election and lobbyist laws.) He has served as campaign treasurer for several City Council candidates.

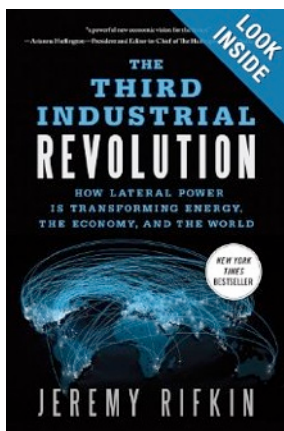
Last year he served as Common Cause organizer for planning and coordinating Election Protection activities for the November elections in San Diego. He has served several terms as a board member of the California organization and is currently back on staff working to jumpstart a campaign finance reform movement here in San Diego. Simon is also active in Getting Money Out of Politics - Common Cause is a partner in that effort - and has spoken to several local city councils, trying to convince them to come out against the Citizens United Supreme Court decision and demand a constitutional amendment.

Simon is also a founding member of [SanDiego350.org](http://SanDiego350.org). He is currently focusing on San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG's) Regional Plan, paying particular attention to SANDAG's responsibility to fight global climate change by adhering to California Executive Order S-3-05. He has also helped organize SanDiego350's rallies and marches and currently serves on the group's Public Policy committee, speaking to local elected officials and attending many meetings.

Simon is a native San Diegan who graduated from college in San Francisco and lived in the Bay Area for several decades before returning to San Diego in 1999. He earned a living in the restaurant business in San Francisco before changing careers to technology, working on client-server applications and later the World Wide Web. He has written freelance for the U-T Night and Day (2000) and more recently for [IVN.us](http://IVN.us) (unfiltered community news by independent contributors) on an infrequent basis. He is currently working on a novel about politics and climate change, set in a nasty possible future.

#### **2013 Officers for the La Jolla Democratic Club:**

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#### **The Third Industrial Revolution, by Jeremy Rifkin**

In Mayor Bob Filner's resignation speech, he indicated that he recommended this book to the members of the City Council.

Amazon's partial description follows:

The Industrial Revolution, powered by oil and other fossil fuels, is spiraling into a dangerous endgame. The price of gas and food are climbing, unemployment remains high, the housing market has tanked, consumer and government debt is soaring, and the recovery is slowing. Facing the prospect of a second collapse of the global economy, humanity is desperate for a sustainable economic game plan to take us into the future.

Here, Jeremy Rifkin explores how Internet technology and renewable energy are merging to create a powerful "Third Industrial Revolution." He asks us to imagine hundreds of millions of people producing their own green energy in their homes, offices, and factories, and sharing it with each other in an "energy internet," just as we now create and share information online.



#### **Inequality for All**

Watch for this documentary in the theaters starting September 27 (previewed at the La Jolla Landmark)

The film looks at the topic of widening income inequality through the lens of noted economic policy expert Robert Reich.

At the heart of the film is a simple proposition: what is a good society and what role does the widening income gap play in the deterioration of our nation's economic health.

See the trailer at <http://inequalityforall.com>

**"Committee for the City"**  
**Saturday, September 7, 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 are invited from around the County to support democratic principles in San Diego government.



## Looking Back....

Supporters of Mayor Filner showed up at City Hall to thank him for bringing progressive policies to San Diego.



Derek Casady and a supporter



Bob Filner apologized for his "hubris"



Media filled City Hall, Friday, Aug. 23, 2013



**Thanks to Bob**  
**Moderated by Enrique Morones**  
30-40 people gathered at the home of Ted and Nelisse Muga to offer stories and tributes expressing thanks for ways in which Bob had helped them or their cause.



### **The Undoing of Filner's Progressive Agenda**

This comprehensive article by Bill Adams gives an in-depth analysis of the causes and implications of Mayor Filner's resignation. It's worth a read:

[Who Really Deposed San Diego's Mayor and Nullified the 2012 Election?](#)

Bill Adams is the founder and chief editor of UrbDeZine. He is also a partner in the San Diego law firm of Norton, Moore, & Adams, LLP. He's been involved with land use and urban renewal for 20 years, both as a professional and as a personal passion.

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### **Detained in the Desert, by Josefina Lopez**

Based on the Border Angels experience



Two people on opposite sides of the immigration debate find each other lost in the desert and discover their humanity and the true plight of migrants crossing the Arizona desert.

**La Jolla Playhouse Shank Theater**

**Wednesday-Sunday until September 15**

Contact Suzie Ditmars for tickets (\$10-\$25)

Suzie: 858-437-1962, [suziejazzaroo@gmail.com](mailto:suziejazzaroo@gmail.com)

## **Looking forward....**

**October 5 (all day), SD County Democratic Convention, Pala Casino Resort Hotel**  
([www.PalaCasino.org](http://www.PalaCasino.org)).

Here are a few of the special guests who will be part of the County Democratic Convention.

- State Controller John Chaing, now running for Treasurer, will speak at Friday night's dinner in the spectacular Infinity Room.
- In one of Saturday's breakout sessions, County Supervisor Dave Roberts will walk participants through the steps of getting appointed to a public board or commission.
- State Party Vice Chair and workers' advocate Alex Gallardo Rooker will host a panel on alliances between organized labor and Democrats to fight for the middle class.
- State Party Secretary Daraka Larimore-Hall, a longtime political organizer, will lead a session on how to ensure that the winning "Obama coalition" finds its permanent home in the Democratic Party.

**All-inclusive Convention package for \$240** includes a Chair's Reception and dinner on Friday, a guest room Friday night and a special luncheon on Saturday (per person, double occupancy) or **all-day Saturday**: \$45. For details go to [www.sddemconvention.org](http://www.sddemconvention.org). Deadline: Wednesday, September 4 for overnight reservations. Questions? Call Derek Casady, 858-457-0246.

October meeting:  
October 20 (Third Sunday)

November meeting:  
November 17 (Third Sunday)

Same Place. Details to follow

### **Wither Goest the Progressive Agenda?**

Will our progressive agenda go away?

Will it be trampled upon by the ruling  
class, today?

Will we once again bow to the very rich,  
Leaving suffering taxpayers in the ditch?

by John L. Meyer

**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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Receive newsletter via email: yes / no

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**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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