

# La Jolla Democratic Club *Oct., 2013*

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## October Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, October 20, 2013, 2-4 p.m.  
Community Room, AMC Theaters La Jolla 12  
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive, 92037



**Speaker:**  
**Simon Mayeski**

**Topic: Money & Politics:**  
Elections, policy and climate change



We regret not hearing from Simon, as planned, at the September meeting due to the urgency of hearing from the mayoral candidates. You will be pleased to know that he will present in October.

"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 lobbying 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 the 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. He speaks to local elected officials and attends 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 he returned to San Diego in 1999. He earned a living in the restaurant business in San Francisco before he changed careers to technology, during which he worked on client-server applications and later on 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.

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*We can have democracy in this country, or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both.*

*Louis D. Brandeis*



**Inequality for All**  
Dem friends gathered for pizza  
before viewing this  
documentary at the Landmark  
Theater.

Watch for future listings.

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 question: 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>



**The News in Verse**  
The G.O.P has threatened to  
save us  
From outrageous debt and  
spending, unsound.  
And they're willing to do this  
Simply by shutting the  
government down!  
By John L. Meyer

## 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 Chiang, 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-day Saturday:** \$45. For details go to [www.sddemconvention.org](http://www.sddemconvention.org). Questions? Call Derek Casady, 858-457-0246.

**"Committee for the City," organized to support democratic principles in San Diego government, will meet next in January. Watch for further news.**

**November LJDC meeting:**  
November 17 (Third Sunday)  
Same Place. Details to follow.

Support the Clean Elections Campaign, [www.sdcleanelections.org](http://www.sdcleanelections.org).

### Your email address

It is our intention to use members' email address ONLY for sending news and messages from the La Jolla Democratic Club. Occasionally, members' email addresses are inadvertently revealed (through a failure of your VP of Communication to properly use the bcc feature). Please accept my apologies for that happening. When it happens, you are requested NOT to retain or use those email addresses. Send your news to me, as the club "filter." Thanks, Carolyn Shadle, VP of Communication.

### Immigration Reform

As you may have heard, a **national day of action for immigration reform is being called for Saturday, October 5th.** Together with a number of other area organizations, we in San Diego will join over 80 other cities across the country in a massive day of action. The message for the day is framed very broadly, and includes these four principles for common sense immigration reform:

1. A Pathway to Citizenship
2. Family Reunification
3. Worker Protections
4. Opposition to Border Militarization

The plan is to re-enact the massive march in 2006 that drew over 50,000 people to the streets of downtown San Diego. **The march route will begin at Balboa Park (6th Avenue and Laurel Street) at 10:00 am, and marchers will process to the County Administration Building where a program will begin at 12:00 Noon.** For more information see the San Diego Organizing Project at [www.sdop.net](http://www.sdop.net).

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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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