

La Jolla Democratic Club Jan., 2014

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January Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, 2-4 p.m.



Speaker:

Dave Roberts
San Diego County Supervisor
See bio on page 3.

**Topic Looking Forward to
SD County 2014**

LJDC's CAMPAIGN FOR ALVAREZ

The ELECTION DATE is February 11, 2014

Plan on **PHONING** at Campaign Headquarters, 8316 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, Ste 212, 92111 between **4:00 and 8:00 p.m.** Our club members will contribute 4 hours/day of phoning. (The computerized phone system makes the task easy and fun!) This means various members take turns so that we average 4 hours a day. If you can participate (any time between now and the election day), contact Gaby Dominquez at 619-621-7120 to arrange your time.

YARD SIGNS. You may pick up any number that you can post.

PRECINCT WALKING. You are encouraged to walk in your neighbor (or another precinct) and distribute door hangers.

See pages 3 and 4 for more about our campaign to elect Alvarez!

"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.

Newly elected officers for 2014
President: Derek Casady
Vice President: Carolyn Shadle
Secretary: Michelle Marzullo
Treasurer: Nancy Casady



The president will add Vice-President-at-Large appointments for 2014. Watch this space.

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



Register voters at the Westfield (UTC) Shopping Center.
Dates and times: January 18 and 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Contact Michelle Marzullo to sign up for one-hour shifts.
(202-489-5122 or michelle.mazullo@gmail.com).

A full year is planned for 2014. This will be an important mid-term election year. The La Jolla Democratic Club has a lot planned. Come hear Dave Roberts talk about San Diego County in 2014. Plan on attending the February meeting with Attorney Bradley Patton, who freed Richard Tuitt, formerly accused of murdering Stephanie Crowe.

The News in Verse by John L. Meyer
Leaning Left, Leaning Right with Mr. and Mrs. Sprat

When Jack Sprat could eat no fat,
And his wife could eat no lean,
They worked together, and licked their platters clean.

So, when Jack leaned to the left,
And his wife leaned toward the right
They got together for Alvarez, and put his win in sight.

DAVID ALVAREZ FOR MAYOR!!



That's the rallying cry of the Democrats. We have the candidate, and the time is now!

The election will be held Tuesday, February 11. Mail-in ballots will be available on January 13.

That means that the time is NOW to call, walk, contact your friends and neighbors, and donate.

Walk your neighborhood

If you can volunteer to walk your neighborhood for David Alvarez, email Marcia Bookstein at lajolla@goteamsd.org.

Walk elsewhere

If you wish to walk from the main Alvarez HQ in Clairemont, (8316 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92111) call the campaign headquarters at (619) 402-1330, or email gdominguez09@yahoo.com. You can also sign up to volunteer online at http://www.alvarezformayor.com/volunteer_for_david_alvarez.

Phone

If you can make phone calls from the main Alvarez HQ in Clairemont, **using the cool automated calling devices**, call (619) 402-1330 or send an email to gdominguez09@yahoo.com. The campaign HQ is located at 8316 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, Suite 205, San Diego, CA 92111. You can also sign up to volunteer online at <http://www.alvarezformayor.com/>

At the January LJDC meeting we will entertain a motion to endorse David Alvarez for major.

We will also entertain a motion to endorse the reelection of Congressman Scott Peters.

**Fundraiser for David Alvarez
Thursday, January 23
7:30 to 9:00 p.m
8412 Sugarman Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037**

Derek and Nancy Casady will be hosting a fundraiser for David Alvarez on Thursday, January 23rd from 7:30 to 9 PM at their home on 8412 Sugarman Drive, La Jolla, 92037. David Alvarez will be present to answer your questions and listen to your ideas for a better San Diego. The suggested donation is \$30.

Email alvarez.events@gmail.com for more information.

If you missed the chance to meet David Alvarez at the home of Marcia Bookstein (pictures below), you'll have another chance at the Casady's.



Remember the Tobin Tax (aka The Robin Hood Tax)?

The LJDC presented a resolution as early as 2011 that the Democratic Party support a Financial Transaction Tax. The idea has not died. Jim Hightower has written a compelling piece in his newsletter, *Lowdown*. Here is an excerpt:

A Financial Transaction Tax. An FTT is not an idea whose time has come, but simply returned. From 1914 to 1966, our country taxed all sales and transfers of stock. The tax was doubled in the last year of Herbert Hoover's presidency to help us recover from the Great Depression. Today, 40 countries have FTTs, including the seven with the fastest-growing stock exchanges in the world. Seven members of the European Union (including Germany and France) voted for a financial transaction tax to help blunt rising poverty, restore services, and put people back to work.



This is no soak-the-rich-idea. Rather than asking the Wall Street crowd to join us in paying a six to 12 percent sales tax, the major FTT proposal gaining support in the US calls for a 0.5 percent assessment on stock transactions. That's 50 cents on a \$100 stock buy, versus the \$8.25 tax I would pay for a hundred-dollar bicycle.

Even at this miniscule rate, the huge volume of high speed trades means an FTT would net about \$300-350 billion a year for our public treasury. Plus, it's a very progressive tax. Half of our country's stock is owned by the 1 percenters, and only a small number of them are in the High Frequency Traders (HFT) game. Ordinary folks who have small stakes in the markets, including those in mutual and pension funds, are called "buy-and-hold" investors--they only do trades every few months or years, not daily or hourly or even by the second, and they'll not be harmed. Rather it's the computerized churners of frothy speculation who will pony up the bulk of revenue from such a transaction tax.

An FTT is a straightforward, uncomplicated way for us to get a substantial chunk of our money back from high finance thieves, and we should make a concerted effort to put the idea on the front burner in 2014 and turn up the heat. Not only do its benefits merit the fight, but the fight itself would be politically popular. One clue to its political potential is that the mere mention of FTT to a Wall Street banker will evoke a shriek so shrill that the Mars rover hears it. That's because they know that this proposal would make them defend the indefensible: Themselves

Read the entire piece at www.hightowerlowdown.org. It's called "America Isn't Broke."

Dave Roberts Bio - From His Website

Supervisor Dave Roberts brings vast experience from the public, private and nonprofit sectors to his position as District 3 Supervisor for the County of San Diego.

Dave completed two terms on the Solana Beach City Council and served as the city's Mayor and Deputy Mayor. During his tenure, Dave represented Solana Beach on numerous regional boards. He began his public service as a volunteer for the Solana Beach Budget and Finance Committee and for the Friends of the Solana Beach Library.

Dave is a former corporate officer for SAIC, a Fortune 500 company. He also owns and operates his own real estate management company.

Upon his election to the Board of Supervisors, Dave resigned from his position as a senior manager for the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, an international nonprofit organization. In that role, Dave drew upon his background as an appointed health policy advisor to President Barack Obama and former President George W. Bush. Dave earned national recognition for reducing costs and improving the delivery of Medicare, Medicaid and children's health insurance coverage. Dave also worked for the U.S. Air Force at the Pentagon and in Europe. He played a key role in developing Tricare, the military's health insurance system.

Dave is an active member of the Del Sol Lions Club, Escondido Creek Watershed Authority, Foundation for Change, League of Women Voters, Lions Club International Foundation, National Eagle Scout Association, North County Adoptive Parents Association, San Diego County Consolidated Transportation Services Agency, San Diego North Chamber of Commerce, San Dieguito Alliance for Drug Free Youth, Sierra Club and Solana Beach Chamber of Commerce.

As a supervisor, Dave represents the county on various boards, including SANDAG's Regional Housing Task Force, Regional Planning and Shoreline Preservation committees; the San Diego County Mental Health Board, the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority and the county's Multiple Species Conservation Program review panel.



Dave lives in Solana Beach with his family and has five children, ages 5 through 18. His oldest son is an Eagle Scout.

CONTINUING THE CAMPAIGN FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS



You can help by talking to a friend, neighbor or associate about the benefits of clean elections, referring them to watch the Road to Clean Elections DVD by Bill Moyers (click on the following link to watch it yourself or forward to someone else to watch) and then sending their contact information to me.

["The Road to Clean Elections" video narrated by Bill Moyers](#)

You can help financially by going to the web page:

www.sdcleanelections.org.

The January Coordinating Committee meeting will be on the third Tuesday in January. Call me for directions if you would like to attend.

John Hartley: 619-299-8870

UPDATE ON ACTION RE TPP

Link to Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch "Take Action" page below. You'll find a quick script you can use to urge your member of Congress to oppose fast track. This page includes a report-back feature: http://action.citizen.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=12267

Here's a link to Flush the TPP's action page, which includes many resources and a place to report your actions: <http://www.flushthetpp.org/one-more-week-to-tell-congress-to-vote-no-on-fast-track/>

Here's a link to the PDA interactive TPP map page, where you can click on your state to find your rep, and also look up their Twitter handles: www.pdamerica.org/tpp

—Senator Elizabeth Warren

GO TEAM - What is it?

One voter at a time. Hundreds of volunteers with our **Grassroots Organizing** Team connect with voters in their communities, building better turnout with a personal touch. By walking and talking with voters, we average a 14% increase in Democratic voter turnout in our GO Team covered precincts.

That's how Democrats win - with an outreach operation that works block-by-block, door-by-door, person-to-person.

The GO Team welcomes new members in non-election years. We're organized by community - helping build grassroots support for Democratic values and candidates. We're recruiting to prepare for 2014's local, state, and federal elections. We'll provide training, support, and all the materials you'll need to talk to fellow Democrats or to provide data support. During the months leading up to each election, you'll be walking/calling with a list of all the endorsed candidates to encourage full-ticket voting. We would be glad to have your help.

Email goteam@sddemocrats.org or call (858) 277-3367 to learn more!

Looking Back. At the Holiday Party Derek Casady introduced Dave Peiser, candidate for Congress against Darrell Issa Jim Evans conducted elections for 2014 officers. David Alvarez, candidate for San Diego Mayor, spoke and mingled. John Hartley explained the Clean Elections initiative and spoke with members.



LOOKING AHEAD



STATE OF THE CITY
Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth
Avenue, 92101
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

BRING A FRIEND (first timer) to our club meetings. On the first occasion that your friend attends, you will be given a ticket to enter into a quarterly **raffle to win a complimentary dinner.**

Watch for **Quarterly Potlucks.** The winner of the raffle will be drawn at the pot luck.

February Meeting (third Sunday, February 16): **Speaker: Attorney Bradley Patton**, who defended Richard Tuite. Topic: Justice & Integrity; Potluck and introduction to **Social Media** (and how Democrats can use it).

Dues for 2014 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 _____



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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