

# La Jolla Democratic Club

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## March Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday

**Sunday, March 16, 2014, 2-4 p.m.**

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



**Speaker: Attorney Bradley Patton**, who created the “innocence defense” for Richard Tuite in the Stephanie Crowe murder case. (See bio on page 2.)

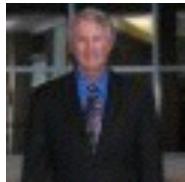
**Topic: Justice & Integrity**

The La Jolla Democratic Club will provide ten tickets for the April 5 **Roosevelt Dinner** at the special club price of \$60.00. This offer is extended to 2014 club members paid by March 1, 2014. Contact treasurer Nancy Casady if you are interested.

*“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.*

## **C. Bradley Patton, Esq.**



San Diego criminal attorney C. Bradley Patton, Esq. has over 35 years of experience in criminal law defense. He is a State Bar Certified Criminal Defense Specialist and has been named Criminal Defense Attorney of the Year on two occasions.

In addition to maintaining his private practice, Mr. Patton has served on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association. He has been an active member of the Criminal Defense Lawyers Club since 1988. Mr. Patton is a past member of the Board of Directors of the North County Bar Association and a founding panel member of the North County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service. In 1990, Mr. Patton was appointed to serve the California

### **15 Core Issues The Country Must Face**

The LJDC Executive Board endorsed the “15 Core Issues” outlined by the Progressive Resistance and recommends that the membership do the same.

The issues relate to:

1. Corporatism
2. Wars and Militarism
3. Human Rights
4. Worker Rights and Jobs
5. Government
6. Elections
7. Criminal Justice and Prisons
8. Healthcare
9. Education
10. Housing
11. Environment
12. Finance and the Economy
13. Media
14. Food and Water
15. Transportation



(See details at [www.lajollademocrats.org](http://www.lajollademocrats.org) or [www.popularresistance.org](http://www.popularresistance.org).)



## Candidate Drew Leavens

Something's brewing in California's 49th Congressional District, the district which the infamous Darrell Issa represents. While 49th has had a long history with the Republican Party (President Richard Nixon bought property in San Clemente) and Issa has been Congressman since 2001 with a stature of being probably the most powerful Republican in California, the Cook Political Report mentions the district has a PVI of just R+4 and according to CA Voter Registration Statistics, Issa's district represents 29% Democrats and 24% Independents, in addition to 41% Republicans.

In addition, 2012 Democratic Challenger Jerry Tetralman received 41.8% of the votes (rounded off to 42%) with zero help from outside the-49th district except some individual donations from people across the country. Given CA Voter Registration Statistics as of February 2013 don't show much has changed in the registration numbers aside from an increase of Democratic and Independent voters, arguably Tetralman's total votes didn't come from just Democrats across the board: Part of the 41.8% likely came from at least 10% of Independents registered in the district.

Months ago, Democratic Candidate **Dave Peiser** jumped in the race and started campaigning and building his campaign.

Now it looks like another Democratic Candidate is jumping in to take a shot at unseating Darrell Issa. His name is **Drew Leavens**, a marriage and family therapist who as of the recent past few weeks has been working to get his campaign set up and underway. (from the Daily Kos, 1/31/14)

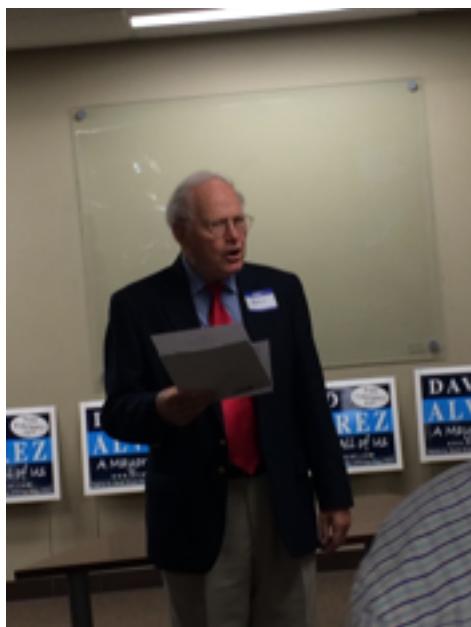
## Candidate Dave Peiser



"I won today at the Democratic Party pre-endorsement conference with 85% of the vote.... in order to be placed on the consent calendar at the Democratic convention occurring March 7, 8 and 9.... I was running against two other Democrats who had requested endorsement. I received 28 votes. Drew Leavens, from Poway, received 5 votes. And Johnny Moore, who was a no-show, received zero...." (from email from Dave Peiser, 2/8/14)

## Looking Back

The January meeting featured County Supervisor Dave Robert; John Meyer, Our Deadline Poet, and Dave Peiser, candidate for the 49th Congressional District.



Carolyn Shadle and Martha Sexton joined the San Diego [350.org](http://350.org) demonstration against the Keystone Pipeline



## After the Mayoral Election

Now that the San Diego mayoral election are behind us, we will need to roll up our sleeves and get ready for the mid-term elections - primaries in June and run-off in November. We'll be focusing on important races:



House of Representatives, Congressman **Scott Peters**, 52nd District

**David Peiser**, or **Drew Leavens** Congressman (to unseat Darrell Issa), 49th District

California Assemblywoman, Speaker, **Toni Atkins (Assembly District 76)**

San Diego Unified School District, President, **Kevin Beiser**

Watch this space for more information about these races and how you can assist.

To start, the La Jolla Democratic Club endorsed Peters, Atkins and Beiser at the

## Momentum Builds to Get Money Out of Politics

While many will say that the "Clean Elections" proposal (aka public funding of campaigns) is not as urgent as the 2014 races, it is important to know that initiatives, such as the "Clean Elections," proposal take time to build. Your ongoing support is important. John Hartley is steadfastly leading the charge. **Read below for how you can help:**

### Clean Elections Campaign - Alert/Update

We have a unique opportunity before us. The U/T has published two letters in the last two days in favor of clean elections or public financing of elections. These letters were written in response to the latest scandal of big money donors trying to influence our local elections.

We have a chance to get more letters and more public awareness of clean elections, which in my view, levels the playing field of politics, allows people to run for office who are not wealthy, has been effective in electing more women and people of color in the states of Arizona and Maine where clean elections have been in effect since 2000, and limits the influence of big money donors.

Can you write a letter to the letter to the U/T in response to these two letters? The U/T counts letters. The more written on an issue, the more they print. All you have to do is put some thoughts together, include your name and neighborhood and daytime phone number (they will not publicize your phone number, they use it to call you to see if you are indeed the letter writer) and send it by e mail to [letters@utsandiego.com](mailto:letters@utsandiego.com). You can take time to write a well written, well thought out letter or just dash off a few lines!

Second, we need your help in reaching out to groups, research and whatever you would want to do to further the cause of reforming our political system through clean elections. You are always invited to our monthly coordinating committee meeting which we currently hold on the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm. The next one will be on Tuesday, February 18 at 6pm.



### News in Verse

by John L. Meyer

We Dem mayoral hopefuls are in mourning,  
Like Olympic hopefuls without a medal.  
But we are made of sterner metal,  
And look forward to a new political morning.

## Looking Ahead - 2014 Democratic Candidates for San Diego City Council



Sarah Boot,  
candidate for District 2,  
former federal prosecutor,  
community advocate, public  
servant.



Carol Kim,  
candidate for District 6,  
former teacher, health educator, community  
organizer.



**Register voters** at the Westfield (UTC) Shopping Center. Contact Michelle Marzullo to indicate interest. She will contact you with a date when you can sign up for one-hour shifts. (202-489-5122 or [michelle.mazullo@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.mazullo@gmail.com)).

**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**.

*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*

**Dues for 2014 are now due.**

Membership is on a calendar basis and is not prorated.

Join with, meet and socialize with other Democrats.

Receive the monthly newsletter, help cover meeting costs and help get Democrats elected!

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **★La Jolla Democratic Club★**

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**La Jolla Democratic Club, P.O. Box 288 La Jolla, CA 92038**

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

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