

La Jolla Democratic Club *May, 2012*



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May Meeting - the 3rd Sunday

Sunday, May 20, 2012

2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Bryan Pease,
Democratic Candidate for San Diego City Council, District 1

Bob Filner,
Democratic Candidate for Mayor of San Diego

See bios on page 2.

And we'll have updates on preparation for the June 5 primary, the opening of the local campaign headquarters, the rethinking of San Diego, 99% Spring, San Onofre Nuclear facility, the Casady's False-Claim Law suit, and more.



Campaign Headquarters Ribbon Cutting

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 2012

1946 Balboa, Pacific Beach 92109
(near Garnet and Grand) (across
from Shell Station, between Mama
Mia's and Dirty Blond Salon.

GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING (GO TEAM)

It's not too late to get involved in helping your neighbors know about the June 5 and/or fall elections.

Training is available at the SD County Democrats Office, May 5 at 10:00 a.m. or as needed.

Contact the Office at
www.sdDemocrats.org,

858-277-3367.

**Stop at the Campaign
Headquarters to get your lawn
signs and bumper stickers.**

Bob Filner, Candidate for Mayor of San Diego



Filner received a Ph.D. in the history of Science from Cornell University in 1969 and moved to San Diego, which has been his home for over four decades.

He taught at San Diego State University for 20 years, and served on the San Diego School Board, including as President.

Filner was elected to San Diego City Council in 1987, fighting to develop the local economy in San Diego and attract quality workforce opportunities. He created the city's first Economic Conversion Committee and wrote the city's Economic Conversion Plan, introduced Police Walking Patrols and a Citizen Graffiti Patrol with the area's unprecedented 24-hour graffiti hotline. He was selected to be Deputy Mayor in 1991.

In 1992, Filner was elected to the United States House of Representatives, where he has served on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, including as its Chairman.

Filner has a solid record of fighting for the working families, seniors, veterans and small business owners that make up his district.

His experience representing a border community has given him significant insight..

He is running for Mayor because he has an outsider's view and approach combined with an insider's understanding of the problems and the solutions. [For more details, see www.bobfilnerformayor.com](http://www.bobfilnerformayor.com)

Bryan Pease, Candidate for San Diego City Council, District One

Bryan is a public interest attorney, living in La Jolla with a law office in Banker's Hill, which he shares with environmental attorneys Todd Cardiff and Craig Sherman. His notable past victories have included winning free speech cases against Fashion Valley Mall, Target Corporation, Sinclair Oil Corporation (dba the Westgate Hotel), Brea Mall, and the City of San Diego. He has also won several lawsuits protecting the La Jolla seals and saving millions of taxpayer dollars.



Previous work has included outreach director for the New York State Public Interest Research Group, lifeguard and swim instructor for developmentally disabled children, intern for Assemblyman Peter Rivera, human rights legal analyst at the Tompkins County Human Rights Commission, cofounder of the Animal Protection and Rescue League, legal staff in the legal compliance division of SeaSilver in Carlsbad, and with the Humane Society of the U.S. to help pass Proposition 2, the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act. He currently serves on the board of the Ocean Beach People's Cooperative Organic Market. For more details, see www.bryanpease.com.

For minutes of our monthly meetings, go to our website: www.lajollademocrats.org

La Jolla Democrat Club Has Endorsed George Schaefer for Superior Court Judge

He is one of three candidates seeking election to Judicial Office 25. An announcement on his website states:

During Schaefer's tenure at the City Attorney's Office, he successfully defended the City of SD in a federal lawsuit brought to remove the Mt. Soledad Cross from the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial. In another case, Schaefer successfully represented the City in court proceedings to vacate an injunction that would have required the dredging of the La Jolla Children's Pool and dispersal of a seal colony. In the both cases, the court victories eliminated the City's risk of paying millions in fees and costs.



Last year, Schaefer successfully defended the City in a two-week federal civil jury trial and a five-week state civil jury trial. City employees in both cases sought large damage awards for alleged discrimination.

Before commencing work at the City Attorney's Office, Schaefer worked in private practice primarily representing workers in employment disputes. He also served as a District Attorney in another jurisdiction prosecuting murder, rape, child sexual abuse, and other criminal cases. Schaefer's legal experience includes prior death penalty cases.

Schaefer is immediate past president of the Deputy City Attorney's Association of SD and currently serves on the SD County Bar Assn's Appellate Court Committee. See www.gerogeschaeforjudge.com

La Jolla Democrat Club Has Endorsed Brant Will for SD County Board of Supervisors



The following comes from Brant's Facebook page:

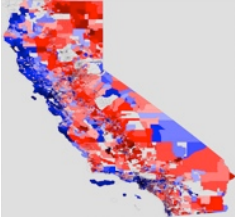
Brant comes to politics through government, seeing what works and what doesn't, and realizing that in order to do the most good, you have to be in a position to make the ultimate decisions.

Brant has been the Deputy City Attorney for Finance and Disclosure with the SD City Attorney's office for six years. He was recruited in 2006 to assist a city that was mired in investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Attorney's office and the SD District Attorney's office. Since those dark days, the City, with Brant's help, has instituted sweeping reforms to its financial disclosure practices. Today the city has a model financial disclosure program that Brant oversees in his role as disclosure coordinator.

Brant also advises the City Council's Budget & Finance Committee, where he has worked collaboratively with the Committee, the City's independent Budget Analyst, and the Mayor's office to transition the City to a Strong Mayor form of government, while preserving the Council's prerogatives in budget matters.

He was awarded the JD degree from Vanderbilt Law School in 2002 and a Bachelor's degree in History from Colgate University in 1995. He graduated from James I. O'Neill High School in 1991.

The “Open Primary,” June 5, 2012



This June we will implement the new **Top Two Primary Election** which voters adopted as Proposition 14 in 2010. As you may remember, this primary election method allows all candidates for offices that formerly ran separate primary elections to appear on the same ballot.

In past primaries, for example, Democrats elected their candidates for Congress and the state legislature on a ballot that was separate from the Republican ballot, and both parties allowed nonpartisan voters to choose their ballot.

Now, all candidates, including those representing major parties, minor parties or no party at all, will be on the same ballot. Voters will be able to freely choose among the candidates regardless of their party preferences or the candidates' party preference.

Did you notice that the phrase is party “preferences” rather than party “affiliation?” That’s because voters no longer need to affiliate with a party to choose one of its candidates. And candidates now seek the voters’ nomination rather than a party’s. The top two voter-getters, regardless of their party preferences, will advance to the November general election ballot.

Logically, then, you would expect to have one ballot for all voters because all voters can choose freely among the candidates, right? Well, wrong. That’s because we still have separate partisan elections for U.S. President and party central committees. So we will continue to give a Republican ballot to a Republican voter, a Democratic ballot to a Democratic voters, etc. This year, as in the past, both the American Independent Party and the Democratic Party will allow nonpartisan voters to vote in their presidential primary elections.

--- *From the Seiler Report, Spring 2012, published by the County of San Diego, Registrar of Voters*

Revisiting Occupy SD

Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m-6 p.m,

Church of the Brethren, 3859 Westgate Place, 92105

All are welcome to be updated on Occupy SD and think about the spring.

Bring snack and lunch to share.

Updates:

Genetically-Engineered Food

The effort to label genetically engineered food was boosted by the submission of a million signatures to the FDA urging the agency to include GE food under the existing labeling law.

In California, we are anticipating a state initiative to require labeling in California will qualify for the June ballot in CA.

Local Nuclear Power

The local nuclear power plant in Oceanside, known as San Onofre, has been shut down and, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, will not re-start until Southern California Edison determines why the new generators failed. The first report by an independent reviewer indicated changes in the original design and materials resulted in unexpected leaks and a subsequent release of radioactive steam.

-Nancy Casady,
Pres., Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility

Club Members About Town



Faye Girsh with Bob Filner at the La Jolla Newcomers Breakfast

La Jolla Newcomers Breakfast Program: Balboa Park, Plaza de Panamma Project, being supported by Qualcomm Founder, Irwin Jacobs Friday, May 4, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am at Bernini's Bistro - 7550 Fay Ave. (across from Vons in the Village of La Jolla). The cost for the family-style breakfast is \$10.00 (all inclusive). Special guest speakers will be Kevin Horst, Project Manager, and Kristen McDade Byrne, MJE VP of Communications and Public Affairs.



Carolyn Shadle (top right) with the group telling their stories at the 99% Spring training, sponsored by MoveOn.org

Candidates for Central Committee

**Vote June 5, 2012
78th Assembly District
(6 seats will be elected)**

Derek Casady
Matthew Corrales
Suzie Ditmars
Ricardo Flores
Bill Irvine
Gloria Johnson
Don Loftus
Phyllis McGrath
Nancy Miller
Kami Olsson
Mary Paulet
Jose Rodriguez
Ruth Rollins
Gerry Senda
Daniel Schmiekowski
Howard Wayne
Stephen Whitburn



John Meyer (center) at Tax Day Rally

Kami Olsson presented the GO Team concept to participants attending the March 31st CDC Leadership Training in San Bernardino. Michael McQuary, third person in the front row on the left, attended the leadership training session.



If you haven't paid in 2012, do so now.

Membership is on a calendar basis, so pay NOW for 2012. 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: **All yearly dues are due in January.**

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Receive newsletter via email: yes / no

Email: _____

Volunteer: ___Phone ___Precinct Work ___Host Meetings ___Raise
Funds ___Serve on Board

Make your check payable to LJDC or La Jolla Democratic
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Dues are not tax deductible.

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