

Democratic Club of the Conejo Valley

February 2010 Newsletter

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VC FAIR ELECTIONS WORKING GROUP MEETING

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Upcoming Meetings

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"Eco Votes: Elections and the Environment"

With a view toward 2010 elections, David Allgood, Southern California Director of the California League of Conservation Voters, and CLCV associate Mike Young recap incumbent scorecards and examine the impact of the election year on SoCal environmental issues.

For nearly 20 years, David Allgood has played a leading role in CLCV's core work--electing environmental champions and working to pass strong environmental laws. He is a driving force in state environmental policy, including the effort to clean major ports and protect the health of workers and residents in surrounding communities.

Allgood served as Board Chair for the Coalition for Clean Air (CCA) and the Environmental Alliance for California's Health (including American Lung Association, CCA, CLCV, Natural Resources Defense Council and Sierra Club).

Mike Young, CLCV political and development associate, is a board member of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters (LALCV) and San Fernando Valley Young Democrats (SFVYD).

Wed., Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m., Grant Brimhall Library, 1401 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks. Priority seating for DCCV members in good standing.

<http://www.ecovote.org>

Club Notices & Local Events

Time to Renew Your Membership!

This is an election year. The Governor, Senate, Congress and Assembly are just some of the races in play. More than 70 initiatives are in circulation, and we expect about a dozen to qualify for the June and November ballots. Now is the time to renew your membership!

We are the local grassroots foundation of the Democratic Party and need to build our membership so we can support our candidates. Your dues help finance our precinct operations. We will be holding candidate and proposition forums beginning in March and continuing to the June primary. This summer, we will gear up for a full scale precinct operation that begins with our Labor Day kickoff.

Please follow the link to the membership page of our website. Thank you for renewing your membership to the Democratic Club of the Conejo Valley!

Click here to renew:

http://www.conejodemocrats.com/e107_plugins/survey/survey.php?1

Jay Kapitz,
Election Strategy Chair

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM, CHANNEL 25 EYE ON THE ISSUES

David Atkins hosts interviews with attorney Gloria Allred and Lilly Ledbetter (Fair Pay Act of 2009) throughout the month of February.

Allred: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9rJsSpqe30>

Ledbetter: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qcRscETJRQ>

In March, Eye on the Issues will air Cong. Henry Waxman's speech delivered at the Agoura/Calabasas Community Center in early January.

The second segment of the March show is devoted to the Fair Elections Campaign initiative on the June ballot. Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett and former candidate Carole Lutness (D-Valencia/CA-38) are featured.

To view more shows, search Eye on the Issues at youtube.com.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF THE CONEJO VALLEY

The Democratic Women's Council of Conejo Valley holds its meeting and brunch February 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Boccaccio's Restaurant, 32123 Lindero Canyon Rd., Westlake Village.

Don Schroeder, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, will be speaking on The Outlook for Healthcare for All in California. Schroeder is Co-Chair of California One Care Campaign and is on the board of directors of Healthcare for All-California.

Call 805-495-1515 for reservations

<http://www.healthcareforall.org>

Articles

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SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2:00 to 4:00PM CALIFORNIA FAIR ELECTIONS ACT KICK-OFF Camarillo Library, 4101 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo

Attend the local campaign kick-off for the California Fair Elections Act! Join Ventura County Supervisors Steve Bennett and Linda Parks, campaign chair Trent Lange, and others to help pass Fair Elections that money can't buy.

The California Fair Elections Act (CFEA) represents fundamental election reform that will allow candidates and elected officials to get out of the money game and get back to solving California's problems by creating a pilot project for a voluntary Fair Elections public financing system of

campaigns similar to those in seven other states.

Assemblymembers Pedro Nava and Julia Brownley, along with Ventura County Supervisors Steve Bennett, Kathy Long, Linda Parks and John Zaragoza -- all endorsers of the California Fair Elections Act -- will talk about why they support it and why all Californians should!

Trent Lange, Chair of Californians for Fair Elections, will talk about how the system works and the statewide campaign to pass the proposition.

The kick-off will end with a brainstorming and organizing session for the new local grassroots coalition to support the campaign by building support locally.

Please invite everyone you know who is sick of the outrageous amount of money in politics and might be interested in helping bring about Fair Elections. Imagine what California could be if our elected officials could focus on governing instead of fundraising!

Sponsors: League of Women Voters, Calif. Common Cause, Calif. Nurses Assoc., Calif. Clean Money Campaign, SOAR, Rainbow Alliance, Midtown Ventura Community Council, Dem Clubs of Conejo, Ojai, Oxnard, Ventura, Simi, Santa Clara Valley, Conejo Womens Council, VC National Women's Political Caucus, PDA of VC, Social Action Committee Ventura Unitarian Church, DFA of VC, Arts 4 Action, VC Young Dems, VCCool, Stonewall Dems, Los Padres Sierra Club plus additional groups joining everyday.

For more info, contact: j_kapitz@yahoo.com , 818-889-1039

Articles

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2:00 TO 4:00PM
Ventura County Fair Elections Working Group Meeting
2700 E. Ponderosa Dr., Mira Vista Sr. Complex Clubhouse
Camarillo

Would you like to get politicians out of the fundraising game so they stay focused on the job we elect them to accomplish?

The California Fair Elections Act, which would start to get politicians back to focusing on the needs of the voters, is on the June ballot thanks to the efforts of working groups across the state like ours. We need to build support in our local communities to make sure it passes!

Ventura County activists, community leaders and citizens like you will be meeting to organize the local grassroots campaign for the California Fair Elections Act.

Join Ventura County co-coordinators Jay Kapitz, Mary Pallant, Steve Bennett and other volunteers working in your community to build support for Fair Elections **full public-funding** of campaigns today!

Bring your ideas and find out how you can help. Working together, we can bring fair campaign finance to California.

Sun., Feb. 21 from 2 to 4pm
2700 E. Ponderosa Dr.
Mira Vista Sr. Complex Clubhouse
Camarillo

From the 101 heading North - off at Lewis Rd., left at bottom of ramp, right on Arneil Rd., right on Ponderosa Dr.. After about ½ mile, turn right into Mira Vista Senior Complex (before Temple Ave.).

From the 101 heading South - off at Lewis Rd., right at bottom of ramp, right at Arneil Rd., right on Ponderosa Dr. After about ½ mile, turn right into Mira Vista Senior Complex (before Temple Ave).

All visitors should park near the entrance on the wall side and walk straight ahead to the clubhouse.

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Submissions

Articles and event notices are due three days prior to the end of the month. Fri., Feb. 26 at noon is the March issue deadline.

For the mid-month update (Feb. 15), the deadline is Fri., Feb. 12.

Please submit to Saria Kraft: kraftomat@gmail.com

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