

**SOUTH COUNTY DEMOCRATIC**  
**CLUB MAY 11, 2010.**

**Club Meeting scheduled for May 15, 2010**

**The South County Democratic Club will meet on May 15, 2010 at The Village Green of Gilroy located at: 7600 Isabella Way\*). The meeting will start at 10:00 AM and conclude at Noon.**

\*VILLAGE GREEN ASSISTED LIVING COMPLEX  
7600 ISABELLA WAY, GILROY

DIRECTIONS: South on Santa Teresa Blvd. to the traffic light at Third St.  
Right on Third St. (going west) Right on Isabella Way  
Tell gate guard you are going to the Democratic Club meeting at the Assisted Living Meeting room is first building on the right, ground floor, parking in front  
We will have signs pointing the way.

**Please bring a snack item for the meeting. We will be serving coffee. Thanks to the members that brought food to the last meeting!**

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**From the SCDC E-Board:**

**Our E-Board Meeting will be held on May 11, 2010 at the home of Alex Kennett. The Meeting starts at 7:00 PM and is located at 15231 Perry Lane in Morgan Hill. Ph: 408-221-1369. Drinks and salad will be served so please bring a food item to share with fellow members. Thank you to all that have brought yummys in the past. All Members are welcome.**

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**From SD 15 Candidate John Laird:**

In conjunction with  
with co-sponsors  
**Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley**

former Mayor of Santa Cruz *-presents-*  
California State Assembly Member  
Candidate for Senate District 15  
Senate District 15 primary June 22  
Senate District 15 Special Election August 17

**JOHN LAIRD**

Sunday May 16, 2010  
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Santa Clara Library, Redwood Room  
(on Homestead btwn Kiely & San Tomas Expwy)  
Kristina Wright, 408-464-3836

**Santa Clara County  
Council of Democratic Clubs  
Santa Clara County  
Democratic Central Committee  
Santa Clara County Democratic Club  
Peninsula Democratic Coalition  
South County Democratic Club  
Obama Democratic Club of Silicon Valley  
South Bay for Change**

On the web: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gp8q7d>  
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**From Chairman Preminger of SCCDPCC:**

**Democratic 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club Lunch  
Friday, May 14, 2010**

The Democratic 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club's next luncheon will be held  
on Friday, May 14.

We are delighted to announce that Larry Stone, Tax Assessor for Santa Clara County, will be our May speaker. There is no one better connected to politics in our region as well as to the emerging professional sports scene. His insight actually extends far beyond Silicon Valley. Larry is a knowledgeable, dynamic speaker and this will be a lunch to remember. He will concentrate on the critical problems facing our state in terms of governance. He has been closely connected with the “reform California movement” and will fill us in on how we might tackle term limits, the out of control initiative process, the 2/3 requirement to pass a state budget or to increase property taxes locally, possible changes to Prop 13, campaign finance reform, education reform, public pension changes, local government consolidations and more. This will be a real political insiders talk and you won’t want to miss it! And please bring a friend.

Lunch as usual begins at noon. We will be at the San Jose Holiday Inn, 1740 N. First Street (close to the 101 exit). We will be once more in the Mediterranean Center which is around the back of the hotel with plenty of parking. Even though our room is secured, be sure to watch for signs just in case there is a last minutes change of venue.

This will be a popular and informative luncheon so be sure to make a reservation before Thursday noon. It is VERY difficult to make certain we have enough food when people just drop in at the very last minute and the hotel’s wonderful and patient banquet staff will thank you for the advance notice. Please RSVP to Anne Mack at [events@d21stcc.com](mailto:events@d21stcc.com). You can also call for a reservation or further information at 650-493-7798. The price is now \$25 which will just barely cover our costs. We hope to see you on the 14th and don’t forget to RSVP and to bring a guest!

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT LUNCHEON  
IN JUNE WHERE WE'LL HEAR FROM ROD DIRIDON  
ABOUT THE TRIALS, TRIBULATIONS AND FUTURE OF  
THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT. FRIDAY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>.**

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-and this just in-

**Editors Note: This is why we must mobilize for John NOW. This could be all over on June 22. Please join us on Sunday. (see below)Thanks**

Hello all.

This is a quick note to let you know that four people filed papers to attempt to be on the June 22 special election 15th State Senate District ballot and the order they will appear on the ballot:

Jim Miller Fitzgerald, Retired Transportation Manager, Decline-to-State (received 36.9 percent vs. Maldonado in 2008)

Mark W.A. Hinkle, Small Business Owner, Libertarian (received 8.9 percent vs. Bill Monning for Assembly Dist 27 in 2008)

**John Laird, Educator, Democrat (former State Assemblymember from District 27)**

Sam Blakeslee, Independent Business Owner, Republican (current State Assemblymember holding Maldonado's past Assembly seat)

Mr. Hinkle submitted only 22 valid signatures in Santa Clara County, though he informed the Santa Clara County registrar that he submitted other signatures to other county registrars to meet his required 40 signatures. Thus, Mr. Hinkle may or may not qualify for the ballot.

If any of the candidates above receives a majority of votes cast June 22, that person will be sworn in as the new State Senator with NO additional election. If no candidate above receives a majority of votes June 22, ALL candidates will be on the ballot a second time - because there are no parties with more than one person running.

**Please note, if John Laird wins a majority vote June 22, there will be no "runoff" election in which each party's nominee will appear.**

So... we earn a few days of summer break if we help John win this election as a "one and done" before we dive into the big election this fall.

- Chris Stampolis  
Member, Democratic National Committee  
408-390-4748

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**Reminder and Important Update about John Laird's Campaign and the Council of the Clubs Meeting this Sunday, May 16th**

Dear Democratic Party Leaders including Club Central Committee Reps., Club Presidents, and E-Board Members,

The Second Meeting of the Council of the Clubs will be held this Sunday, **May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 2 pm** at the Santa Clara

Library, Central Park Branch, Santa Clara, in the large Redwood Conference Room, Santa Clara.

Address: 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara.

**At 2 PM- 4 PM John Laird will join us** in the same room for a West Valley for Change Club Event featuring John. He will be addressing all present on how we can help him win this most important SD 15 seat. (Republican Abel Maldonado's old seat). Remember: John Laird's victory will give us a real possibility of meeting the needed 2/3's requirement to control the State Senate. (We presently have 63% of the seats in the State Senate).

Please do these 3 things:

- 1) **It is critical that all clubs have a representative at this meeting.** Each club will be receiving a **MOE (Mobilize, Organize, and Elect) Manual** plus introductory training and the Campaign Training Manual entitled: **Learn to Win: 2010**. Steve and I want to make certain that every club receives these materials. **Please send me the name of the individual representing your club and receiving these manuals at this meeting.** Many thanks.
- 2) **Encourage your club to publicly endorse John Laird's campaign by May 16<sup>th</sup>.** Steve Preminger and I hope that all of the 21 Democratic Clubs in our County will endorse and adopt John Laird's Campaign this campaign season. Act now because Governor Schwarzenegger has called

for SD 15 to have a Special Election on June 27<sup>th</sup> giving us very little time to organize. It is clear that the political party that acts first, with the most energy and determination will win SD 15 seat. Let us make certain that it is the Democratic Party!

- 3) Elaine Coombs and Kristina Wright passed along the attached excellent flyers advertising the May 16<sup>th</sup> Event with John Laird. Please pass them along to your members. It will be an outstanding and significant event. Let us have the room packed!

Warmest regards, Diane

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Director for the Clubs

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As I promised, here's the link to the MHAT (Morgan Hill Access TV) Blip.TV video-on-demand site for the May 4 Supervisor Candidates Forum put on by the Morgan Hill Toastmasters.

<http://blip.tv/file/3585790>

Please feel free to include it in your newsletter and forward it to everyone who might be interested.

Cheers!

*Marty*



## ★ ACTION ALERT! ★

It is clear from the beginning of the year that Wall Street Whitman is prepared to spend more than \$150 million to buy the governorship of California.

We know Jerry Brown is a great candidate, but there is no way either he or the Party can come close to matching Mega Bucks Meg's money. That is why we put on several workshops in the state on how to elect Democrats and win elections. I am now asking you to be a real Democratic activist to change the November election.

We want to use a short period before the primary to serve as a jump-off point for our effort in November. Voter turnout is the biggest obstacle we will face this fall for a variety of reasons, the lack of presidential election, which drives down turnout by 10% - 15%, as well as the tremendous discontent among voters of all parties.

Our plan is to sign up as many permanent absentee voters as possible, starting in the primary and moving into the general election. Statistics show that permanent absentee voters are twice as likely to vote as those who go to the polls. Voters who participate in the June election are also more likely to vote in November. Increasing the number of Democratic permanent absentee voters is a great way to change the electorate that will vote this November and especially in low turnout elections.

Mollie Culver, CDP's political director, has developed a program to identify both occasional Democratic voters and first-time Obama voters. We are providing you a list of a dozen voters that fit these profiles within your own precinct, their contact information, as well as a permanent absentee voting application.

I am asking you to sign up five permanent absentee voters from this list in the next two to three weeks. This will take a minimal amount of effort. It is an easy and meaningful way to make it easier for them to vote this year and increase our Democratic turnout.

Instructions:

- [Download the form HERE](#)

- Have the voter complete the form and check the box to be a permanent vote by mail voter.
- Mail the form for them to the address below within 72 hours of completion!

Registrar of Voters  
P.O. Box 1147  
Registrar City, CA 95108

Your List of Voters:

1. Andy Pashby at 15955 Oak Glen Ave, Morgan Hill (408) 778-1327
2. Tia P Pashby at 15955 Oak Glen Ave, Morgan Hill (408) 778-1327
3. Luanne J Jessel at 15185 Sycamore Dr, Morgan Hill (408) 778-1223
4. Jessica M Moore at 12925 Uvas Rd, Morgan Hill (408) 776-0942
5. Kelley A Newell at 16865 Oak Glen Ave, Morgan Hill (408) 782-8712
6. Lisa A Phillips at 17845 Serene Dr, Morgan Hill (408) 779-1845
7. Carlos Gonzales at 1000 Monterey Rd, Morgan Hill (408) 463-9464
8. Tommy Homuth at 13246 Sandy Ct, Morgan Hill (408) 779-5742
9. Christopher Vidal at 13265 Uvas Rd, Morgan Hill (408) 782-0169
10. Jorge A Lovato at 13800 Watsonville Rd, Morgan Hill (408) 779-9500
11. Francisco Martinez at 515 Fisher Ave, Morgan Hill (408) 778-0134
12. Matthew J Margherita at 2303 Kimberly Ct, Morgan Hill (408) 779-2081

If we can work together, we can make a difference to turn out Democratic voters in June and train them to vote this November. Our efforts will ensure that money will not buy the Senate seat and governorship in California. Additionally, these new voters will make a difference in local issues, in races such as local water boards, county board of supervisors, and city councils. These elections will also help to build a farm team of candidates who will be the Democratic Party's future candidates in statewide and federal elections.

Voter turnout will be the key to our victory in November. There is so much on the line. Please take these small steps as activists. If you want more names or have questions, please call the Party headquarters at (916) 442-5707 or email Mollie Culver at [mollie@cadem.org](mailto:mollie@cadem.org). I look forward to seeing the results. I, too, will talk to voters in my own precinct to sign up permanent absentee voters. Let's work together now toward victory this fall!

Peace and friendship,



John

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1401 21st Street, Suite 200, Sacramento CA 95811  
Not authorized by any candidate or candidate committee.

To prevent mailbox filters from deleting mailings from John Burton, CADem.org, add  
John@cadem.org to your address book.

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**For our Gilroy Voters:**

Best Regards,  
Cat Tucker  
Gilroy City Council

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From: Shawna Freels  
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 10:26 AM  
To: All Council Members; All PD; All City Hall; All Fire  
Subject: Vote By Mail Drop Off - Gilroy City Hall

The City Clerk's Department is a "Vote by Mail" ballot drop off location for the June 8th primary. Feel free to drop off your ballot M-Th. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the front counter of Administration ( no postage required!) .

Shawna Freels, CMC  
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REGISTER & VOTE

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**JJ Dinner:**

Dear Santa Clara County Democrat,

The jury has reached its verdict. Word on the street is that this was our best Democratic dinner ever! 600 or so people participated. Assembly Speaker John Perez delivered a great speech about the direction of the state and how we all need to be involved, if our values are to triumph. John Laird got an enthusiastic reception (and the first ever JJ dinner endorsement, which should handily carry him into office), and Zoe and Mike gave their insightful perspective about the political climate in the country. Herb Engstrom won the Madge Overhouse Volunteer of the Year award. With the exception of a slight fire that broke out just before guests arrived in the ballroom (some blame the Young Dems; I find that to be a strong word), the dinner went smoothly.

Major thanks to our JJ Dinner Committee, chaired by Hope Cahan and composed of a fabulous group of volunteers, for working on logistics, outreach, and event-day preparations. And many thanks to our elected officials, candidates, clubs, unions and individuals who parted with their hard-earned funds to support the Santa Clara County Democratic Party in this momentous year.

Please keep in touch with us. We are getting ready for absentee ballots to go out for the June 8 primary, getting geared up for the dash to elect **John Laird** to the 15th State Senate seat June 22, and helping to build our important Democratic Clubs. Our web site, <http://www.facebook.com/l/12204;www.sccdp.org> is the best place to find out what is happening and how to be involved.

Thanks again to all Democrats who helped bring home our 20th annual dinner.

Steve Preminger

Chair

