

Dear Sunnyvale Democrats and friends,

We have been chartered and are now officially considered a Democratic Club! The Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee voted to charter us, along with a warm welcome, at their monthly meeting on September 3st.

Please come to our next meeting on September 19th and mark your calendars for October 17th.

September and October are "Bring a Friend" months. We are not distributing flyers at this time, so we'd like to keep attendance up and get the word out. Please invite your friends to join us at Las Palmas Park both days.

September 19, 2009, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Meet the Democratic Candidates for City Council and
Hear an Update on Downtown from Mayor Tony Spitaleri*

Las Palmas Park Community Building, 850 Russet Dr, Sunnyvale, CA

October 17, 2009, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sally Lieber, How to Get Your Ideas Turned into State Law

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* We changed our plans, which were to work together to set our priorities for the coming year in September. Instead, we will be discussing our club's priorities in January because we did not want to exclude our members who will be observing the Jewish High Holy Days in September.

At our August meeting, Craig Dunkerley presented information about campaign finance reform, an item that will be on the June 10, 2010 ballot. Craig grew up in Sunnyvale. He's now the South Bay Coordinator for California Clean Money Campaign. Craig opened his talk with a description of how too much private money in our political system causes us to enter wars we don't need, prevents meaningful regulation on Wall Street, stymies health insurance reform, and halts environmental projects that could control global warming. He described several scenarios where politicians, well-meaning people with good intentions, can get trapped and how places that have enacted campaign finance reform have been happy with the results.

Craig is expecting a new brochure, which I will forward it electronic form when it becomes available. Also, here are links with more information.

California Clean Money Campaign: <http://www.caclean.org/>

Local chapter, Clean Money Campaign: <http://www.caclean.org/events/southbayarea.php>

Health Insurance Reform news:

Pres. Obama's speech

Link to the transcript of the President's closing remarks, the entire speech, and the letter from Ted Kennedy:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/The-Presidents-Remarks-and-a-Letter-from-Ted/>

County Meeting on Health Care

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee will be discussing Congressional health care legislation, including HR 676, on Thursday August 13 at 11:00 am in the Supervisors Chambers at 70 W. Hedding. Single-payer supporters should attend this meeting to make sure that support of single payer is moved along to be considered by the Board of Supervisors as a whole. It is the fifth item on the agenda and people are advised to get there at 11:00 as it is likely to come up shortly after the beginning. The link to the agenda is posted below.

People should be prepared to speak concisely on the issue or show their support in another way. (Like, one of the speakers can ask supporters to stand up, and/or someone can make brightly colored stickers, and/or people can carry signs.)

http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/scc/boardagenda?contentId=49612df4f12f2210VgnVCM10000048dc4a92____&agendaType=Committee%20Agenda

Sunnyvale City Council Candidate Forums

If you are unable to attend our DCS meet-and-greet event, there are several opportunities to see the candidates in a more formal setting. At several of these events, those present will have the opportunity to submit questions to candidates

Monday, September 21, 7:00 p.m. at Washington Park

Thursday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. in the city council chambers

Saturday, October 3, 4:00 p.m. at Fair Oaks Park

Thursday, October 8, 7:00 in the city council chambers

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. in the city council chambers

Monday, November 2nd, 7:00 p.m. in the city council chambers (tentative)

Tuesday, November 3rd is get out and vote day.

See you on Saturday, September 19th!

Onward!

Nancy Smith

DCS President

ADDENDUM sent 9/15:

The Santa Clara County Legislative Committee will consider support of a resolution in support of single-payer health care on September 17. The meeting begins at 2:30 in the

supervisor's chambers on the first floor of the county building at 70 W Hedding. It is important to have a strong show of support on September 17. This is the only date scheduled to discuss the resolution, so your presence is needed, if you can make it.

There were 30 single-payer supporters at the first Legislative Committee meeting on single-payer health care, and the turnout apparently had an effect on several supervisors. The matter was referred to staff to get more information on how this would affect the county as a health care provider (it's already been shown how much money would be saved to the county as an employer).

We will get an update from Fred Hirsch, a member of the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care at our meeting at Saturday's meeting.

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- 2) Update on Downtown from Mayor Tony Spitaleri
- 3) Report from the SCCDCC Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care
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Also, I have attached the brochures from Craig Dunkerley about campaign finance reform as well.

Onward!
Nancy Smith
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