



Active Democrat

General Meeting – November 10, 2010

Lessons of the Election: Discussion

with Jim Clarke, Mona Field, & Karlo Silbiger



President's Letter:

I was waiting to write until the November 2nd election was over.

This message will be fairly short – but

not because I'm too shocked and depressed to write. I'm not thrilled with the election results, to say the least, ... but the national results were not unexpected. We knew that Democrats were going to lose, and lose BIG! It's a little early to digest all the consequences of the Republican take-over of the House. However, that will be one of the main discussion points of our upcoming Club meeting on November 10 – What happens now?

As for California election results, ... Our voters didn't get caught up in the "throw out all the incumbents" frenzy. In addition, Californians showed that at least in 2010, our votes were not for sale! Meg Whitman's investment of her massive personal fortune did not buy her the Governor's seat. Carly Fiorina could not buy a Senate seat. Congratulations to Governor-elect Jerry Brown and

Senator Barbara Boxer! Democrats also won handily in most of the Statewide races – with Kamala Harris holding a somewhat-narrow lead for Attorney General.

Locally, our Democrats came through – giving Karen Bass 86.4 % of the votes for the 33rd Congressional District. Congratulations Congresswoman-Elect Bass!

The Democrats still have strong majorities in the State Senate and Assembly. Congratulations to re-elected State Senator Curren Price and Assemblywoman-elect Holly Mitchell.

Our local Democratic Headquarters and volunteers were able to get out the vote. I know this is a cliché, but it's so true, ... "When Democrats vote, Democrats win!" That is one positive lesson we've been able to take from this election.

The propositions were a mixed bag of results: Big oil was not able to buy and confuse the voters into suspending laws for clean air. What will the California legislature do now that it can pass (See **President**, Page 2)

Monthly General Membership Meeting:
7:00 PM Wednesday, November 10, 2010
6:45 PM – Refreshments
Rotunda Room
Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue
Corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd.

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Club Notes
Renew your membership!
Please use the form on page 4 to supply your renewal information.

Electronic Newsletter:
Submit your email address to Info@CCDemClub.org and ask to get the newsletter by email! Save a tree and save our club the postage!

Join the Culver City Peace Vigil: Show your support for ending the war in Afghanistan every other Friday 5:30 – 6:30 PM across from the Culver Hotel.

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a budget with a majority, but still needs a 2/3 supermajority to raise revenue? What will result from the Redistricting Commission? What is it about the word “taxes” that makes people vote against them, ... even if it’s just for large corporations?... and why are people so conflicted and fearful about legalizing marijuana? These items and more, will also be discussed at our November 10 meeting. Be there!

Finally, thanks so much to all of our Club members who volunteered for our mailing parties, phone-banking, precinct walking and getting out the vote! Things may not look good on the national scene, but know that your work makes a difference!

Take care,
Ronnie Jayne
President

Nominating Committee and Officer Elections

For those of you who’ve been members for more than a year (and that’s many of you) you probably already know that the end of the year for our Club means nominations for officers and elections of the officers for the next year. As prescribed in our Club’s constitution a nominating committee is formed at our

November meeting. The committee will consist of five current Club members with the chair and one member appointed by the President and the other three members elected at our November meeting.

Ronnie, our President, will be announcing her appointments to the committee at the November meeting and we will be electing the three other members of the committee at that same meeting.

Once the nominating committee is formed the committee’s one and only task is to find and nominate members who are qualified and willing to serve as our Club’s officers for 2011. If you have a desire to work with fellow Democrats and want to see our Club continue to be successful you should consider taking on a role as officer for the Club and seek a nomination from the committee. However, keep in mind that a member does not have to be nominated by the committee to run for an officer position and can run from the floor at the January meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee as either an appointed or elected member, or would like to run for a Club officer position for 2011, please contact our President at (310) 836-7557 or email President@CCDemClub.Org

Seeking Submissions

We would like your articles and letters to the editor. Let your voice be heard! Submissions will be published as space allows. Submissions may be edited for length.

The Club’s Executive Board reserves the right to determine suitability of submissions for inclusion in the newsletter.

Donations Needed for Our Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser

As the end of the year approaches our Club once again needs to refill the coffers that make it possible to do the work we do in making endorsements and getting the Democratic word out to thousands of households in Culver City. As in years past we will have a silent auction at our December meeting.

Our silent auction has reliably provided much needed funds for the Club and some very welcome fun as well. However, the auction doesn't just happen by itself. It takes plenty of hard work and organization by our club members and in particular our President Ronnie Jayne. One way you can help is by soliciting donations from local businesses that you patronize or by donating services or brand new goods yourself.

Another way to help is by working with Ronnie Jayne to help pick up donations, organize the displays, help collect the payments, help write the thank-you notes, etc.

If you can help with donations or in any of the other myriad tasks for the auction please contact Ronnie at (310) 836-7557 or email President@CCDemClub.Org

Di’s Corner: By Diane Rosenberg

The club has lost two members, Lee Sant Angelo and Richard (Dick) Ramsdell. Lee leaves behind her family and numerous friends. Our condolences go out to her three daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren.

Richard passed away on October 20, 2010. He leaves behind his daughter Lynda Crawford, and numerous family members. The club sends their condolences to them

Tom Hayden to Speak at Our December Meeting

(Excerpted from Wikipedia)

Hayden was born in Detroit, Michigan, to parents of Irish descent. He graduated from Dondero High School in Royal Oak, Michigan and later attended the University of Michigan, where he was editor of the Michigan Daily and, disenchanted by the anti-radicalism of existing groups like the National Student Association (later revealed to be a CIA front), became one of the founders of the student activist group Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

In 1961, he married Casey Hayden, a Texas-born civil rights activist who worked for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. He served as president of SDS from 1962 to 1963 and drafted its most famous work, the Port Huron Statement. From 1964 to 1968, he lived in Newark, New Jersey, where he worked with impoverished inner-city residents as part of the Newark Community Union Project. He was also witness to the city's race riots and wrote the book *Rebellion in Newark: Official Violence and Ghetto Response* (1967). Hayden also played a key role in the protests surrounding the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Six months after the convention he was indicted on federal charges of conspiracy and incitement to riot as part of the "Chicago Eight," with other protesters including Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin. He made several high-profile trips as a peace activist to Cambodia and North Vietnam during America's involvement in the Vietnam War,

including an especially controversial one in 1972 to North Vietnam with his future wife, actress Jane Fonda. The following year he married Jane and they had one child whom they named Troy Garity, born on 7 Jul 1973.

In 1976, Hayden made a primary election challenge against sitting California U.S. Senator John V. Tunney. Starting far behind, Hayden mounted a spirited challenge and finished a surprisingly close second in the Democratic primary field. He and Fonda went on to found the Campaign for Economic Democracy (CED), which formed a close alliance with then-Governor Jerry Brown and successfully promoted solar energy, environmental protection, and renters' rights policies while promoting candidates for local office throughout California, some 100 of whom would be elected.

Hayden later served in the California State Assembly (1982-1992) and the State Senate (1992-2000). During this time, he was frequently protested by conservative groups, including Vietnamese refugees, veterans of the US military, and Young Americans for Freedom. He mounted a bid in the Democratic primary for California Governor in 1994 on the theme of campaign finance reform. He ran for Mayor of Los Angeles in 1997 but lost to incumbent Republican Richard Riordan.

In 1999, Hayden made a speech during the 1999 Seattle WTO protests. In 2001, he unsuccessfully sought election to the Los Angeles City Council. He currently lives in

Los Angeles and is married to actress Barbara Williams. During the past three years, Hayden has periodically taught as an assistant and adjunct professor at Occidental College. During the fall semesters of 2005 and 2006, he taught a course on social movements at Pitzer College.

Hayden serves as a member of the advisory board for the Progressive Democrats of America, an influential "grass roots" organization created to expand progressive political cooperation within the Democratic Party.

In January 2008, Hayden wrote an oped piece for The Huffington Post supporting Barack Obama's presidential bid in the Democratic primaries.

Hayden has taught numerous courses on social movements, particularly his trademark Machiavellian analysis. He is taught a course entitled "From the 60's to the Obama Generation" at Pitzer College in Claremont, CA, where he has taught similar topics for three semesters now. Recently, he taught at Scripps College, a sister school to Pitzer, two courses: one on the Long War and one on gangs in America.

Renew Your Club Membership for 2011!

Our membership chair, Diane Rosenberg, will gladly accept your renewal for the coming year. You can use the form on Page 4 to update any of your contact information and select the level of membership. Dues are due by January 1, 2011.

For questions please call Membership Secretary Diane Rosenberg at (310) 398-5328

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Renew your membership!

Now collecting dues for 2011.
Dues for 2011 are due by
January 1, 2011. Current
dues must be paid by
renewing members before a
vote to get a ballot at the
general meeting. New and
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paid dues at least 25 days in
advance to vote at a meeting.

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Upcoming Events

► **Wednesday, November 10**
Monthly General Meeting:
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Discussion

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building.
Public is welcome. Call Ronnie at
(310) 836-7557 or email
President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Sunday, November 14**
Monthly Board Meeting:

9:00 AM at Rosenberg's home. All
members welcome. Call Karlo at
(310) 202-7255 or email
FirstVP@CCDemClub.Org

► **Wednesday, December 8**
Monthly General Meeting:
Tom Hayden and Annual
Silent Auction

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building.
Public is welcome. Call Ronnie at
(310) 836-7557 or email
President@CCDemClub.Org

► **Wednesday, January 12**
Monthly General Meeting:
Club Officer Elections

7:00 PM at the Rotunda Room,
Veterans Memorial Building.
Public is welcome. Call Ronnie at
(310) 836-7557 or email
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Culver City Democratic Club
Application/Renewal Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Address: _____

I declare that all the individuals listed for membership are registered Democrats.

Signed: _____

Membership Dues: Dues may be waived for financial hardship

Member \$30

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Please renew for 2011 if you haven't already done so.

The dues period runs concurrent to the calendar year.

Renewals are due by January 1, of each year.