



Castro Valley Democratic Club January 2015 Newsletter

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President's Message- Welcome to 2015 and it sure is going to be an interesting year. We have a Republican majority in both Houses of Congress even though they do not speak for the majority of Americans. While watching the State of the Union and the GOP response, I was reminded of how much their ideology (GOP) conflicts with mine and just about everyone I know. We need progressive political involvement this year more than ever! Your involvement with our club gives you a say and a way to make change.

Please join us at our monthly meeting on Tues. January 27th, 7pm in the Graydon Room , Faith Lutheran Church on Redwood Rd. For our first meeting of the year we will discuss what our priorities should be for 2015. This is your chance to have input on our political actions and will help guide our alliances to further our agenda and goals. -----Dave Siegel

"Mourning in America" Rally in San Francisco

January 21st 2015 marked the 5th anniversary of the Citizens United ruling, clearly the worst Supreme Court decision since the Dred Scott case. Even President Obama was moved to make a statement saying that this ruling has caused significant damage to our nation due to the massive influx of dark money into our election process.

A significant march and rally occurred in San Francisco on Wednesday. Several hundred people marched to the Federal Building for a rally in "honor" of this infamous event. Groups represented included Castro Valley Democratic Club, Move to Amend, MoveOn, 99Rise, Common Cause, Tri-Valley Democratic Club, Richmond Progressive Alliance, 350.org, Santa Clara County Dem Club. The rally featured fantastic and inspirational speakers including Gayle McLaughin (the former Richmond Mayor who beat back Chevron) Michael Eisenscher of USLAW and Bill McKibben of 350.org. Music was provided by Occupella and others. All the attendees swore to do everything they can, and get their organizations to do likewise, to fight back against the Citizens United.

On Going Events:

Peace & Pizza----2nd Friday of each Month, 7pm. 1533 B street, Hayward. Progressive movies, or speakers. Potluck !! Always thought provoking. Great people. 510-581-6118 for info.

Coffee & Consciousness--- 1st Saturday of the Month, 1:30 pm, Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant in Castro Village. Informal meeting with Dems Club and MoveOn members. Talk Politics Fun Time