

Castro Valley Democratic Club

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Newsletter

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The June Primary Election is almost here! Election day is June 3rd. If you would like to phone bank in support of Ellen Corbett and Bob Wieckowski there are 2 locations, Alameda Labor Council, 100 Hegenberger Rd, Suite 150, Oakland, every Tues, Wed, and Thursday from 1:00-8PM. Or in Hayward at the UFCW Hall 28870 Mission, Every Wed and Thursday from 4 - 8:30 PM. The club will be doing phone banking for Ellen Corbett, Bob Wieckowski, and other important ballot measures on Thursday evening May 29th. Come to our next meeting to get details, directions, and arrange to carpool!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 27th at 7 pm at the Faith Lutheran Church on Redwood Rd. We will have a very dynamic speaker from 99Rise that will get us up to speed on the California March for Democracy that is under way right now! This 480 mile march from LA to Sacramento calls attention to the Corruption of Money in Politics and the doctrine of Money as Speech! This root problem is at the core of our political, governmental, social, and environmental troubles. 99Rise will give us march updates and show us how we can

be a part of this historic march. The marchers are scheduled to arrive in Sacramento on Sunday June 22nd and we should all plan on being there! Please come to this meeting and bring a friend! As usual light refreshments will be provided.

The annual Castro Valley Democratic Club Summer Picnic is coming up. We will be planning and setting a date and location soon so come to the next meeting and help make this next picnic a great one. If you have not had a chance to come to the picnic it is a great chance to meet and mingle with our local elected officials in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

*******On Going Events:

Peace & Pizza----2nd Friday of each Month, 7pm. 1533 B street, Hayward. Meet at Dave's and watch timely progressive movies, or speakers. Potluck!! Always thought provoking and educational. Good Food and Great People! Call 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 and have fun!

Addendum

March for Democracy

Are you worried and concerned or maybe really sick and tired of the influence of money on our elected politicians? Something like 80% of the American people across party lines, when asked, would like to see less of this corrupting influence on our political system. Almost every significant issue from climate change and pollution, to continuation of starvation wages for our fellow workers, to the assault on public education and other social programs can be linked to corporate lobbying groups. Enough of the lies and deceit.

Well, right now there is an ongoing effort to change all this for good. A group called 99Rise.org embarked on a 480-mile march on May 17 from Los Angeles to Sacramento. The March for Democracy's goal is to raise awareness of the

underlying problem our society faces and to demand that those we have elected to represent us start representing for the people's needs. It is time to place the needs for the many above profit for the tiny few. And it is time to hold our politicians personally accountable for their actions in keeping the failing status quo.

99Rise.org is asking for help on all levels to make this on-going campaign a resounding and a lasting success. And one that will change Sacramento and then Washington forever. They can use help with finances and logistical help with media outreach, assistance to the marchers and to promote the massive planned rally on the capitol steps on Sunday June 22, 2014. Please join us and help us make sure that this is the beginning of our new democratic society that provides opportunity for all its citizens.

See you all soon, Dave Siegel