
**JOHN GEORGE DEMOCRATIC CLUB
NEWSLETTER**

ELECTION SPECIAL

October, 2004

**Please Vote!
November 2**

Four more years of Bush is unthinkable! This election gives Democrats a chance to take back the White House and the Congress. We also have a chance to limit 3-strikes to violent crimes (Proposition 66), implement broader health care coverage (Proposition 72), and elect more progressives to local offices. Let's work together to build a progressive Democratic Party.

**To help get out the vote, call:
United Democratic Campaign
Headquarters (UDC)
2135 Broadway Street,
Oakland
(510) 625-2004**

**John George Election
Recommendations**

Darryl Moore, Chris Peeples, and Harry Hartman were the leading vote-getters at the Club's August 28 candidate endorsement meeting. 27 Club members attended the meeting along with dozens of candidates and their supporters. Moore received 25 votes for Berkeley City Council District 2, Peeples received 23 votes for AC Transit At-large seat, and Hartman received 21 votes for Peralta College District #1. Other strong endorsements went to Nicky Gonzalez Yuen for Peralta District #4—20 votes, and for Melanie Sweeney-Griffith for Peralta District #6 – 19 votes. The following candidates received the necessary 60% of votes cast to receive the Club endorsement:

**Peralta College District 1 - Harry Hartman
Peralta College District 2 - Johnny Lorigo
Peralta College District 4 - Nicky Gonzalez
Yuen
Peralta College District 6 - Melanie-
Sweeney-Griffith
AC Transit At-Large - Chris Peeples
Berkeley City Council Dist 2 –
Darryl Moore
Berkeley School Board – Karen Hemphill
Berkeley Rent Board - Jesse Areguin
Berkeley Rent Board - Jason Overman**

Also, from our endorsements in the Primary

last March, the Club endorses:

U.S. Senate – Barbara Boxer
9th Congressional District - Barbara Lee
18th Assembly District – Johan Klehs
16th Assembly District - Wilma Chan
14th Assembly District - Loni Hancock

State and Local Ballot Measures

The Club also had a lively and informative discussion of state and local measures on October 4, 2004. The following initiatives and measures received the necessary 60% for endorsement (Yes or No):

<u>State Initiatives</u>		<u>Explanation</u>
1A	Yes	State authority over local government
59	Yes	Open government
60	Yes	Preserve primary system
61	Yes	Children's hospital bonds
62	No	Overthrow primary system
63	Yes	Mental Health surtax
64	No	Limits lawsuits
65	No	State authority over government
66	Yes	Limit 3 strikes to violent crimes
67	No	Phone tax for hospitals
69	No	DNA collection of all arrested
72	Yes	Implement SB2 health insurance

Local Measures Comment

Berkeley:

B	Yes	School funding
H	Yes	Public financing of elections
O	Yes	Rent ceilings
P	Yes	Rent stabilization and eviction

Oakland:

Y	Yes	Violence prevention
Z	Yes	Marijuana law enforcement

Regional:

AA	Yes	BART seismic bonds
BB	Yes	AC Transit
CC	Yes	EB Reg. Parks

Swing State Strategy

As we are all well aware, the November 2 presidential election will be extremely close. The outcome will determine whether the United States enters a new era of hope, or continues on the path of irresponsible economic policies, job losses, war, environmental rollbacks, and the erosion of our civil rights. This is the most important election of our lifetime!

Although California is considered a "safe" state for John Kerry, there are many things you can do to help his campaign. Please consider getting involved with one of the following projects aimed at supporting John Kerry in the swing states. And please forward this message to everyone you know. The future is in our hands!

WHAT IS A SWING STATE?

Swing states are those that are up for grabs (either Kerry or Bush could win). The 2004 swing states are: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

To help with a specific swing state, visit: http://www.kerrysf.com/swing/state_teams.php

If you would like to be kept updated on swing state opportunities, please send an email to swing_states@yahoo.com

PHONE BANKING

Please contact:

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(510) 625-2004**

Help make calls to register voters and make sure they vote on November 2. Here is another local contact: Mark Cesare at mac4kerry@pacbell.net or visit <http://eastbay4kerry.com/node/view/90>
Also, - Call Alona Clifton at (510) 938-5370 to join a John George phone banking night

ROAD TRIPS

Visit a swing state to help with person-to-person voter contact. Following are some opportunities:

Nevada Road Trips - Contact Belle Huang at belle@ednbelle.com or visit <http://eastbay4kerry.com/node/view/161>
Reno, NV - America Coming Together (ACT) & Democracy for Nevada - Contact Kyle Isacksen at kisacksen@act4victory.org or (775) 337-2555.

Las Vegas, NV - America Coming Together (ACT) - Contact Susan Trafton at strafton@act4victory.org or 702-382-4541.

Kerry Travelers - Coordinating canvassing opportunities in swing states - Visit <http://www.volunteer.johnkerry.com/traveler/default.aspx> or email tinavalkanoff@aol.com

Oregon - Contact Andrea at andreachalupa@hotmail.com or (503) 233-3872.

Turn Nevada Blue - Canvassing opportunities in Nevada - Visit <http://www.TurnNevadaBlue.org>

OTHER CONTACTS

America Coming Together (ACT) - The largest voter contact program in history - <http://actforvictory.org>

MoveOn Precinct Partners - <http://www.moveonpac.org/precinctpartners/signup.html>

Don't Let Them Steal

One Again

In 2000 the election in Florida was stolen through fraud, intimidation, and Supreme Court hypocrisy. If you can spare the time, please consider making sure it doesn't happen again. **EMILY's List is offering free transportation to Florida, plus accommodations and meals, on Oct. 29 - Nov. 2.** For more information visit <http://www.teamemily.org/site/pp.asp?c=beIGLKMzC&b=190077> or email flgotv@emilyslist.org

What about the other states? - We know that the current corrupt batch of crooks and crony capitalists in the Bush administration will stop at nothing to win this election. We have to be vigilant in every state. Join the **Election Protection Coalition** to help prevent voting rights violations - <http://www.ElectionProtectionVolunteer.org>

Ten Reasons to Back Kerry

1. 96% lifetime rating on the **Environment** by the League of Conservation Voters
2. 100% rating by the Human Rights Campaign for **Civil Rights**
3. 100% rating on **Education**
4. 91% lifetime rating by AFL-CIO on **Labor Rights**
5. **John Edwards**, a champion of health care, and patient's rights, will replace Dick "Halliburton" Cheney
6. **Stop unilateral international policy**
7. **Roll back tax cuts** for the rich, to cut the deficit and fund health care
8. Support an **energy policy** not dictated by the oil companies
9. **Create jobs** and reduce global warming through renewable energy
10. Support sound **science** like stem-cell research

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