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Budget Spotlight

Fight Foreclosures! Join the Home Defenders League!

Foreclosures destroy lives, bring down property values in our communities and are hurting our economy and our City's budget. Large banks' unchecked foreclosures have gone largely unchecked by San Diegians-- until now. The Home Defenders League has formed to battle foreclosures in San Diego! [Check out](#) what this grassroots effort has been up to!

So far, the Home Defenders League and like minded activists have been able to convince the City Council's Land Use and Housing Committee to consider their proposed Property Value Protection Ordinance. If passed, this ordinance will help mitigate the impact of foreclosures on our communities by fining the bank \$1000 a day if it fails to maintain properties it forecloses. Read all about it [HERE!](#)

Want to join the Home Defenders League? Visit their [website](#) for more details!

What's News

EMPOWER Events

EMPOWER San Diego Fall Fundraiser

Home of Bill Powers
4821 Lomas Drive
in University Heights (near intersection of Adams Ave and Park Blvd)
Thursday, November 10
6:30PM

Tickets: \$20
RSVP to emily@empowersandiego.org
Sponsorships available

Join us to honor our Progressive Champion of the Year and look forward to EMPOWER's next projects!

Intern Program Feedback Session



The Regions of San Diego

Do you want to start an intern program?
 Do you want better quality interns?
 Come and tell us what obstacles you face when recruiting or supervising interns!

Ever wanted to find the star intern? Whether it's a long-term internship or a the head of a one-month campaign, we've all been there.

EMPOWER San Diego is looking to expand its *EMPOWERStudents!* program into an intern pipeline for San Diego's growing nonprofit sector and help place qualified interns with non-profit organizations and wants your input.

So, what does San Diego need? Help with recruiting? Help with training? Interns for the summer? Trained in web design? Trained in Grant research? Admin extraordinaire? Let us know.

Brown Bag Lunch (BYOL)
 Wednesday, October 5th
 12-1pm

San Diego Foundation Building
 Main Boardroom (2nd Floor)
 2508 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 200
 San Diego, CA 92106

What's Going on in Local Government

Check it out! County Supervisor Greg Cox has proposed a plan to create a court-appointed panel of retired judges to take over future redistricting cycles. While EMPOWER would prefer a panel of citizens, this is a good first step.

Having redistricting carried out by an outside group is more likely to get more people involved in the process. The more input received, the more representative the maps will be. On October 11, the proposal is scheduled to be considered.

Board of Supervisors Meeting
 Tuesday, October 11
 10AM
 County Administration Center
 1600 Pacific Highway
 San Diego, CA 92101

MEET with LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Community Coffee with Assembly Member Toni Atkins

Drop by to say hello and discuss state and legislative issues. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, October 8 - Hillcrest

10 - 11:30 a.m.
 Babycakes
 3766 Fifth Avenue

Saturday, October 29 - University Heights

Lestat's at Park Coffee House
 10 - 11:30 a.m.
 4496 Park Ave

To RSVP, please visit www.asmdc.org/members/a76/

For more information please call [\(619\) 645-3090](tel:6196453090).

The Coalition for a Better San Diego Presents... San Diego Mayoral Debate!

Featuring:

Representative Bob Filner (Confirmed)
Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Confirmed)
Councilmember Carl DeMaio (Invited)
District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis (Invited)

Wednesday, October 19
Program starts promptly at 6:30PM
Arrive by 6:15PM
Balboa Theater, 868 4th Ave.
San Diego, CA 92101

Click [HERE](#) for more information

OPPORTUNITY for Action

The applications are now open for the New Leaders Council Institute in San Diego

To apply, visit <http://www.newleaderscouncil.org/institute/apply>.

The NLC Institute is a 5-month intensive skills and relationship building program for progressive young professionals, beginning every January.

In San Diego, we're using the NLC Institute to build a deeper bench of progressives who are equipped to make change in our community. Our local organization represents a broad array of the progressive community which makes a serious investment in a small number of emerging civic leaders each year.

The Institute is not just for political professionals, but also for those in business, law, education, defense, and the non-profit sectors.

- Nominations: If you know a young progressive who would be good for the program, please consider nominating them: <http://www.newleaderscouncil.org/institute/nominate>.
- More Information: To learn more about the NLC Institute, you can attend one of our many info-sessions hosted all around San Diego. <http://bit.ly/NLC-SDInfo>

If you're ready to invest in yourself, and San Diego, please consider applying. The [application](#) will remain open until November 11, 2011.

The City of San Diego's Citizens' Review on Police Practices (CRB) is seeking San Diegans to serve a one-year term on this important board.

Nominations are due by Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. The 23-member CRB is responsible for reviewing serious citizen complaints against San Diego police officers, officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths. It also oversees the administration of discipline in some officer disobedience cases, and makes policy and procedure recommendations to the Chief of Police. For information about the CRB and nomination requirements, visit the city's website at: sandiego.gov/citizensreviewboard. Nominees can provide a letter of interest and resume to Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices, 202 C Street, MS 9A, San Diego, CA 92101 or email: dscarborough@sandiego.gov.

ALLY Events

Common Cause's next San Diego Chapter Meeting

Saturday, December 3rd

Location to be announced

Their topic will be one of the most critical subjects Common Cause has ever addressed: The Corporate Assault on American Democracy.

This meeting will focus on a very secretive organization called ALEC: The American Legislative Exchange Council. ALEC is a group, headed by such individuals as Charles and David Koch, and about 300 corporations, which write their own legislation favoring their own businesses.

ALEC holds private meetings with elected officials, all around the country, at the federal, state, and local level. These elected officials are given campaign funding, coaching, and are then heavily lobbied by ALEC to have that legislation adopted by Congress, or by your state legislature, or by your city council. It is nothing more than the corporate takeover of the United States.

Details of the meeting to come! Check [THEIR WEBSITE](#) for details!

ISSUES IN THE ENVIRONMENT

San Diego Surfrider Presents... Water crisis and pricing forum

Do we have a water crisis or a water management crisis? What role does pricing play in water's waste? Can the needs of communities be coordinated through smart economics?

Please join us for a public forum on water crisis and pricing, co-sponsored with leading environmental organizations and consumer watchdog groups in Southern California.

The guest speaker is California native Dr. David Zetland, the Senior Water Economist at the Department of Environmental Economics and Natural Resources at Wageningen University in the Netherlands. Dr. Zetland has a new book on water economics called *The End of Abundance: Economic Solutions to Water Scarcity*, and his work demonstrates how simple economics can conserve water and coordinate the work of the various water agencies.

When and Where? Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 pm at the San Diego Foundation, 2508 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 200, in San Diego's Liberty Station.

Complimentary refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by September 30th by replying to this email, or to MyVoice@MiddleClassTaxpayers.org.

Empower San Diego needs your support!

To make local democratic change in our region, we need your help.

Join us in creating a more just, equitable, and sustainable San Diego. Every dollar counts, and your tax-deductible gift is much appreciated.

Please consider a recurring monthly or annual donation as your ongoing support is crucial to the building and maintenance of our programs to foster civil society. Thank you from all of us at Empower San Diego.

