

SAN PEDRO DEMOCRATIC CLUB  
1536 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Number 214  
San Pedro, CA 90732

### MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the San Pedro Democratic Club was held on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:12PM in the conference room of The Harry Bridges Institute, the President being in the chair, and the Secretary being present.

### REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, DISCUSSION

President, David Greene announced the Club will be urging Senator Feinstein to support the Employment Free Choice Act. President David Greene informed members that tonight's program will be about the recent shootings on Bandini near 1<sup>st</sup> St, and a general discussion of the issues followed.

### MOTIONS

A motion was moved to approve the new club by-laws. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A motion was moved to endorse SB 810 (LENO) creating a single payer health care plan. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A motion was moved for male club members to get their next haircut at the barber shop involved in the recent shootings. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A motion was moved to donate \$500 to Toberman for their gang intervention program. The motion was seconded and adopted. One of our attendees matched our donation making the total donation \$1000.

### SPEAKERS

Peter Warren spoke about the Alternative Waterfront Petition, which calls for no new cruise ship terminal in the Outer Harbor. Petitions were passed to the attendees for completion.

LAPD Lead Officer Joe Buscaino spoke about the recent shootings at the barber shop on Bandini near 1<sup>st</sup> St, and the LAPD's efforts to reduce gang violence in the area.

Toberman Neighborhood Center's Tyris Hatchett, and Jesse Cazarres spoke about Toberman's Gang Intervention Program, highlighting their Safe Passage Program to help students feel safe going to and from school, as well as their efforts and techniques to reduce tension and stop the shootings.

LAUSD's Mike Hopwood, and his colleagues spoke about the district's efforts to reduce gang activities in and around our schools, along with other programs targeted to reduce tension and promote safety.

Jacob Haik, from the LAUSD office of Dr Vladovic's told us that local community involvement is necessary to effect changes in the continuing cycle of violence, and that Dr Vladovic's office will continue to find innovative ways to improve the situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17PM

ROBERT BRANDIN  
Secretary