

Neighborhood Democrats  
June 8, 2015, 7:00 PM

A G E N D A

Welcome, Pledge

The Honorable Lloyd Criss

Club business

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer - Judy Stapp-Hollis

Communications Enhancement Report - John Young/Jim Brown

Club Officer Vacancies: Membership/Events, Secretary - Andy Hailey

Electing Democrats: Club Committee Chairs Needed - Andy Hailey

Battleground Texas Update - Tina

Guest Speaker

Jackie Young, Local Environmental Activist

[http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san\\_jacinto/](http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san_jacinto/)

<http://texanstogether.org/content/san-jacinto-river-coalition-1>

<http://texanstogether.org/content/jackie-young-san-jacinto-river-waste-pits>

<http://blog.chron.com/nickanderson/2014/06/the-san-jacinto-river-in-peril-part-one/#24291101=0>

Q&A

Director Closing Comments (Time permitting)

July meeting at Spring Creek BBQ, 7/13

Thinking Point - corporate intrusion is the real problem ...

## Future Guest Speakers:

**Jul 13** - April Martin, Summary of Texas Legislature actions

**Aug 10** - Sonia Hernandez, UHCL Film Series

**Sep 14** - J. Rine, An Economic Approach to Mitigating Climate Change

**Oct 12** - CathyC Courtney, Health Care for All Texans

**Jan 11** - TBD

## Opportunities to make a difference:

Register voters: Contact Dana Hickey, [dana.hickey@aol.com](mailto:dana.hickey@aol.com)

## Food for Thought - Thinking Points:

The real problem is corporate intrusion: **Corporate intrusion** is: The erosion of representative governance through the massive funding from the ONE% (Citizens United) to elect their preferred representatives; The vast numbers of corporate lobbyists to deliver daily corporate demands to their representatives; The redefining citizenship as obedient shoppers; and the predatory privatization of all public resources including our public education system.

### Alternative Word/Phrase:

**Koch Kash** funds corporate intrusion - It's any corporate or billionaire monies used to buy our local, state, and federal governments and enact freedom robbing laws like those impacting women's health and voter rights for the poor and elderly.

### Profit-free article:

De Blasio, Warren recommend solution to 40 years of free market fundamentalism

<http://progressiveagenda.us/agenda>

<http://ourfuture.org/20150527/the-populist-agenda-the-fight-for-a-just-society>

### Profit-free Media:

Democracy at Work: <http://www.democracynow.org/>

Economic Policy Institute: <http://www.epi.org/>

Americans for Financial Reform: <http://ourfinancialsecurity.org>

The Economic Populist: <http://www.economicpopulist.org>