



Neighborhood Democrats  
August 10, 2015, 7:00 PM

## A G E N D A

7:00 - Welcome, Pledge

7:05 - County Chairman Lloyd Criss (Five Minutes)  
& Clinton/Sanders Reps (Five minutes each)

7:20 - Club business

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer

“Be The Change” contributions

Approval of July 13 meeting minutes

Club Leadership Vacancies: Membership/Events

Electing Democrats: Club Committee Chairs Needed

7:30 - Battleground Texas Update

7:35 - Guest Speaker

Sonia Hernandez , Film Curator at University of Houston-Clear Lake

- The Politics in Movies

### Q&A

8:15 - Director Closing Comments (Time permitting)

- New Faces in attendance

- Web site update, added Agenda page

- September meeting at Spring Creek BBQ, Monday, 9/14

- Quarterly gatherings for all county clubs: Oct 6 on the Island &

ND of GC Hosts Dem Clubs Quarterly late January

- CD-14 Candidate mini-debate, Feb 8

- Email: 201 members, FB: 482 members

- Page 2 Thinking Point - Excessive Corporate Intrusion

## Future Guest Speakers/Gatherings:

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

**Oct 6** - 1st Quarterly Dem Club Conference

**Oct 12** - Cathy C Courtney, Health Care for All Texans

**Dec 6** - Christmas Lunch, Clear Lake Shores Community Center

**Jan 11** - Jackie Young, Local Environmental Activist

**Jan 19?/26?** - ND Hosts 2nd Quarterly Dem Clubs Conference.

**Feb 8** - CD-14 Candidate mini-debate, starting at 6 PM

**Mar 14** - Primary Results Review

## 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; Control of profit centric media; and the predatory privatization of all public resources including our public education system.

## Alternative Word/Phrase:

**Predatory Privatization, Privateering** increases corporate freedoms to intrude into citizen's lives, tramples the freedoms of citizens to prosper, and destroys representative democracy for the sake of maximizing the wealth of the ONE% - The predatory privatization, privateering, of all government functions to subvert a representative government's moral responsibility to equally protect and empower millions of citizens through the transference of accountability from elected representatives to 'elected' boards of directors who, instead, protect and empower only key shareholders - the ONE%.

## Profit-free article/video:

[Science, harassment and the limits to transparency](#)

[Freedom to Bully: How Laws Intended to Free Information Are Used to Harass Researchers \(2015\)](#)

## Profit-free Media:

[J Street - The political home for pro-Israel, pro-Peace Americans](#)

## The Politics in Movies

What is Film?

The language of film

Film as a primary source of social history

How film influences public opinion

The Graduate

Opening scenes

Contrasts

Water imagery

Message in the music

Final scene

Q&A