

Craig Roberts [March 2, 2014 at 10:06 pm](#)

As an officer of the San Diego Democrats for Equality, I can tell you that we have scheduled all judicial elections for our April meeting. NO judicial races were ever scheduled for any other meetings. The entire paragraph that mentions our club is false.

Carla Kirkwood [March 3, 2014 at 8:55 am](#)

Hi Doug, the statement about the San Diego Democrats for Equality is just plain false. As the VP for Political Action for the Club, I was contacted to consider the questions raised by some of the community voices who challenged endorsing in judicial races. The club has not taken any action on this matter, and is scheduled to endorse in the judicial races in April (in fact this schedule to endorse was approved last August and has not changed since then). Whoever provided you with this information, just simply got it wrong. We can listen to arguments, pro or con, that does not mean that our endorsement schedule has changed. And most certainly NO ONE was uninvited. Thanks, Carla Kirkwood

Doug Porter [March 3, 2014 at 11:45 am](#)

See the Important Update to the story above. Other officers with SD Dems for Equality have contacted me and are adamant in their denials.

I had 3 sources on the original paragraph, but gave the organization the benefit of the doubt because, after all, they are going to do the right thing by Carla Keehn.

Carla Kirkwood [March 3, 2014 at 12:09 pm](#)

Hi Doug, actually we are going to do what the Club intended in the early process of developing our endorsement schedule, last August. It is not a question of an individual, it is a question of process. We will do the "right thing" by any and all candidates in these races, who seek our endorsement, based upon Club guidelines. Did you speak to anyone in the Club prior to going to press?



[Doug Case March 3, 2014 at 1:32 pm](#)

Judge Rosenstein is a past president of San Diego Democrats for Equality (then the San Diego Democratic Club). (As a judge, however, she is not permitted to maintain an affiliation with a partisan organization.) I have not personally discussed this matter with her although she has communicated with at least one other Board member.

We are a grassroots organization. Unlike many other political groups, our membership, not the Board, makes endorsement decisions. I suspect that advocates of both sides of this matter will make their voices heard at our April meeting. As a democratic organization, that's as it should be.

Doug Case, President
San Diego Democrats for Equality



[Doug Case March 3, 2014 at 4:35 pm](#)

San Diego Democrats for Equality meetings are open to the public; however, only club members participate in endorsement debates. Since Judge Rosenstein is a past club president, she would be afforded the opportunity to address the club in addition to candidates. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. (social reception starts at 6:30 p.m.) at the Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street in Hillcrest (directly across from Trader Joe's).



[Doug Case March 4, 2014 at 11:10 am](#)

It is not up to me or our club to determine whether Judge Rosenstein's communications violate the judicial canons.

I am confident, however, that our members will fairly consider all issues involved, as well as the qualifications of Ms. Keehn, in making an endorsement decision in this race.

Doug Case