





MOJAVE DESERT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

 **DATE** SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2009

 **TIME** 8:30 AM- BREAKFAST
9:00 AM- MEETING BEGINS

 **PLACE** Quigley's Restaurant
2841 Lenwood Road
Near Factory Merchant's Mall

 **PROGRAM**

Report on the State Democratic Convention which was held late last month. Discussion: Will Governor Schwarzenegger preside over the end of the working middle class in California? Reports on Democratic Party activities on the city, county, state and national levels. Is the Obama administration remaining true to the progressive agenda it campaigned on? Unexpected costs to municipalities of widespread home foreclosures which will be borne by the already beleaguered middle class taxpayer. Discussion of 19 May election results. Members of Senior Circle, bring your membership card for a fifteen percent discount at Quigley's.

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Please note that P.O. Box number has changed from 1199 to 1167. Last month's meeting was vibrant with many attendees and more new faces. Many items of interest were discussed , but reluctantly, the meeting had to end sometime.

The middle class , in California and throughout the country , is in trouble. While some worry about deflation, consumer prices with the exception of housing, are moving up rapidly. Even where housing purchase prices have come down, rents have moved up somewhat. Food prices are and have been moving up rapidly even as producer costs have gone down. Each trip to the supermarket is a shocking experience.

Pharmaceuticals continue upward with stunning price increases. Food, pharmaceuticals, general drugstore items and many other retail items are inflating rapidly due to monopoly control over large segments of the economy. This is particularly hard on families with children and even more so on seniors who are easily hurt by increases in food and pharmaceutical prices. All this makes it harder to meet mortgage payments and increases the foreclosure rate.

Even though costs of production, distribution, etc. of these consumer items have not gone up significantly, in the pursuit of obscene profits and oblivious to the suffering of the American people and the fact that we are in a severe recession at the very least, they keep price gouging to see what the traffic will bear and what they can get away with.

The middle class person is being "triple whammied" with:

One) Lowered income: Layoffs, business closings, pay cuts, etc.

Two) Dramatic tax increases on the middle class.

Three) Escalating cost of living. Especially basic items like food and drugs.

We must call upon the Democrats in Sacramento and in Washington, DC to roll back the tax cuts for the wealthy and the corporations, to enforce the existing anti-monopoly laws and to focus on creating decent-pay jobs.

The results of the recent 19 May election show the extent of the anger against excessive middle class taxation.

We will discuss the above and other issues including some local controversial issues at the upcoming club meeting. Come to the meeting on Saturday and participate! See you there!