memorandum to Leader Nancy Pelosi

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To: Leader Nancy Pelosi   
Fr: Missy Kurek (315)373-9560   
Dt: Thursday, September 12, 2013   
RE: Democracy Alliance & Fund for the Republic: Money in Politics Reform   
 Reception & Dinner

**DATE:** Thursday, September 12, 2013

**LOCATION:** W Hotel

Altitude Ball Room – Roof Top  
 515 15th Street NW  
 Washington, DC 20004

**EVENT TIME:** Cocktail Reception: 5:30pm-6:30pm   
Dinner: 6:30pm-9:00pm

**Staff:** Missy Kurek (315) 373-9560

**Advance**: Mary Kate Barry

**Contact:** Ryan Rodriquez, Democracy Alliance, 202.689.4425

**Attire:**  Business   
  
**Attendees:** 100 people

**VIP Attendees:**   
President Mary Kay Henry, SEIU  
Arnie Hiatt & Marcia Morris  
Roy Spence, GSD&M

Vin Ryan

Cynthia Ryan

**Background:** The Democracy Alliance and Fund for the Republic/Action for the Republic are co-sponsoring a two day donor summit in Washington, DC titled “Democracy: A Call to Action on Money-in-Politics Reform”. This two day conference will include panels, workshops and conversations designed to ignite new ideas, energy and funding that will make money-in-politics reform a central issue the in 2014 elections and beyond.

The Democracy Alliance and Fund for the Republic have invited their high level donors, prospective high level donors and leaders in the money-in-politics reform community to participate in this summit.

Tonight’s event is a cocktail reception and dinner for the summit guests. **Per the request of Arnie Hiatt, you are the guest speaker at the dinner.** There will be a cocktail reception before the dinner from 5:30pm-6:30pm with no speaking program. Dinner will be from 6:30pm-9:00pm. You are slated to speak at 8:00pm. There will be a podium to speak from at the front of the room. When dessert is served around 7:55pm, staff will escort Mr. Hiatt and you side-stage where you will be both be wired with a lapel microphone. Once dessert has been fully served, Mr. Hiatt will go to the podium to introduce you. You have been asked to make 10 minute remarks followed by 10-15 minute question and answer session.

This event and the entire 2 day summit are closed to the press.

Timeline:   
  
5:30pm Cocktail portion of the evening begins

6:30pm Cocktails end. Guests are seated for dinner.   
  
6:45pm Welcome remarks by Julie Kohler, Managing Director, Democracy Alliance

7:00pm Break in program for salad service followed by entrée service.

7:55pm Dessert is served and Arnie Hiatt comes to stage and introduces You.

8:00pm You make remarks. (10 minutes requested)

8:10pm You begin Q&A. (15 minutes requested) NOTE: Arnie Hiatt will come back on stage to help facilitate Q&A with you.

8:25pm Q&A ends.

8:30pm Julie Kohler thanks everyone for attending and closes speaking program.  
  
9:00pm Dinner concludes

**Attendees of NOTE:   
  
Frank Smith – Frank is a political consultant in LA who has taken over for Marge Tabankin working for Barbra Streisand. In August, Barbra signed an email for the DCCC per your request that raised over $65,000 for the DCCC.   
  
Top Prospect Targets: (never given to DCCC):**

* **Sarah Redlich**: Hillsborough, CA – Sarah is the daughter of Franklin Templeton founder/SF Giants owner, Charles Johnson, and is a philanthropist and recently has started to finance movies in Hollywood. She has limited political giving but has maxed to Jackie Speier this cycle. **Top target for FLOTUS/SF event on Oct. 13th . Her husband Tim Rockwood, is also attending**
* **Weston Milliken**, Los Angeles, CA – Obama VF max prospect, also makes large ($25k+) contributions to LGBT VF, DGA. He is the President of CUE Consulting. He is the son of Roger Milliken who was a billionaire South Carolina textile magnate.  He is the brother of **2012 SPC member** Nancy Milliken from San Francisco. **Target for our LA POTUS event on Nov. 22nd.**
* **Chris Findlater** – Lives in Miami Beach, Cheyenne, WY and Seattle, WA.

You met with Chris in June 2010 to discuss his support for the DCCC but he was unable to give at that time. He gave $7,600 to the DCCC through a 2009 House Senate Victory Fund event in Miami. Chris has the capacity to join your Speaker’s Cabinet and the capacity to raise large additional contributions from his mother and brother. Chris has given maximum contributions to the DNC and DSCC and gave $25,000 to American Bridge PAC in 2011 and $45,000 to Priorities USA in 2012.

**Top target for Seattle POTUS event on Nov. 21st.**

* **Fran and Charles Rodgers**, Boston, MA –Franis the chair of [WFD, Inc.](http://www.wfd.com/) She founded WFD (formerly Work/Family Directions) in 1983 for the purpose of assisting corporations in igniting and sustaining employee commitment. WFD was a pioneer in developing a new generation of employee benefits and services especially addressing the needs of women. Charles is president of New Community Fund, is actively engaged in a variety of non-profit and civic organizations in Boston Trained as a labor economist, he has been a frequent advisor to senior management on strategies to create a high commitment workplace and on measures linking employee commitment to business outcomes. In 1997, Charles was named one of the 25 most influential working fathers by *Working Mother Magazine*.

**NOTE:** You left a message for them for the Cape event and asked for $10k. They were unable to attend. Charles contributed $20,000 to Priorities USA in 2012 and Fran contributed $25,000 to the Progressive Majority in 2012. **Top target for Boston POTUS event on October 30th.**

* **Sam Heins** Minneapolis, MN – Sam is a trial attorney in MN at the firm Heins, Mills, and Olson. He and his wife, Staci Mills (named partner at the firm), raised $185,758 for President Obama last year. He and his wife, who is not attending, could easily complete SPC. . **Top target for Minneapolis event on October 6th.**
* **Cem Karsan** Chicago, IL – Cem is the founder and managing partner of Aegea Capital Management. He has limited political giving but specifically gives to Turkish Coalition USA and Turkish American Heritage PACs. **Could raise $50k through his network, possible lead for a Turkish American event in Chicago.**
* **Scott Wallace**, Bethesda, MD - Henry Scott Wallace is a member of the Board of Directors for the Wallace Global Foundation.  He is the grandson of former Vice President Henry A. Wallace.  During the 2012 election cycle, both Scott and his wife, Christy Wallace, contributed $75,800 each for a total of $151,600 to the Obama Victory Fund**.  In 2012, Scott also contributed $50,000 to American Bridge Super PAC.  In 2008, Scott contributed $30,000 to the Obama campaign.**  In 2007, Scott contributed $20,000 to the Young Democrats of America.  Scott last contributed to the DCCC in 2001 with a one-time donation of $500.

**2013 SPC Renewal Targets:**

* **Doug Edwards**: San Francisco, CA – Said he would consider renewing SPC in 2013 later in the year. **Top target for FLOTUS October 13th event in SF.**
* **Anne Bartley**: San Francisco, CA – Has not renewed SPC this cycle. Said she would only contribute to an event she could attend. **Top target for FLOTUS October 13th event in SF.**
* **Robert McKay**: San Francisco, CA – lapsed Speaker’s Cabinet from 2007
* **Craig Newmark**: San Francisco, CA – Craig’s list founder and gave $5k for Steyer Reception in April with POTUS. Speaker’s Cabinet Capacity.
* **Paul Boskind**: New York, NY & San Antonio, TX. Paul is a psychologist and President/CEO and Owner of Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC. Paul is heavily involved in several national LGBT organizations and received a Tony Award as a producer of a ground-breaking AIDS drama, “The Normal Heart,” in 2011. In March 2013, Paul attended and contributed $5,000 to the DCCC for a reception hosted by Congressman Joaquin Castro and Henry Munoz. Paul is a longtime friend of Henry Munoz. **Paul contributed $30,800 to the DNC in 2012 and raised over $140,000 for President Obama in the 2012 cycle**. Paul has the capacity to join your Speaker’s Cabinet and the capacity to raise large amounts from his networks in Texas and New York.

**NOTE: Paul has committed to contribute and attend a DCCC LGBT Equality Council Breakfast in New York City on September 26th.**

* **Michael Kempner**: New York, NY, will be attending. Michael met with Chairman Israel in December of 2012 and expressed that he would likely be supportive again this year. In 2011 he raised his Speaker’s Cabinet membership through his wife, Jacqueline. **Target for NYC POTUS event on October 25th.**
* **Jonathan Soros:** New York, NY - Jonathan is founder of the Super PAC “Friends of Democracy”, which aims to combat the influence of money in politics. Jonathan Soros is Chief Executive Officer of JS Capital Management LLC, a private investment firm. **His last contribution to the DCCC was in 2010 when he contributed $24,000 shortly before Election Day. Jonathan contributed a total of $14,500 to candidates, through the DCCC, on October 15, 2012.**

**2013 Speaker’s Cabinet/Supporters:**

* **Arnie Hiatt and Marcia Morris**: Boston, MA, Arnie has agreed to be one of the co-hosts for the October 30th Boston POTUS dinner. He previously had a DCCC dinner scheduled with you in September but opted to fold his event into the POTUS event on October 30th. Contributed $32,400
* **Cynthia Ryan**: Washington, DC. Cynthia attended the Napa Issues Conference with Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. She has contributed $20,000 in 2013.
* **Vin Ryan**: Boston, MA and Vero Beach, FL. Vin Ryan and wife, Carla Meyer, both contributed $30,800 in 2013 to become Speaker’s Cabinet members.
* **Emily Tisch Sussman**: Washington, DC, will be attending. Emily is Donald Sussman’s daughter and he raised her contribution of $32,400 this year.
* **David desJardin**: San Francisco, CA – 2013 Speaker’s Cabinet member through April POTUS SF event.
* **Al Yates**: Fort Collins, CO –attending on behalf of Pat Stryker who is a 2013 SPC member
* **Patricia Bauman:** Washington D.C. - Patricia and her husband, Hon. John Bryant, are the Co-Directors of the Bauman Foundation. Since its inception, the Foundation has supported environmental health, toxics right to know, open government, and civic participation. It has also made special grants in health care and the arts. **Patricia & John contributed $20,000 to the DCCC through the July Reception hosted by Congresswoman Donna Edwards.** In 2012, Patricia & John contributed $10,000 to the DCCC through Congresswoman Edward’s annual reception. In 2011, Patricia contributed $5,000 to the DCCC through Congresswoman Edward’s annual reception.

**FULL RSVP LIST:**

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| First Name | Last Name | Employer/Organization | Occupation | City | State |
| Alexandra | Acker-Lyons | Youth Engagement Fund | APO | Mountain View | CA |
| Adam | Ambrogi | Democracy Fund | Aligned Individuals | Washington | DC |
| Kim | Anderson | NEA | Advisor | Washington | DC |
| Allison | Barlow | Wallace | Advisor |  |  |
| Anne | Bartley | BartleyMcNeil | Partner (Governing) |  |  |
| Patricia | Bauman | Bauman Foundation | Foundation Representative | Washington | DC |
| Jay | Beckner | Mertz Gilmore Foundation | Aligned Individuals | New York | NY |
| Ben | Binswanger | Binswanger |  | Arlington | VA |
| Caitlin | Blair | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Kelly | Born | Hewlett Foundation |  | Menlo Park | CA |
| Paul | Boskind | Boskind Paul | Partner (Governing) | New York | NY |
| Anna | Burger | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington |  |
| Bill | Burgess | ABS Ventures | Aligned Individuals | Waltham | MA |
| Kahlil | Byrd | Kahlil Byrd | Special Guest |  |  |
| Marc | Caplan | Proteus Fund | Foundation Representative | Amherst | MA |
| Caroline | Chambers | Soros | Advisor | Washington | DC |
| Jeff | Clements | Clements | Partner (Governing) | Concord | MA |
| Ben | Cohen | Cohen | Prospect | Burlington | VT |
| Kelly | Craighead | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Eliot | Cutler | OneMaine | Prospect | Cape Elizabeth | ME |
| Brandon | Davis | SEIU | Advisor | Washington | DC |
| David | desJardins | desJardinsBlachman | Partner (Governing) | Burlingame |  |
| David | Donnelly | Friends of Democracy | Special Guest | Washington | DC |
| Ellen | Dorsey | Wallace | Advisor | Washington | DC |
| Kimberly | Douglas | Democracy Alliance | Staff |  |  |
| Scott | Drexel | Koza John | Advisor | San Francisco | CA |
| Doug | Edwards | Edwards | Partner (Governing) |  |  |
| Ed | Erickson | Stamp Stampede | Special Guest | Waterbury | VT |
| Jack | Esteve | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington |  |
| Kim | Fellner | AFLCIO | Partner (Institutional) | Washington | DC |
| Chris | Findlater | Findlater | Partner (Governing) |  |  |
| Meg | Gage | Proteus Fund | Foundation Representative | Amherst | MA |
| Chris | Gates | PACE | Aligned Individuals | Washington |  |
| Joe | Goldman | Democracy Fund | Prospect | Washington | DC |
| Nicole | Gordon |  | Aligned Individuals | New York |  |
| Adam | Green | Progressive Change Campaign Committee | Progressive Infrastructure Map |  |  |
| Jim | Greer | CounterPAC | Aligned Individuals |  |  |
| whitney | hatch | Hatch | Prospect | Ipswich | MA |
| Sam | Heins | Heins | Prospect | Minneapolis | MN |
| Ruth | Hennig | John Merck Fund | Aligned Individuals | Boston | MA |
| Mary Kay | Henry | SEIU | Partner (Institutional) | Washington | DC |
| Arnold | Hiatt | Hiatt | Partner (Governing) | Boston | MA |
| Tom | Hilbink | Soros | Advisor |  |  |
| Cem | Karsan | Aegea Capital Management | Aligned Individuals | Chicago | IL |
| Michael | Kempner | Kempner Michael | Prospect |  |  |
| George | Kohl | CWA |  |  |  |
| Julie | Kohler | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Miles | Lasater | Higer One | Aligned Individuals | New Haven | CT |
| Anna | Lefer Kuhn | Arca Foundation | Special Guest | Washington |  |
| Robert | Lenhard |  | Aligned Individuals |  |  |
| Dominic | Lowell | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Rebecca | Lungren | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| JB | Lyon | Mount Independence Investments | Aligned Individuals | Lexington | MA |
| Christine | Mahler | Fund for the Republic | APO | Washington | DC |
| Robert | McKay | McKay | Partner (Governing) | San Francisco | CA |
| Mark | McKinnon | McKinnon | Aligned Individuals | Austin | TX |
| Marilyn | Melkonian | Melkonian | Aligned Individuals | Washington | DC |
| Weston | Milliken | Milliken Weston | Partner (Governing) | Los Angeles | CA |
| Marcia | Morris | Hiatt | Partner (Governing) |  |  |
| Jenna | Narayanan | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Daniel | Newman | Maplight | Aligned Individuals |  |  |
| Craig | Newmark | Newmark Craig | Prospect | San Francisco |  |
| Larry | Noble | Americans for Campaign Reform | Aligned Individuals | Washington | DC |
| Allan | Oliver | Thornburg Foundation | Aligned Individuals | Santa Fe | NM |
| Nancy | Pelosi | U.S. House of Representatives | Special Guest | Washington | DC |
| Nick | Penniman | Fund for the Republic | APO | Washington | DC |
| Erick | Pleitez |  |  |  |  |
| Sarah | Redlich |  |  |  |  |
| William | Roberts | Corridor Partners | Partner (Governing) | New York | NY |
| Laurie | Roberts | Fund for the Republic | Staff | Washington DC | DC |
| Tim | Rockwood |  |  |  |  |
| Fran | Rodgers | Rodgers | Partner (General) |  |  |
| Charles | Rodgers | Rodgers | Partner (General) |  |  |
| Ryan | Rodriguez | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Alexandra | Russell | Solidago | Foundation Representative | Northampton | MA |
| cynthia | ryan | Ryan | Partner (Governing) | Washington | DC |
| Vin | Ryan | Ryan | Partner (Governing) | Boston | MA |
| Mark | Schmitt | New America Foundation | Aligned Individuals | Washington | DC |
| Lindsey | Schuh Cortes | SEIU | Partner (Institutional) | Washington | DC |
| Ben | Shute, Jr. |  |  | New York |  |
| Ian | Simmons | Simmons | Partner (Governing) | Cambridge | MA |
| Liesel | Simmons |  |  |  |  |
| David | Simpson | Fund for the Republic | APO | Washington |  |
| Melanie | Sloan | Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington | Special Guest | Washington |  |
| Frank | Smith | Democracy Alliance/Streisand's office | Staff | Los Angeles | CA |
| Bill | Smith | Civitas Public Affairs | Speaker | Washington | DC |
| heather | smith | Rock the Vote | Special Guest | Washington | DC |
| Roy | Spence | GSD&M | Aligned Individuals |  |  |
| Rob | Stein | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| John | Stocks | NEA | Partner (Institutional) | Washington | DC |
| Katherine | Storch | Democracy Alliance | Staff |  |  |
| Emily | Tisch Sussman | Sussman Donald | Partner (Governing) | Washington | DC |
| Michael | Waldman | Brennan Center for Justice | APO | New York | NY |
| Wendi | Wallace | Democracy Alliance | Staff | Washington | DC |
| Scott | Wallace | Wallace | Partner (Governing) | Washington | DC |
| Scott | Wallace | Wallace | Partner (Governing) | Washington | DC |
| Wendy | Weiser | Brennan Center for Justice | Speaker | New York | NY |
| Wendy | Wendlandt | Phelps | Advisor |  |  |
| Brenda | Wright |  |  |  |  |
| Albert | Yates | Yates | Partner (Governing) | Fort Collins | CO |

**Biographies of speakers:**

**Julie Kohler - Managing Director, The Democracy Alliance**

As Managing Director, Julie works closely with the President and the Board to develop and implement the Democracy Alliance’s (DA’s) strategic plan and annual goals, oversees the organization’s day-to-day operations, and directs the staff team. Julie previously served as the organization’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, with responsibility for ensuring synergy between the Investment and Partner Services divisions and leading the DA’s investment services work. Julie has over a decade of experience in philanthropy, with deep expertise in civic engagement, state infrastructure, policy/advocacy, and social innovation grant making.

Prior to joining the Alliance, Julie served as Director for Education & Civic Engagement at Public Interest Projects, where she managed four funding collaborative designed to promote stronger participatory democracy and more equitable public schools. She also directed the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation’s National Venture Fund, which invested $13 million annually in civic engagement and social venture projects, and taught at the University of Maryland.

Julie holds a M.A. and Ph.D. in family social science from the University of Minnesota.

**Arnie Hiatt**   
  
Arnie served as President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of The Stride Rite Corporation and then served as Chairman of The Stride Rite Charitable Foundation. The Stride Rite Corporation is a shoe company focusing on baby and children styles.

Stride Rite become known for its social conscience while performing in the 99th percentile of NYSE companies, even after allocating 5% of pretax profits to The Stride Rite Foundation.

Mr. Hiatt established the first on-site corporate day care center more than 30 years ago which served as a model for similar centers nation-wide and developed the first Intergenerational Center which provided care for both employee and community children and elders. He pioneered the smoke-free work place, an on-site fitness center for employees, a family leave policy and a mentoring program in which employees tutored inner-city students two hours a week on company time.

He has served as a trustee of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, a trustee of Northeastern University and a trustee of the John Merck Fund. He has served as an Overseer of Harvard University, a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a director of The Cabot Corporation.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a director of the Dreyfus Corporation. He was a founder and Chairman of Business for Social Responsibility (BSR). BSR is a global non-profit business association dedicated to creating a more just society and more sustainable economy by working in partnership with companies to promote socially responsible policies that promote good environmental practices, family friendly workplaces, corporate governance and transparency, and international codes of conduct that set a standard for labor practices in developing countries.

Mr. Hiatt founded the Stride Rite Community Service Program at Harvard University, providing scholarships and grants for students who return to the inner city to do volunteer work and serve as role models for children, and provides fellowships to encourage graduating students to pursue careers in public service and teaching. In addition to an undergraduate public service program at Northeastern University, a similar program offers loan deferrals and other incentives to Northeastern law students providing legal services to the poor.

He has been a strong advocate of containing the influence and control of government by corporate funding of elections.

Arnie lives with his girlfriend Marcia Morris at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston, MA. Marcia serves in an of counsel capacity and senior consultant at the Center for Applied Research (CFAR). Arnie has two adult children Matthew and Amy.