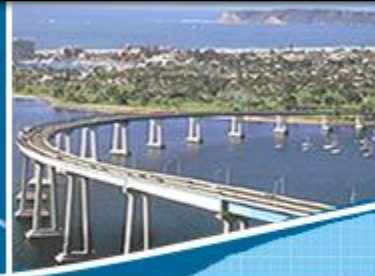


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### ✓ California Democratic Convention 2012 San Diego



PECG was one of the sponsors of this year's **California Democratic Party Convention** which was held in San Diego on February 10 - 12. All eight constitutionally elected statewide officers (including **Governor Brown**) were in

Attendance and gave speeches in support of worker's rights.



*Section President Naser Ghaderi at the Labor Caucus, California Democratic Party Convention*

The Governor was also advocating the construction of High Speed Rail in California saying "...Spain can build it. China can build it. France can build it. Germany can build it. England can build it. Japan can build it. But oh, we can't build it..." Perhaps the most inspiring speech was by Attorney General **Kamala Harris** who talked about the

mortgage settlement she got for California and how public employees and working families



are the ones "too big to fail". Environmental activist **Van Jones** discussed how he has met a lot of teachers, policemen, and firefighters but never a public employee.



Senator **Al Franken** gave an entertaining speech of how his mother-in-law was able to successfully raise four kids when she became a widow at age 29. "This is what the safety net is for."



Various PEGC members/staff attended



PEGC Ted Toppin and Joya Gilster





**VP At Large John H. Mulder & San Diego Section President Naser Ghaderi**

San Diego Section attendees were:  
 Naser Ghaderi (Section President)  
 Robert Lumahan (Section President Elect)  
 Mehrdad (Mo) Maher (VP At-Large)  
 Fred Abdipour (Past Director)  
 Javad Rhezaii (Member)  
 Jay Gitten (Member)



**US Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis**



**US Senator Al Franken**

Other speakers included Senator **Diane Feinstein**, Speaker **Nancy Pelosi**, and Congresswoman **Maxine Waters**, Speaker **John Perez** and other politicians and Party organizers.



**Steve Lee and Matt Hanson attended**



**Corporate Officers ( L-R) Joya Gilster Nava (VP Rank & File), Roy Flores (Treasurer), Matt Hanson (Past President), Steve Lee (President Elect)**



*PECG was one of the Convention Sponsors*



*Section Member Javad Rhezai (center) with Congressional Candidate Jerry Tetalman (right)*

**PECG Labor Relations Council Jesse Rodriguez** discussed at large issues, pensions and the upcoming elections.



## At Large Members Meeting



A meeting for At Large members was held on February 22, 2012 at the DSA

The Section would like to thank John & Jesse for their presence.

**San Diego Section VP At Large Mo Maher, Corporate VP At Large John H. Mulder and**



Questions were asked about the "Paycheck Deception" proposition, furloughs and Recruitment and Retention bonuses.

## Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair Judgment Day is March 21, 2012

San Diego Section is looking for volunteer judges for the San Diego Science Fair this year to participate as



volunteer judges representing PECG for a couple of hours on March 21, 2012 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The event will be held at the Balboa Park Activity Center, 2145 Park Blvd. So far the following members have signed up;

- 1) Jay Gittin
- 2) Lou Melendez
- 3) Sridhar Kidambi
- 4) Benjamin Guerrero
- 5) Kevin Baluyut
- 6) Javad Rhezaii
- 7) Mehrdad Nabizadeh
- 8) Pedro Aguilar
- 9) Michael Martinka
- 10) Azar Habibafshar
- 11) Robert Lumahan
- 12) Sunil Repaka

## “Make Your Valentine's Day”

Members **Lou Melendez** and **Frank Contreras** helped the fundraiser event on Valentine Day by selling Candy to benefit CT Employee and Wellness Committees District 11 Courtyard.



San Diego Section PECG members will participate as judges on March 21, 2012.

To sign up, please contact Naser Ghaderi at (619) 623-9035 or email: [naser\\_ghaderi@dot.ca.gov](mailto:naser_ghaderi@dot.ca.gov)



**COME SEE SAN DIEGO STUDENTS  
ENGINEERING A  
BRIGHTER FUTURE**

See over 800 students in grades 7-12 from San Diego and Imperial counties demonstrate their expertise in the STEM subjects which are science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The 57th Annual Greater San Diego Science & Engineering Fair takes place at the Balboa Park Activity Center (corner of Park Blvd and Inspiration Pl. Way).

Thursday, March 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Friday, March 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Family Day! Sunday, March 27**  
Bring the entire family to enjoy award-winning science fair exhibits! See science demonstrations and participate in fun science experiments! For all ages, professional speakers and visit with San Diego Zoo Animal Ambassadors, raffles, games and prizes.

**THE SCIENCE FAIR IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
For more information visit our website at [www.gsdsef.org](http://www.gsdsef.org)

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