

SANDERS ASKS REPUBLICANS TO REREGISTER DEMOCRATIC TO VOTE FOR HER

From an article entitled “Sanders asks Republican supporters to switch parties” posted on May 24 on the PD’s new political website, we discover this:

Nouveau-Dem Sonoma Councilwoman Joanne Sanders has asked Republicans to switch to the Democratic Party to vote for her in the Democratic 2nd Senate District primary June 8. The officially endorsed Democrat in that race is SRDC club member Noreen Evans, at present 7th AD assemblywoman.

So, how nouveau is Sanders? According to county Registrar of Voters databases, Sanders, a longtime (maybe lifelong) Republican, reregistered as a Democrat in January 2008 after having received a Republican ballot in December 2007. She then received a Democratic ballot to vote in the Presidential Primary, but voted her Republican ballot anyway.

Per the Press Democrat
[<http://www.watchsonomacounty.com/2010/05/featured-articles/sanders-asks-republican-supporters-to-switch-parties>]
on Monday, May 24:

An e-mail sent by her campaign Friday, and released by Evans’ campaign, instructs registered Republicans on “How non-Democrats can vote for Joanne.”

“Dear Friends,” Sanders’ campaign manager, David Feighan, wrote in an e-mail. “We have recently been contacted by a friend of the campaign who wanted to share this important message with you.”

He then quotes Sonoma resident Reann Dukes: “If you are like me, not a registered Democrat, but want to vote for Joanne, please know that Monday, May 24, is the

deadline to change your voter affiliation. (You may change your affiliation back at any time.)”

The e-mail blast has raised the ire of Evans’ supporters who say it shows Sanders’ Republican colors.

“Recognizing that this district is overwhelmingly Democratic, she re-registered as a Democrat two years ago so she could run for state office. Now, she is seeking to win the Democratic nomination for state Senate by urging her Republican friends and supporters to re-register as Democrats to vote for her in the primary on June 8,” said John Whitehurst, Evans’ campaign manager, in a statement.

“Voters should not be fooled. The only candidate in this race who truly represents their values and whose merit has been tested over and over is Noreen Evans.”

In politics, you can change your party affiliation whenever you want. But like the big cats, you cannot change your stripes to spots. Reregistration does not a Democrat make.

Unless/until Prop 14 passes, registered Republicans and Democrats cannot cross party lines in primary elections for partisan races, although “decline to state” voters may vote in either primary. And that’s the way it should stay.

**NOREEN EVANS
DEMOCRAT**

State Senate District 2
Endorsed by the
Sonoma County Democratic Party

NO on Prop 14

Produced & Paid for by Linda Russell, Voter.