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Candidate Jeff Drobman Issues Statement on Snub by the Sacramento Press Club

April 22, 2014, Westlake Village, CA. It is a sad day for all of California when yet again true participatory democracy is subverted by the media and/or their club-like offspring such as the Sacramento Press Club. That is precisely what happens when an important organization like the Press Club decides to be the voice of the electorate and exclude so-anointed "minor candidates" from their debates and forums.

The Sacramento Press Club has invited only their "favored four" candidates for their upcoming Secretary of State candidate debate. How is this fair to the three other legitimate candidates like me who have braved the daunting candidate qualification process and been vetted by major newspapers like the Los Angeles Times?

Even right wing organizations like the Tea Party, the NRA, et al. have done better by inviting all candidates to participate in surveys and candidate events. Let them judge me, but let them first allow me to testify on my campaign platform.

This form of *exclusionary democracy* is promulgated by the press who fail to opine that excluding candidates is itself a practice that needs vetting, and needs counteraction by writing at least a summary of the excluded candidates.

I applaud the Los Angeles Times for including fairly all seven candidates in their major story on the Secretary of State race. But I fail the San Francisco Chronicle in their blog on this subject. And I certainly give failing marks to the Sacramento Press Club itself.

Well, at least the ACLU/League of Women Voters' more impactful Secretary of State candidates forum to be held in San Diego on May 6 has invited all seven candidates. See you there.

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