P.O. Box 2192, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

September, 2016

Next Meeting New Time and Place 6:00PM to 9:00 PM

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28. Al Muratsuchi, our former Assemblyman and candidate for the 66th Assembly District, will be our featured speaker.

Rather than our regular meeting place in Hermosa Beach, our September meeting will be held at Manhattan Bread & Bagel, at 1812 N. Sepulveda, Manhattan Beach, 90266 (our previous meeting place).

We ask everyone to **come early**, **at 6 PM** to make phone calls for Al before the start of the meeting.

We will also have an endorsement vote for the Beach Cities Health District. This is crunch time in the campaign for both Al and Hillary, so please plan to attend and bring a friend to make calls and stay involved in this crucial election.

Help AI:

Campaign Headquarters: 1513 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, 90501 (east of Western)

Phone Bank: Monday-Thursday, 4-8 PM Saturday & Sunday: 12 Noon-4PM. Walk Precincts: Every Saturday, 1 PM

Manhattan Bread & Bagel Phone Bank: Every Wednesday in Manhattan Beach, until the election, 6-8 PM

Help Hillary:

Westchester Headquarters: 9100 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 120, LA 90045 Sundays, Phone Bank, 1-9 PM, Tuesdays, Phone Bank, 5:30-8 PM Tuesdays, Audrey's Hermosa Beach

FROM THE PRESIDENT

September 16, 2016. Trump finally admits President Obama was born in the United States. What a jerk! He has spent over five years pro-



moting and propagating his racist attack on our President to attract a following of likeminded people, who have propelled his candidacy of bigotry and hate.

A full 72% of Republicans don't believe Obama was born in the United States. Too much Fox News perhaps. In any case, it's only one of the plethora of lies, name calling, misogyny, racism, violence inciting and Putin loving that comprise the entirety of the Trump campaign.

This has been the meanest, dumbest, craziest "Clown Car", as the LACDP dubbed it, of a presidential race in recent history.

With the stakes so high and the future of our country and the world hanging in the balance, there is so little talk of actual issues and ideas, problems and their solutions and a clear vision for the direction we must take to continue economic growth, secure our safety from terrorism and the very survival of the planet.

The media is largely to blame for allowing the "Reality TV" atmosphere to prevail throughout this entire election

cycle. Ratings First. But, the American people have voted to be entertained rather than educated about the issues.

Is it too optimistic to hope that the coming debates will propel an interest in the governmental choices that matter to the real lives of the electorate? Can they set a new tone of serious talk and examination of the candidates and their agendas? Because the consequences of who occupies the White House in 2017 are enormous, colossal, incalculable.

With less than 50 days until November 8, it is incumbent upon all of us to talk to our friends and neighbors about the election, invite them to join us at Al's campaign Headquarters to watch the debates and continue to phone bank and walk for Hillary and Al Muratsuchi, who is running to retake his seat in the State Assembly.

Al's opponent is a man who will not denounce Donald Trump and who is conducting a dirty campaign to delude the people of this 66th District into believing that he is a moderate, not the Tea Party supporter he really is.

This election will be close. Every vote counts and every voter we connect with is a probable vote for all our Democratic candidates up and down the ballot. When Democrats vote the people win.

See you at the debate and at our meeting where we will phone bank for Al. Bobbi Buescher President, Beach Cities Democrats

Phone Bank, 540 24th Place, HB 90245, 6-8 PM

Take your laptop, cell phone and charger and bring a friend.

Debate Watch Party: Al's Headquarters: Monday, 9/26, 5:30 PM. Food and drinks

will be provided. Come out and watch Hillary battle Trump with your Democratic friends.

Manhattan Beach Old Hometown Fair: We need volunteers to work in our booth (Continued on page 2) 2 Beach Cities Democrats

(Continued from page 1) on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 & 2. As many of you experienced at Fiesta Hermosa, it's fun being with friends and promoting our outstanding candidates and ballot positions to voters and enjoying our beautiful South Bay weather. Please sign up for a shift.

Please get out and help our candidates. We all know how vitally important this election is for both our district and our country.

FINAL REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RENEWED YOUR 2016-2017 DUES. PLEASE DO SO!!! \$25 for INDIVIDUAL MEMBER/\$40 for a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. Mail your check to:

Beach Cities Democrats PO Box 2192 Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Or online at: beachcitiesdems.org

If you have questions about your membership status, please contact Treasurer Edna Murphy at: frizzy020@roadrunner.com

Coming Events

Dency Nelson

Looking ahead to the following weekend, mark your calendars for Mayor Hany Fangary's Community First meeting on Saturday, September 24, at an earlier time, 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Hermosa Beach Mayor Fangary is making it earlier so that he and everyone will be able to attend Moira's & my "FUNDRAISER/MEET & GREET FOR AL MURATSUCHI FOR ASSEMBLY":

Saturday, September 24, from 4:00PM to 6:00PM, at Moira's & my house on Silverstrand Avenue, a fundraiser/meet & greet for our friend Al Muratsuchi, candidate for the 66th Assembly District! All are welcome! No one turned away for lack of funds! It's all about meeting Al, seeing our sustainable home, and enjoying good food, good drink and good friends. Let's help Al win back this impor-





(L) Redondo Beach Councilman Bill Brand addressing a full house; (R) Jim Kennedy discussing his bid for Water Replenishment District. Photos courtesy of Jim McGreevy

August Recap

Courtesy of Secretary Thomas Kelleher

President Bobbi Buescher welcomed everyone. She introduced first time guests, including a number of students from Mira Costa High School's Young Democrats' club. She expressed her excitement about opportunities to work with this group of students in the future.

Officer Reports

President Bobbi Buescher discussed her experiences at the DNC. She talked about the patriotic nature of the event, and how the notion that Democrats are unpatriotic is a myth.

Treasurer's Report

Courtesy of Treasurer Edna Murphy

Federal Account	
Beginning Balance	\$3,078.00
Money In	416.00
Money Out	274.00
Ending Balance	\$3,220.00
State Account	
Beginning Balance	\$231.00
Money In	50.00
Money Out	15.00
Ending Balance	\$266.00

Reports from Elected Officials

Redondo Beach councilman and 66th AD County Committee Man of the Year Bill Brand talked about the development plans for the Redondo Beach waterfront and the bidding process for the AES power plant also in Redondo. He gave a brief summary of the waterfront development plan, and the concerns that he has with it, including issues with the unequal partnership between the city and CenterCal. He also explained that the city would not be rezoning the AES Power Plant, and that another round of bidding was taking place.

Endorsement for Water Replenishment District Jim Kennedy

Candidate Jim Kennedy thanked the club for inviting him to speak. He explained that he decided to run for the Water Replenishment District because the incumbent was indicted for corruption. He went on to talk about the various ways that Los Angeles and the South Bay get water, with a special focus on aquifers. He was endorsed overwhelmingly by the club.

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tant office representing all of us. Al stood for us against oil; now it's our turn to stand for him! All are welcome! PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS! RSVP to Genelle Buchert at 562-981-2111 or at genelle. buchert@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 23, 2016 2016 Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat of the Year Dinner. Watch for details! Beach Cities Democrats 3

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Congressman Ted Lieu addressing his pending legislation. Photo courtesy of Jim McGreevy



Lillian Light addressing climate change impacts on wildlife. Courtesy of Jim McGreevy



Ted Lieu presents former BCD President Kathryn Campbell with a Congressional Award

Guest Speaker Congressman Ted Lieu

Congressman Lieu began by presenting former Beach Cities Democrats President Kathryn Campbell with a Congressional Award for her service as an active citizen and Democrat.

Lieu focused his speech on three topics: Yemen, veterans and cybersecurity.

He began by discussing the situation in Yemen, where a Shia faction called Houthis is fighting for control of the Yemeni government. The US has backed the current government because of its ties to Saudi Arabia, but by doing so, it has armed a military that is killing civilians. Lieu tried writing letters to the Administration, but the problem has only gotten worse. He is now working on a bipartisan effort to end the US support of the Yemeni government

Next, Lieu discussed issues with cybersecurity, a topic that he appeared on 60 Minutes to address. He advised people to use encrypting apps when texting and to avoid going on public wifi, as hackers often create fake public wifi servers to access people's information.

Lieu ended by talking about how he has tried to improve programs to end veterans' homelessness. He discussed how existing programs are underutilized and talked about improvements that he has made to existing infrastructure.

Climate Change Impacts on Wildlife Lillian Light

Save the date for an interesting public forum that will take place on Saturday, October 22nd. To determine how bird ranges will be affected by global warming, Audubon scientists used climate models to predict the ranges of 588 North American bird species under future climate scenarios.

They found that 314 of these species will lose more than 50% of their current range by 2080. 126 of these are projected to lose more than 50% of their current range by 2050. Many birds like the Bald Eagle, Brown Pelican, and Common Loon face the risk of extinction. Audubon leaders are very concerned about the serious dangers birds face in a warming world. Protecting them will require conservation efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions as well as safeguarding critical habitat.

The Palos Verdes South Bay Audubon Society is joining with the Environmental Priorities Network to sponsor the October 22nd public forum. It will be on the subject "What must be done to save endangered birds and other wildlife." We need to urge leaders at the local, state, and national levels to enact policies that lower greenhouse gas emissions and support clean energy. To limit the effects of global warming on birds, we individuals need to drive electric cars and install solar panels.

The Climate Crisis and its Effect on Wildlife will be held at the Pacific

Unitarian Church, 5621 Montemalaga Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes from 9AM to 1 PM on October 22nd.

Speakers will include Dave Weeshoff of San Fernando Valley Audobon and Tracy Drake, Manager of the Madrona March Nature Center.

Admission is free, but donations are very much appreciated. For more information contact Lillian Light at lklight@verizon.net or at 310 – 545 1384.

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