

Next Meeting Manhattan Bread and Bagel Wednesday, October 26 6:00PM to 9:00 PM

Just as we did last month, we are changing our meeting place and time so we can phone bank for AI ahead of time.

Our next regular meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 26** at **Manhattan Bread & Bagel**, at 1812 N. Sepulveda, **Manhattan Beach** (our old meeting place).

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

We will have a representative from the campaign for Measures C & EE, for Manhattan Beach Schools. Then we will hold an endorsement vote.

Please come at six for phone banking, pizza and good company, ahead of our meeting!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am having the hardest time trying to write my column this month. I don't know what else can be said about the toxic environment that has permeated at both the national level and here at home in the 66th Assembly District.

I have commented on these races over the past couple of months, always hoping for a ray of sunshine to squeeze through the dark fog. I, like most people, did not hold out much hope anymore that anything could stop the deluge. Then came Michelle Obama. What a Woman! She stopped everything and everyone in their tracks, with her powerful message of "enough is enough."

It is excruciatingly sordid that the main topic of this election has been about sexual issues. Trump, with his history of sleazy talk and the telling video of his



exploits in his own words. And Hadley in his persistent attempts to portray Al Muratsuchi, a good and gentle man, as some kind of pedophile protector. The truth is, Al co-authored a bill to get rid of bad teachers that was endorsed by the L.A. Times, the California PTA and the Child Abuse Council.

These two Republicans are kindred spirits in trying to deny who they are and their aversion to the truth. Trump says he's not a "politician" and Hadley says the same thing calling himself a "citizen legislator." What? No one gets to the top of a political party or as a sitting member of the California Legislature without being a politician. So, when you don't tell the simple truth about who you are, which is obvious to everyone, then it's easy to descend into that alternative world of "if you say it enough times, it becomes true."

We have all endured Trump's endless lies, tantrums and now his scorched earth tactics of blaming everyone of a conspiracy against him. And now Hadley is taking the same tack of outrage against

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Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair

Mayor Hany Fangary and his wife Dina (*right*) were among the dignitaries who stopped by our BCD Booth at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2. Ray Waters, Dency Nelson, and Bobbi Buescher spent most of their weekend manning the booth. Many other BCD members helped staff the booth, and we met and made friends with local Democrats and people interested in signing up with our club. While we could not sell any merchandise, many visitors offered donations and enthusiastic support.



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the Trump/Hadley lawn signs that have appeared around the district. He says he is not voting for Trump, but he has not denounced him either.

These two guys are running the same kind of campaigns full of distortions, even plagiarizing Michelle. Just like Trump's wife used Michelle's words in her convention speech, Hadley is also using Michelle's words, "When they go low, we go high" on his Facebook page to sound like he is the one on the high road, which is in that "alternative world" again.

Bobbi Buescher
President, Beach Cities Democrats

Help Al:

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 (except for October 19 Debate Watch)

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

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

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 23, 2016

2016 Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt
Democrat of the Year Dinner. Watch for
details!

September Recap

Editor's Note: Minutes of the August meeting were not available at press time

After our phone banking session from 6:00 to 8:00, President Bobbi Buescher called the meeting to order by thanking all who came to help and welcoming new members.

Our guest speaker was Al Muratsuchi himself, who began by thanking all of us who have helped with his campaign by phoning, walking to Get Out The Vote, mailing, and holding fund raising events. He reiterated the need to counter the negative campaigning going on by his opponent, and the tremendous difference it makes to get every last vote, since he lost the Assembly seat by less than one percent in 2014!

We also heard from Vanessa Poster, who is running for a sixth term on the Board of Directors at Beach Cities Health District. Her input and decisions have been integral to the success of the health district. She has years of experience as a

management and fundraising professional with nonprofit agencies, providing quality health-related services on tight budgets.

She spoke movingly about "Living Well and Dying Well," and promotes programs that allow an individual to have choices regarding end of life. She said she wants to "help others to talk to their loved ones about their wishes before it's too late."

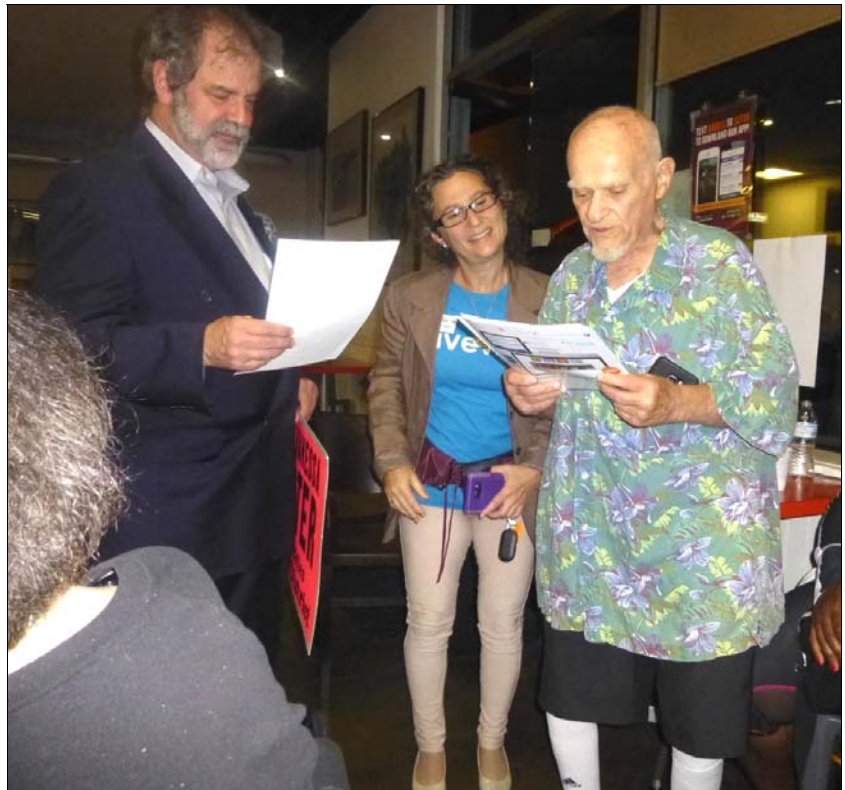
Her personal priorities for her next term would include reducing teen smoking and drug use; eliminating fiscal waste while meeting BCHD objectives; and implementing "Dying Well."

She was accompanied by her father, David Poster, and Harlan Rotblatt, both of whom spoke of her credentials and her commitment. BCD voted to endorse Vanessa.

Next we heard from John Gran, who is running for Redondo Beach City Council. He spoke of his commitment to the City and asked for our support.

Gran's vision for the City includes a

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Vanessa Poster came to the meeting directly after attending a Board meeting at the Beach Cities Health District, of which she is a Board Member seeking reelection.

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focus on public safety and emergency preparedness, ensuring the City and RBUSD work collaboratively to challenge and inspire students, revitalizing the Artesia corridor and demanding the South Bay Galleria espouse a “unique and balanced” plan to ensure success. Says Gran, “Redondo Beach is an amazing city, and District 4’s voice has been muted and/or absent for the past 3 years. Our residents and local businesses deserve better!”

Treasurer Edna Murphy presented the Treasurer’s report:



Redondo Beach City Council Candidate John Gran spoke about his campaign and hopes to join the Council.

Treasurer’s Report

Courtesy of Treasurer Edna Murphy

Federal Account

Beginning Balance	\$3,220.00
Money In	180.00
Money Out	174.00
Ending Balance	\$3,226.00

State Account

Beginning Balance	\$266.00
Money In	166.00
Money Out	15.00
Ending Balance	\$417.00

Climate Change Impacts on Wildlife

Lillian Light

The Palos Verdes South Bay Audubon Society is joining with the Environmental Priorities Network to sponsor a public forum on Climate Change Impacts on Wildlife on Saturday, October 22nd. It will be held at the Pacific Unitarian Church on 5621 Montemalaga Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes. From 9 to 10 AM visitors can enjoy free snacks and can visit the booths of local environmental groups. From 10 to 1 PM speakers will discuss climate impacts on wildlife.

Since the Audubon Society Chief Scientist, Gary Langham has stated that “The greatest threat our birds face today is global warming”, Dave Weeshoff, the conservation chair for San Fernando Audubon, will talk about the dangers that birds face in a warming world. A second speaker, Tracy Drake, manager of the Madrona Marsh Nature Center, will discuss the impacts to wildlife that she has observed locally.

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

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