

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 22  
7:00 PM

Hermosa Beach Community Center  
710 Pier Avenue, Room #4  
Hermosa Beach

Our program will include an election recap and a report from the first meeting of the BCD "Victory Starts Today" committee that was formed at our last meeting and will meet on Monday, March 20 at 7:00 PM, location TBD. Everyone is invited to participate as we begin to put in place our course of action to turn red House seats BLUE. We will also hear about AB 14, the California Disclose Act, on clean money.

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Congratulations to the Beach Cities Democrats' endorsed candidates who were elected in the March 7 Election: Bill Brand was elected Mayor of Redondo Beach with 5,479 votes, 51.91%

Todd Loewenstein was elected to City Council District 2 with 1,538 votes, 62.93%

Yes on Measure "C" won with 6,102 votes, 57.33%

Yes on County Measure "H" was also passed with 379,005 votes, 67.44%  
Our congratulations also to John Gran, a new member of BCD, for his election to Redondo Beach City Council District 4 with 848 votes, 54.20%.

We also want to thank those candidates who were not successful for their willingness to serve their communities and to all the good citizens who volunteered, walked, talked and donated to their candidates and causes.

*At our February meeting, a packed room*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lies, tweets, horrible picks to lead important agencies, Russians, relatives, more lies, more early morning tweets before flying down to Florida for another round of golf and an ego rally. And so it goes. A truly unhinged narcissist is roaming the White House in the middle of the night because his third wife won't live with him. His ties to the Russians day by day are being revealed, as so many of his closest advisers are caught in lies about meetings with them...Democracy hangs in the balance. "Cut!" Sorry P.T. Barnum but nobody will believe this.



We interrupt this program...Sorry folks this reality TV show has spun off into full on crazy, but nothing like this has ever happened and we can't stop the cameras rolling. This guy has got it all. He's a man of color who hangs with white suprema-

cists. He wears those ties that hang down to there and he's got that combover. He has no clue. He's on every channel day and night. He doesn't sleep and he's always sniffing. What's that about? I see "Emmy".

Seriously, this is really scary. All these things are true. Our country and the world are at risk as the news from around the world is not good. The news from Europe is especially worrisome as England, France, Germany and now Holland are having a revival of immigrant bashing and far right nationalism. Western liberal diplomacy which has kept the world secure since the Second World War is under attack by the Russians with their wire tapping and use of WikiLeaks to interfere with and upend our election and denigrate the CIA.

And the Cheeto has only been in power for 50 days.

All my life I wondered how Hitler could have happened. "Where were the

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(President, continued from page 1) people?" And now I know. Good people were unhappy with their lives and decided to take a chance on something glaringly different...only to find out it was a Trojan Horse full of Russians who don't want America to continue to lead in a stable world.

But we have the majority of the people. And the people are walking and organizing. Millions have marched in all the protests, called their congressperson and attended district meetings to oppose the anti-American policies this demented person has proposed.

Here in the Beach Cities we have seen a tremendous awakening. I have been so heartened these past few weeks because so many people have stepped up, shown up and committed to taking action to stop the relentless scourge to this nation that is the Trump administration.

The things that are going on make you want to tune out because it is so overwhelming. And, there is a danger that all this craziness and confusion that are happening on a daily basis will somehow become normal. We cannot let that happen. We must stay engaged and continue to fight. We all need to be involved, even if you don't think you have the time to give, because every small act of defiance matters. Your country needs you!

We Democrats can never forget or fail to act on the eloquent words of Robert F. Kennedy when he spoke about apartheid in South Africa fifty years ago, which equates to the oppression we see in our own country today, "It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

*Bobbi Buescher, President  
Beach Cities Democrats*

## February Recap

Victory Starts Today!

Again this month, our meeting room was packed with new members eager to get involved in the wake of the November election.

President Bobbi Buescher called the meeting to order and asked our new attendees to introduce themselves. Many stated that they were hoping to find a way to make a difference. Vice-President Dency Nelson then reported that Robocalls would be going out the following Tuesday to all three beach cities to promote the candidates and propositions we endorsed last meeting. He also said that Hermosa Beach Mayor Hany Fangary is resuming his monthly community meetings in the Council chambers.

Treasurer Edna Murphy presented the Treasurer's report for January:

### *Federal Account*

Beginning Balance	\$3,315.00
Money In	2,105.00
Money Out	125.00
Ending Balance	\$5,295.00

### *State Account*

Beginning Balance	\$466.00
Money In	949.00
Money Out	65.00
Ending Balance	\$1,350.00

Next we heard from Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi's Senior Field Representative Andrew deBlock, who reported that AI is deeply committed to banning the use of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHFA) at the Torrance Refinery. An explosion at the refinery in 2015 could have caused widespread fatalities, and there was to be a demonstration at the refinery. AI has introduced a bill package that would ban the use of HF in refineries, maintain a publicly accessible risk management plan, require air quality monitors on the fence-line and in the community, increase the number of refinery inspectors at CAL-OSHA, and ensure that the Refinery Task Force will continue beyond 2018. Andrew

invited us to visit AI's new Facebook page.

Cara Robin, president of the West LA Democratic Club, next presented a report on their initiative "Victory Starts Today!" which encompasses a wide range of actions to take back our government at all levels. The report was presented to the Democratic National Committee on February 12, and their recommendations include:

- Develop new campaign techniques, since phone banking has become less effective. This involves using social media much more effectively, and providing this expertise to candidates and state parties;
- Move away from primary caucuses towards primary elections or other systems that make it easier for more people to vote and that allow a secret ballot;
- Rebuild our association with unions; do not take them for granted.

For local action, they suggest:

- Adopt a state. Offer expertise, resources, people, whatever we can.
- Be involved all year; get to know communities and build connections. Don't just turn up as Democrats for elections. Do charitable work, attend community events.
- Get involved in the 2017 elections such as LA City Council and School Board.
- Go out to counties such as farming areas. These are not unlike counties in purple/red states. Get involved not

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*Andrew deBlock*



*Cara Robin*

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just in political ways.

- Listen more.

Ellen Bridle, along with Cara, spoke about the need to work together as activist groups to take back the states we lost during the last Administration. In particular, the Virginia and North Carolina legislatures must be pressured as they have initiated programs that suppress the Democratic vote, including gerrymandering, strict voter ID laws, and cross-checking programs that target minorities.

She spoke about building long-term relationships with purple states that can lean Democratic, including Nevada, which saw a close election. She and others will travel to those states and personally meet with swing voters and others: knocking on doors and engaging in direct communication is the key. Other likely candidate states include Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Arizona.

Next we heard from our featured speaker, Kanji Sahara. He attended the LA County Committee meeting to find out what we can do in the wake of the disastrous defeat in November:

- Join forces with other clubs;
- Support Muslims and Hispanic groups that are targeted;
- Oppose Paul Ryan's draconian plans to cut government programs and funding;
- Oppose the Supreme Court Nomination which would turn the Court right-wing for years.

He said that in 1942, the US interned thousands of Japanese Americans, and the only group that objected were the Quakers. We must make it a point to support all targeted communities. The Mormon Church has organized a clean-up day at a local Mosque that had been vandalized, and they were expecting a hundred people to participate.

Kanji spoke about the 7,000 people who had shown up at the LAX Bradley Terminal to protest the Muslim ban, and the enormous support for sanctuary cities

to protect Hispanics from deportation.

Next, we held an "Ides of Trump" action. The "ides" refers to the "Ides of March," a date that corresponds to March 15 on the Roman calendar, a date associated with doom. Bobbi passed around stamped postcards to each attendee, addressed to Donald Trump, on which we could write protest messages, and she would mail them all at once on March 15. We must flood the White House and Congress with our message. This campaign goes far beyond our club.

Another speaker, Wayne Mogilefsky, spoke about an initiative to Swing Southern California Left. It involves helping people learn how to register to vote, and registering new voters at such places as Laundromats and local shops. He emphasized the importance of targeting red districts.

Following Mogilefsky, Rich Noyola spoke about the "Indivisible Guide," which focuses on how to influence your Congressperson. Call or go in person to let them know where you stand on the issues, even if your Congressman is a Democrat. Ted Lieu needs to know we have his back. There was to be a meeting in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library on March 12. Learn more at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/indivisible-south-bay-la-monthly-group-meeting>.

"We need to show Congress that there is broad resistance to Trump's agenda. Join this meeting where you can help plan Congressional office visits, coordinate phone calls, and more."

Finally, Tony Hale spoke on the LA County Democratic Party Committee, saying that there will be 37 elections on March 7 and they will have an effect on our Congress. We must make sure AI stays in office, elect mayors, city councilmen, and school board members. "When the people vote, Democrats Win."

Tony described the purpose of the County Committee, much of which involves forming resolutions. These are statements of principle, such as opposi-



*Our featured speaker, Kanji Sahara, speaking about the actions Democrats can take to oppose the disastrous GOP agenda*

tion to the death penalty or investigating the Russian influence on our elections. They then report to Congress, and follow up with constituents.

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