



Next Meeting

Wednesday
February 28, 7:00PM

Hermosa Beach Community Center
710 Pier Ave.
Room 16, Hermosa Beach 90254

Our agenda will include a recap of the California Democratic Convention, which will be held in San Diego, February 23-25. With this year being such an important election year we will report all the news from both the State Party and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee on strategy, expectations and how you can help us take back Congress and keep California Bright Blue.

We will be electing a new governor and all our state officers this year, who will be competing for the party's endorsement at the convention. Our local elected officials, Congressmen Ted Lieu, State Senator Ben Allen and Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi have already been endorsed and those endorsements will be ratified at the convention.

We will also be proposing a resolution in favor of Al's Bill AB 1775 to oppose offshore drilling for oil along our coast.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Party of Cruelty is at it again. How is it that the sanctimonious Republicans who shield their mean and evil deeds wrapped up in the flag and God are so divorced from the flag and God? As always, after a mass shooting, they say it's not the time to talk about guns and only offer empty thoughts and prayers as if that's all they can do.

Like they couldn't pass bills insuring background checks and banning assault weapons, but for the good ratings from the NRA and their cold hard cash.

When men from their party are accused of sexual misconduct and violence against women and children who have been exploited in the workplace and in their private lives, all the GOP can do is defend and support the perpetrator, not the victim. Trump backed Roy Moore and



it took him nine days to say he was opposed to domestic violence.

With the stroke of a pen in that tiny little hand, 689,800 "Dreamers", children who have never known any other country but the United States will be stripped of their ability to legally work and as of March 5, will be subject to deportation.

And now after their \$1.5 trillion tax cut that mostly benefits the richest Americans and slashes corporate taxes, the administration plans to start cutting programs that benefit the majority of our people.

Their draconian budget cuts include 42.3 percent cut to ALL non-defense discretionary spending.

On the chopping block are: Medicare, Medicaid, Obamacare subsidies, the State Department, the EPA, the NEA, the FBI, the Department of Justice, scientific research through the National Institutes of Science and Health and the National Science Foundation, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Labor Department, and funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program which serves 42

Save Our Coastline!

The recent Town Hall in Hermosa Beach on offshore oil drilling, presented by Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, was EXTREMELY important and informative.

Please, no matter how brief, it is important that all of us submit comments to the Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management re: the Trump Administration's proposed opening of our precious California coastline to oil drilling!

Here's the direct link:

<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=BOEM-2017-0074>

Just follow the link or enter it into your browser, type your comment, fill out your information, and send. Please do it before the March 9 deadline.



Our well-attended January 20 Holiday Party at the home of Ray and Carol Waters

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million low income working families with 20 million children, seniors and disabled people on fixed incomes by sending them a box of "shelf stable" items instead of letting them choose fresh foods, fruits and vegetables that are appropriate for their families at their local markets. These heartless "public servants" who call themselves Christians obviously don't take the Golden Rule into consideration. They lie, they cheat and they steal from the most vulnerable.

Our duty as citizens is to protest, walk, talk, call and work every day until November 6 to rid our country of this current craven Congress.

*Bobbi Buescher, President
Beach Cities Democrats*

(Right) More scenes from our January holiday party



January Recap

By Moira Zucker

On January 24, BCD cancelled our regular meeting to attend Representative Ted Lieu's appearance at Torrance's Toyota Meeting Hall. The well-organized event was held jointly by various Indivisible groups in the area, and the audience was enthusiastic, greeting many of Lieu's statements with cheers.

"I don't get that kind of applause in Washington D.C.," he said.

Mark Drabkin noted that Indivisible did a great job with security, specifically with keeping out the hecklers/disrupters who frequently get into events like this one. He wrote, "On this occasion Ted was able to speak without anybody yelling 'LIAR' or anything like that." Mark also sends props to our local Indivisible chapter leaders who spearheaded the effort to organize this event including, but certainly not limited to, Mary McCulley, Umesh & Lori Ketkar, as well as our own Rochelle Schneider."

Lieu began by addressing the recent federal government shutdown and explained why he voted against the Continuing Resolution to fund the government.

"It's not only harmful to the military, there was no fix for DREAMers, it did

nothing to address community health centers – it was missing a lot of things," Lieu said.

He also addressed the ongoing investigation into alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 Presidential election, and President Trump's actions surrounding the investigation, including the firing of James Comey.

"We have confirmation that the Special Council is looking into obstruction of justice...if you remember Watergate, Nixon ended up resigning for obstruction of justice and obstruction of the investigation. That was the first Article of Impeachment that the House Judiciary Committee passed out," Lieu said. "Here's a fun fact: I sit on the House Judiciary Committee."

The Congressman also spoke about the upcoming 2018 elections, including targeted districts that Democrats hope to win from Republicans, including those of retiring Republican Congressmen Ed Royce and Darrell Issa. When asked about 2020, he cautioned activists to not look too far down the road. He said, "I think the time to look toward 2020 isn't now, but in December 2018."

When asked about recently-announced federal tariffs on foreign-made

solar panels, Lieu said the tariffs were "a stupid thing to do" that would have a negative effect on small businesses that purchase and use solar panels.

In appearances elsewhere, Congressman Lieu has predicted that more indictments are coming this year in special counsel Robert Mueller's probe. It was reported in the *New York Times* that Mueller's investigation began because former Trump campaign adviser George Papadopolous told an Australian diplomat that Russian officials were peddling information damaging to Hillary Clinton. "We know that George Papadopolous has now agreed to cooperate with special counsel Mueller," Lieu said on MSNBC.

He added that the revelation about Papadopolous "leads to all sorts of questions such as who else on Trump's campaign knew, what did the Trump campaign do with this information."

Criticism from Republicans has not stopped Lieu from defending Mueller and his probe, and continuing to criticize Trump and his administration, including son-in-law Jared Kushner. One of Ted's favorite questions is, "Why does Jared Kushner still have a security clearance?"

In a recent email statement, Lieu said:

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Here is Rep. Lieu from the recent rally at Santa Monica Pier to save our beautiful coast from Trump's proposed oil drilling.

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"The truth is Russia interfered with our election and multiple members of the Trump campaign have pled guilty as part of the investigation that's trying to determine if the Trump camp helped Russia. The truth is Trump has obstructed justice and does things an innocent person just wouldn't do. And the truth is that this White House is full of people who lack proper security clearance, including Jared Kushner."

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Edna Murphy sent the Treasurer's Report for January-February:

Federal Account

Beginning Balance	\$4,375.00
Money In	3,707.00
Money Out	1,600.00
Ending Balance	\$6,475.00

State Account

Beginning Balance	\$539.00
Money In	65.00
Money Out	50.00
Ending Balance	\$654.00



Here is a lightly edited summary from one of our members, Bob Wolfe, of the League of Women Voters event held at the Hermosa Beach Community Center:

Lieu has read both the (now released) Nunes staff memo regarding the FISA

At our January party, (l) Bob Monzingo upping the ambience at the piano; Jeff Du-Clos, Vanessa Poster, Varo Asorian and Diane Wallace



warrant as well as the response from the Democratic members of the House Intelligence Committee that the majority to date has refused to release. Lieu spoke in measured, even tones, without a lot of rhetorical flourishes.

The Congressman said he didn't think the Republicans would be able to control the narrative once the public had the opportunity to read both memos in their entirety, including the material factual information which Nunes deliberately omitted in an attempt to tarnish the FBI and the federal investigators.

He also expressed his strong concern about Trump's projected strategy to administer a so-called "bloody nose" to North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un. Lieu, who still is a member of the Air Force Reserves, talked about his personal experience in participating in military exercises aimed at North Korea while stationed in Guam. In Lieu's view, such a preemptive strike would be highly reckless and counterproductive, given the U.S.'s poor military intelligence on North Korea, North Korea's proximity to heavily populated areas of South Korea, and North Korea's stockpile of chemical and biological weapons.

Lieu said that he supported the same merit-based immigration system that permitted Donald Trump's 16-year-old grandfather to legally migrate to the U.S. on a steerage class ticket with limited English skills and few economic resources.

In response to a question about his top infrastructure priorities, Lieu listed the light rail extension to Torrance as his #1 priority, along with increased investments in cybersecurity.



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