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

May 2018

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 23, 7:00PM Hermosa Beach Community Center, Room 16, Hermosa Beach 90254

Our special quest will be DNC member Andrew Lachman, who will give us all of the inside information regarding the DNC. We will also be open to hear from candidates for all offices, from Lt. Gov. on down through the Judges, who might want to come speak to us.

And we will hear from our Slate Committee, who will announce their suggested slate of officers for our June meeting's Officer Election.

In addition to all that, we will be asking you to please volunteer for some two-hour shifts at our Beach Cities Democrats booth at Fiesta Hermosa over the three days of Memorial Day Weekend! That's May 26-28. For more information and to RSVP, visit our website to see all the latest BCD news.

Now, let's get out there and take our country back by swinging these Red Congressional seats, and we'll see you on May 23!!!

Shelley and Paul Miller Moira and Dency Nelson Cordially invite you to a cocktail reception supporting Blue Momentum PAC

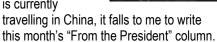
> Special Guest Congressman Ted Lieu Sunday, June 10, 2018 2:00 to 4:00PM

At the Hancock Park Home of Shellev and Paul Miller. Address provided upon RSVP.

For more information or to RSVP please call 562-981-2111 or email Genelle. Buchert@gmail.com.

FROM THE VICE **PRESIDENT**

Our President. Bobbi Buescher, will be back in time for our May 23 meeting, but as she is currently



I'll tell you up front that I am going to continue the theme of Bobbi's most recent columns, as there is currently no job more important for us than to Flip Red Congressional Districts to Blue! The task becomes even more urgent as we are rapidly approaching the first leg of the 2018 midterm election here in California, the June 5 Primary. Bobbi and I have been doing our part, joining others of like mind, including a few Beach Cities Dems members, at the CodeBlue/ SwingSoCalLeft Phone Banks. Our efforts have been, and continue to be. focused on identifying the voters in the Southern California Republican Districts who want to get our Country back, out of the hands of the current Administration and the Republican majority in Congress. We only need to flip 23 Red Districts to Blue across the nation and we Democrats will be back in charge of at least one house of one branch of our government, restoring to some degree the protective

checks and balances for which the three equal branches of government were designed by our founders. Five of those Districts are located here in Southern California. It won't be easy to flip them, as these are Districts where the majority of registered voters are still Republican. In some of these Districts, especially where the Republican incumbents are retiring (Ed Royce in CD39 and Daryl Issa in CD49), there is the possibility that after the June 5 Primary, due to California's "Top Two" system, two Republicans could move on to the November 6 General Election, destroying our chance of getting a Democrat into those seats. But, we are hopeful about those Districts because, even though they re-elected their Republican Representatives in November of 2016, they voted for Hillary Clinton for President over Donald Trump. And that was 18 months ago, long before the travesty that is this Administration, and the lock-step support for it given by Republican Representatives, was fully revealed to the voters. We are hopeful because in recent Special Elections in Pennsylvania's CD18 and Arizona's CD8 (two Districts where a significant majority voted for Trump in 2016), a majority or a huge part of the electorate voted for a Democrat for Congress. They said no, enough, no more Trump! Let's take back the House and get our Country back!

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Phone Banking

Please join us, this week, next week, and in the weeks that follow, up until November 6! Tuesday—Audrey's home 6:30-8:30 540 24th Place

Thursday—Maria's home 6:30-8:30 1720 Gates Ave Manhattan Beach 90266

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And EVERY week through Nov. 6! You can RSVP for any of these events at swingsocalleft.org or by calling 310-374-1188 or labommer@gmail.com or just come.

ON JUNE 5! BEACH CITIES DEMOCRATS' ENDORSED **CANDIDATE**

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How did this happen? Because of people doing exactly what we are doing here in Southern California with Code-Blue and SwingSoCalLeft: phoning, walking, knocking on doors and talking to our fellow voters! We, YOU, have the power to make this happen! Don't be the person wringing your hands regretfully on November 7 if you wake up to find out that the Republicans are still in charge. Don't be the person who has to admit that you didn't do everything you could to make the difference. It's up to all of us to make sure the Blue Wave actually happens. Don't expect somebody else to do it; the somebody else is you!!!

Dency Nelson

April Recap

By Moira Zucker

Officer Reports

President Bobbi Buescher opened the meeting with a reminder of the upcoming fund raiser for John Chiang at the Lantern House on May 11. She spoke about the recent phone banking sessions, which have been well attended, and encouraged all who could participate. Although many phone numbers turn out to be bad, it's useful to eliminate them from the list. The list only contains Democrats and decline-to-state voters. and callers ask people what their most important issues are. In addition, they try to recruit new volunteers, and they remind people about the Primary date, June 5. It's especially important for people to vote because of the "jungle primary," which allows only the top two candidates--no matter which party--to advance to the November election. Callers also ask people how they feel about Donald Trump.

She said that she and Vice-President Dency Nelson attended a Democratic Club meeting at Mira Costa High School, where about 30 students attended. These students are pre-registering people 16 and 17 years old, very important because we are building momentum and adding to the numbers of committed Democrats.

Dency reported that he had recently attended a Hermosa Beach City Council



April 22 Fund raiser for Al Muratsuchi, with special guest Anthony Rendon, at the home of Melanie and Richard Lundquist

meeting. He noted that a BCD member, Barbara Ellman, was recently appointed to the Hermosa Beach Parks and Recreation Commission. He also said there was to be a meeting of the Torrance Refinery Action Alliance (TRAASouthbay. com) supporting the elimination of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid. Coinciding with this meeting was a Community Coffee with Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi.

Treasurer's Report

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Federal Account	
Beginning Balance	\$6303
Money In	100
Money Out	40
Ending Balance	\$6363
State Account	
Beginning Balance	\$439
Money In	65
Money Out	165
Ending Balance	\$339
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The report included the number of current members, approximately 240.

Elected Officials

Next, Ted Lieu's Representative Joey Apodaca spoke to the group. Joey said that Scott Pruitt, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, is planning to roll back emission standards. Many groups are opposing this, including the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Regarding cannabis eradication, Ted believes that "the Federal Government has a responsibility to spend taxpayer money wisely. Instead, AG Jeff Sessions would rather waste federal dollars by attacking marijuana, which has been legalized either for medical or recreational use in the majority of states in the U.S. The DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program is a waste of time and money and runs contrary to the will of the people." Ted favors redirecting \$9M of the funds for cannabis eradication to victims of childhood abuse.

Ted is also in favor of the Music Modernization Act, which paves the way for improved royalty payments to songwriters, artists and creatives in the digital era. The bill is overwhelmingly supported by the music industry, and has bipartisan support in the House.

Ted, who sits on the Judiciary Committee, joined other Congressmen in supporting the Special Counsel Transparency Act of 2018, which was introduced in the House of Representatives. The bill seeks to preserve the work of the Justice Department's investigation into the 2016

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(Recap, Continued) election, in the event the Trump Administration dismisses Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

Joey also reported that there may be a link between the NRA and Russia, in that the NRA may have received illegal contributions. Michael Flynn and Vladimir Putin are known to have attended a dinner party.

As for the war in Yemen, Ted Lieu considers it the "world's worst man-made humanitarian crisis." Saudi Arabia has bombed several hospitals and helped in air-refueling of warplanes. In spite of the charm offensive of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS), Ted speaks out against gender inequality and human rights abuses in the kingdom and continues to advocate for an end to the bombing. Ted wrote to FBI Director Christopher Wray stating that Jared Kushner leaked classified information to MBS from the Presidential Daily Briefing. The Prince boasted to the United Arab Emirates that Kushner was "in his pocket."

Joey said that Ted has introduced HR 5433 to require the Secretary of State to design and establish a Vulnerability Disclosure Program (VDP) to improve Department of State cybersecurity and a bounty program to identify and report vulnerabilities of internet-facing information technology of the Department of State, and for other purposes. The bill is colloquially referred to as "Hack your State Department."

And finally, Ted hopes that staff members are aware that "nondisclosure agreements" don't hold. "This move is an affront to government transparency. Whistleblowers should be encouraged to come forward with accounts of governmental misconduct without fear of retaliation. Public scrutiny is often a critical defense against corruption. A strong government with strong leadership





Addressing our April Meeting: (L) Joey Apodaca, (R) Renee Gilbertson

should be willing to conduct their business out in the open. As a Member of Congress, my job is to conduct oversight of the federal government—a task made impossible by forced secrecy."

Slate Committee

Our committee to nominate BCD officers for the upcoming fiscal year consists of Ray Waters (the chair), Stephanie Solomon, Lori Geittmann, and Moira Zucker. The committee will report its recommendations at the May meeting, ahead of the June meeting when the club will vote. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at that time, per our bylaws.

Announcements and Adjournment We heard from a judicial candidate in Office No. 126, Renee Gilbertson. She has been endorsed by Judge Zeke Zeidler, Judge Kevin Bryant, and former Assembly member Jackie Goldberg.

Ms. Gilbertson is Senior Deputy County Counsel in the area of Juvenile Dependency Law for Los Angeles County, protecting the children of Los Angeles County for 24 years.

She has worked primarily in the area of juvenile law to prevent child abuse and neglect and to ensure that necessary services are provided to children and families. She began her legal career as a Staff Attorney at The Alliance for Children's Rights and, by 1995, became the Interim Executive Director. In 1996, Ms. Gilbertson began representing children in the juvenile dependency arena at Children's Law Center Los Angeles.

Since 1999, Ms. Gilbertson has worked in the Office of the County Counsel where she litigates child abuse and neglect cases on behalf of the County. She has also served as Legal Advisor to the Sheriff's Department and as advisor to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors. If elected, she hopes to improve access to justice; it currently takes over a year to get a trial. Three other candidates are in this race.

Bobbi reminded us that BCD will be having a booth at Fiesta Hermosa on Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to Ray Waters, we will have our usual spot in the Free Speech area, and will need staffers to man the booth. Staffers give information on candidates and voter registration services and membership forms for those interested in joining the club.







Additional scenes from the April 22 fund raiser at the Lundquist home

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John Chiang For Governor

Many Beach Cities Democrats attended the May 11 reception for Gubernatorial Candidate John Chiang at the Lantern House in Venice, organized by Scott Mayers and Cara Robin. Sponsors included Marc Saltzberg, West LA Democratic Club, Beach Cities Democrats, Yardenna Hurvitz, Paul Song, Dency and Moira Nelson, Connie and Richard Sullivan.



John said he has always been unwilling to compromise when it comes to ensuring California is financially sound and protected and, as governor, will remain committed to passing tough legislation that benefits people over politics. As State Controller, he withheld pay from state legislators until they were able to pass a balanced and responsible budget, holding them accountable to the people who elected them.

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