

(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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