



Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 25, 7:00PM

Hermosa Beach Community Center,
Room 16, Hermosa Beach 90254

Before I list our agenda, I want to remind you that on the same day as our meeting we will join the LA County Democratic Party in helping to register New Citizens to vote. **The Naturalization Ceremonies are at the LA Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St., LA 90015. The shifts include setup at 7:45 AM followed by the morning session at 8:45 AM and the afternoon session at 1:00 PM concluding around 4:00 PM.** We will either take Metro from the Redondo Beach Station on Marine Avenue or car-pool depending on how many people we have. Please contact me at: bobbimb@aol.com if you can help on this MOST important mission to register New Democrats. We MUST take back the House if this republic is to survive. Adding to our voter numbers is easier than talking people who never vote into showing up. New citizens are dedicated, educated and care deeply about this country. It's a very emotional experience for them and for us. We can no longer afford to take our liberties and freedoms for granted. November 6th is the "D Day" of our Times.

Now on to the agenda:

We will have a presentation by Andrew Lachman, local member of the Democratic National Committee, who will update us on the latest news at the DNC, fresh from the Western Caucus Training in Salt Lake City. We will also discuss if we want to endorse in any Democrat vs. Democrat statewide races on the November ballot, or if we should concentrate on our stated goal of "Flipping the House." (We will be endorsing in the Hermosa Beach School Board election and any other local city elections at our August meeting.)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Existing this July, in the Summer of 2018 is exhausting. Every day, hourly really some new lie, tweet or outrage is forthcoming from the creatures lurching about at the murky bottom of the Black Lagoon, formerly known as the White House.

This has been an especially rough week with the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the "Family Values" party still keeping children separated from their parents and now the U.S. delegates to the World Health Organization are trying to eliminate a resolution recognizing breast milk as the healthiest option for babies, because their corporate overlords/formula makers see it as bad news for their profits.

The moron is currently in Europe brutalizing our friends and allies to be topped off at a private meeting with his idol, Putin. God only knows what he will agree



to give him. Maybe abandon NATO? We know he has done nothing to investigate Russian meddling in our 2016 election and he believes the former KGB spy, that Russia had no involvement in hacking the DNC or the Clinton campaign (the twelve Russian intelligence officers just indicted by the Mueller Investigation be damned.) Maybe Vlad would like us to gift him back Alaska?! It would be a nice addition to his Crimea annexation. After all Russia's loss of the Crimea War in 1856 is how we got it in the first place.

The flight of the orange diapered "Trump Baby" balloon soaring above the throngs of protesters in the sky over London was a welcome bit of levity in an otherwise rude and depressingly insulting performance by the "Ugly American."

As the British people protest, here in the Beach Cities we have been busy standing against Trump and his horrid policies too. We have participated in rallies at the Federal Building, in the sand at the Hermosa Beach Pier and on the streets of Redondo Beach. All of these demonstrations were held with very little

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Our phone banks continue through Election Day, November 6. Please join us from 6:30-8:30 PM. Bring your cell phone, computer/tablet & charger to any of the following locations:

Every Monday: 2537 Via Olivera, PV Estates

Every Tuesday: 540 24th Place, Hermosa Beach

Every Thursday: 1720 Gates Ave., Manhattan Beach

RSVP: labommer@gmail.com.

You can also call or text from home: Go to: SwingSoCalLeft.org/

Upcoming Events:

- July 18, 7 PM: 66th ADDC, UCI Law Professor Rick Hasen will speak on election law, Zamperini Field, 3301 Airport Dr., Torrance
- July 21, 4:30 PM, Westchester-Playa Dem Club Summer Celebration, Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, 6700 W. 83rd St., LA 90045
- August 4, 7 PM, Fundraiser to Re-elect LACounty Assessor Jeff Prang, Lantern House, Venice, 745 Milwood Ave., RSVP: 323-465-9655

For all the latest information go to our website. Hoping to see you on the 25th!

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notice, so it is especially gratifying to have had the number of people showing up and exercising their First Amendment "right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Thank you dear forefathers for birthing our Nation and giving us the ability to chart our own course and change it when it is MOST necessary, as it is today. Happy 242nd Birthday America!

*Bobbi Buescher
President, Beach Cities Democrats*



(L) Beach Cities Democrats at the June 30 Keep Families Together March in Redondo Beach. (R) For Family Surf Day, promoting Al's bill to make surfing California's State Sport: Dency, Bobbi, Al Muratsuchi, Kevin Whilden of the Ecoboard Project, MB City Councilman David Lesser, and former MB Councilman Wayne Powell

June Recap

By Andrea Valcourt

Bobbi called the meeting to order and said that it had been a really bad week, but busy. She and others protested at the WLA Federal Building on Saturday, which was organized by Mike Bonin. It was a good turnout, with good posters. Maxine Waters and Ben Allen attended. There was good media coverage.

She said two buses carried some of us to San Diego, plus a U-Haul with approximately 10,000 toys, blankets and other necessities. However, the authorities at the Otway Detention facility wouldn't accept the donations and we weren't allowed entry. The facility was depressing, with barbed wire surrounding it. We felt badly that a couple who had come to see a relative couldn't get in because of our rally.

After 2 ½ hours, we went to the Casa San Diego detention facility in El Cajon, just outside of San Diego. It was about 9:30 PM, but the authorities here did accept the donations, which included letters written by kids at the rally. This facility is surrounded by canvas fences and you can't see anything.

The tapes of the kids crying and the pictures of the facilities really have put people over the edge. Some are calling Bobbi and talking about how upset they are.

Another disappointment this week was the Supreme Court upholding the Muslim ban.

Still another was the ruling that public

sector employees cannot be forced to pay union dues, if they are not members. It's too bad because unions have improved working conditions so much. Previous rulings said that if all benefited, then all should pay dues. The ruling cited the 1st Amendment in its decision.

With Justice Kennedy retiring in July, Trump has another chance to nominate a Justice. People ask, can we use the McConnell rule and prevent the vote until after the election? We have to wait and see.

Bobbi said that the best thing we can do is work to turn out the vote and take back at least one of the houses, if not both. There are phone banks every week in the South Bay at someone's home or on line, and it's easy to participate. You just need a PC or tablet and a phone. There will also be door knocking. Just go to our website for the link on these, and there are training sessions to make it even easier.

Bobbi said, I'm happy to say that we have a Democrat on the ballot in every California district. We just need to get them elected.

A great event that's coming up on July 25, is the Naturalization ceremony downtown. We are organizing to go and register voters. (See Meeting Announcement on p. 1). Dency will post it in his weekly newsletter and it will be added to our website.

Bobbi asked new attendees to stand and introduce themselves. There were four visitors, with three as possible

members.

Connie Sullivan noted that we need to participate in Swing the 7 now and not wait until November 7, when it is too late. Dency stated that LA County is going to call on us to get out the vote. OC isn't as red as it used to be and is a real target.

Since our last meeting, Bobbi said there were several events. A lot of people came to the BCD booth at Fiesta Hermosa. She was proud to announce that an article in the *LA Times* about John Chiang's election showed Beach Cities Dems in the picture. There were several successful fundraisers, with the Hancock Park event supporting Ted Lieu's Blue Momentum PAC.

Edna Murphy gave the treasurer's report:
Federal Account: \$5,602.65
State Account: \$966.43

Ben Allen's report by Olina Wibroe

There was a revision to the Metro plan yesterday, with the Green Line going between Redondo and Norwalk. Janice Hahn will ask that the recommendation be received, but not voted on until September, when all three options are reviewed and commented on. Moira Nelson noted that Bob Wolf sent out an email stating that the COG (Council of Governments) is supporting Janice.

This is a really busy time, so if you want Ben to attend a function, get the request in sooner than later.

Legislation review

SB 961, Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts, authored by Ben,
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gives cities back control over the financing of these projects. It passed out of committee unanimously

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SB 933, Arts Education for All, authored by Ben, creates grants for all arts programs and gives priority to cities that don't have programs.

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SB2067, arming school resource officers to protect schools.

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SB 872, Big Soda Bill, bans taxes on sodas for 12 years, which Ben doesn't support because it was supported by the American Beverage Association

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Olina was asked if she would talk to Ben about sponsoring a bill to give cities the right to control cable companies again. She replied that the lobby is so big that bills never get enough support.

SB 822, Communications: Broad Band Internet Access Service, which would restore Net Neutrality, passed the Senate, but failed in the Assembly. It got watered down and added cost to Hulu and other providers, which would have been passed to consumers. Another bill will be brought up.

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Dency requested that Olina thank Ben for bringing his family to Shakespeare by the Sea. He has done a lot to get money for the arts and education.

Al Muratsuchi report by Cody Bridges

All the bills authored or co-authored by Al passed the Assembly and went to the Senate.

AB1761, Employee Safety: Hotels, which protects housekeeping staff from sexual assault by providing them with panic



Clockwise from Top: Olina Wibroe from Ben Allen's office; our newly reelected Board: President Bobbi Buescher, Vice-President Dency Nelson, Treasurer Edna Murphy, and Secretary Ryley Simcox; Cody Bridges from Al Muratsuchi's office

buttons and paying for medical needs, if assaulted.

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AB1775, State Lands: Leasing: Oil and Gas, which prevents new and renewing offshore drilling and protects the coastline.

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AB1782, Surfing, which would make surfing the state sport.

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AB1796, Rental Property: Electric Car Charging Stations, which allows renters to install charging stations. The previous bill prohibited this when it was a rent control building. Dency mentioned that it was not clear if renters would get the rebate.

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AB2808, Education Finance, which increased arts funding for K – 12 and includes all schools, even those doing well.

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Safety Day, starting at 9 AM at West High in Torrance. The CHP will be on site.

Isabel Rodriguez suggested a South Bay Julian Katz Cycleville. The idea was well received, but will take coordination within the biking community and the impacted cities.

Moira Nelson asked about SB10, Bail Reform: Pretrial Release, which reforms how bail is set. She wanted to know if it had passed and what's Al's position.

Cody replied that Al hasn't taken a position yet. He wants us to replace it with something better. New Jersey saw crime spike and then adjust itself. Al has taken many meetings on this issue.

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Al's campaign Update by Jake Ridout, Assistant to the campaign manager

Thanks for all your support. We beat Scotto by 4%, but we have to work hard because Scotto is well funded. The campaign is calling on people to host community coffees and Jake passed around a sign-up sheet. If you can't commit now, you can call the office. On Wednesday, July 18, between 1:00 and 3:00, Al is doing a walk-around at the Hermosa Beach Farmer's Market.

June 30 is the Julian Katz Child Bike

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Club Officers Election

Ray Waters stated that no new nominations were given since our last meeting and the slate is to re-elect our current officers, who have graciously offered to serve again. He asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. The slate was elected by unanimous proclamation.

Primary Election Recap by Bobbi and Dency

The good news is that there is a Democrat running in every district. There are 14 Republican districts and 7 are targeted because the districts voted for Hillary, which is a good chunk of the 23 needed to flip the House. The targeted districts were named along with their Democratic candidates.

Some districts in the OC are getting more Democrats registered than Republicans. The DCCC opened an Irvine headquarters office because of this change.

With the Primaries over, Democrats are getting behind the Democratic candi-

dates, even if they are not the candidate they originally backed. Now, it will be easier to make calls because we can focus on the top candidate.

Bob Monzingo noted that a good predictor from the primary results is the ratio between Democrats going to the polls and Republicans. He thinks that Districts 45 and 48 will be tough, but 10 and 25 will be easier.

Dency stated that you can register through the DMV, but if you don't specify a party, you are registered no-party-preference. This makes it difficult when making calls because it skews the numbers. You can check lavote.net to see how you're registered.

Isabel Rodriguez mentioned that if you don't get your ballot, you can still vote on a Provisional Ballot. Also, you can vote at a polling place that is not your regular place. These ballots will be counted. In 2020, California will have all mail-in ballots, which you can still bring to a polling place.

Bobbi and Dency reviewed the top of the ballot results as well as the judges and the ballot measures. The ballot

measures all passed as we'd hoped: yes on 68, 69, 71, 72 MB1 and no on 70. We lost our Senate super majority with Josh Newman being recalled. The LA County Supervisors are in place.

BCD can decide if we want to endorse when there are two Democrats in a race. It was announced that the Hermosa Beach school board has three seats on the November ballot. It is important to see if down ballot seats get votes.

Connie announced the two Democrats of the Year: Reggie Jue and Nichelle Henderson.

Connie also announced that Rick Hasen will be the speaker for the 66th ADDC meeting, July 18 at 7 PM at Zamperini Field. He is a UCI law professor, election law expert, commentator on MSNBC, contributor to Slate, legal blogger and an author.

Ray reported that Saturday there are Families Belong Together Rallies at numerous locations: Dency said they would publish the information.
