

Next Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7:00PM

Hermosa Beach Community Center,
Room 16, Hermosa Beach 90254

We will focus on the propositions that are on the ballot in November. Our BCD club member and 66th Assembly District Executive Board representative Tony Hale will lead the discussion on the twelve propositions. The subjects include: bonds, taxes, daylight saving time, healthcare, housing, labor and a ban on the sale of meat from animals confined in small spaces.

We just finished a successful three-day Fiesta Hermosa where we were able to talk to hundreds of voters and distribute our CA General Election Democratic Endorsements flyer, which was much appreciated by everyone. We also gave out information on volunteer opportunities for door knocking and phone banks which will continue through November 6. Our thanks to all our volunteers!

As you know, we have three local phone banks operating every week from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Every Monday: 2537 Via Olivera, PVE 90274

Every Tuesday: 540 24th Place,
Hermosa Beach 90254

Every Thursday: 1720 Gates Ave.,
Manhattan Beach 90266

Bring your PC/tablet, cell phone and charger. RSVP: labommer@gmail.com dedicated to Flipping the House.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I suddenly feel optimistic. Manafort Flipped! Flipping is good, whether it's every one of Trump's former friends/felons or what we hope for on November 6.

We've spent the last several months making calls to the districts in Southern California that Hillary won, asking voters to help us "Flip the House" and watching as our Big Blue Wave has gained momentum. Don't want to get too excited, even though the latest polls at seven weeks out have us up by 14 points. It's looking good but that's what we thought in 2016. I've tried not to think about the past. Too wrenching. Just keep going. Do the work, make the calls, register voters, protest, walk, give money, repeat.

That's the workings and the lifeblood of every campaign, along with the people



who feel compelled to help, to be involved in the process, giving of their time, talent and treasure. Volunteering for a cause is noble. Working to save our democracy is vital.

We are all witness to the death of truth under this administration as its partisan lemmings remain in lock step with the liar. It is getting harder however for them to continue calling the investigation a "witch hunt" when Muller has won convictions and guilty pleas from quite a rogues' gallery of Trumpians, along with indictments of Russian intelligence officers, companies and citizens responsible for hacking the DNC and interfering in our presidential election.

The truth will all come out. It's happening. These dark days will end. Between the brilliance of the Muller Team and the hard work of our volunteers, we will turn Congress Blue and restore the balance of power in Washington D C.

Here at home in our Beautiful Blue State, Governor Brown and The

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Al Muratsuchi, Bobbi Buescher, and Gavin Newsom at Al's new Headquarters on 9/11

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Legislature have put us on a path to 100% fossil-fuel free, renewable energy by 2045, with the signing of Senate Bill 100. By using the sun and the wind we will have a cleaner, sustainable future, while also creating good jobs and optimism for the fate of our planet.

And in San Francisco, at the Global Climate Action Summit, the Governor announced that California would launch our "own damn satellite, to figure out where the pollution is and how are we going to end it." Our embrace of new technologies to fight climate change has made our economic growth strong and his leadership has brought us in line with the rest of the world to live up to the Paris Accords.

Our leaders are sprinkling the gold dust of optimism for the future. California is on the right track. Soon the nation will be too.

Bobbi Buescher
President, Beach Cities Democrats

Upcoming Events

9/18: New Citizen Voter Registration
LA Convention Center, South Hall, 1301
S. Figueroa St., LA 90015

Volunteers Needed! Contact Bobbi:
bobbimb@aol.com

9/22: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. South Bay
Pledge to Vote Rally
Columbia Regional Park, 4045 190th
Street, Torrance 90504

9/30: 4:30-6:30 PM. 66th Assembly
District Candidate Forum on the
Environment

Pacific Unitarian Church, 5261
Montemalaga Dr., RPV 90275
10/6&7: MB Hometown Fair BCD
Booth. Volunteers Needed!

This is it! We're past Labor Day and officially in the last leg of Campaign 2018. It's time for everyone to step up and help us TAKE BACK THE HOUSE TO SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY! You can walk, phone and give money to your favorite candidates and Ted's Blue Momentum PAC, which is dedicated to Flipping the House.

August Recap

By Andrea Valcourt

Bobbi opened the meeting saying we've had a couple of good days in the news. Recent events included Michael Cohen pleading guilty and Paul Manafort facing eight charges. The Republicans can't hide for much longer and it's good to talk about something positive. It's a great way to start our meeting.

She asked the visitors to stand and say their names. There were three possible new members. She mentioned that anyone can come, but only registered Democrats can participate in the club's elections. No-party-preference can join, but cannot vote.

Dency's VP Report

Our by-laws say that we must notice when we are going to have an endorsement meeting, which we did. However, the Hermosa School Board has three Democrats running for the three seats, with no opposition. So we do not need to vote on endorsements; all three will be seated on the Board. Proud to say that all the Hermosa elected officials—the city council and the school board—are Democrats. This leaves us free to concentrate on flipping the House. Dency said he had to thank the No on Oil campaign leaders for uniting so many people and getting them involved in local politics.

Treasurer's Report From Edna Murphy
Federal Account: \$4,931
State Account: \$1,654

Ryley's Report

She said that the newsletter was distributed both electronically and by mail. She asked that the minutes be approved and they were.

Al Muratsuchi Campaign

Jake Ridout said we're coming to the end of our second session, with the 24th the last day to approve a bill and the 31st the last day to vote on a bill.

AB1796, Rental Property: Electric Car Charging Stations, which allows renters to install charging stations, was approved. The previous bill prohibited this when it was a rent control building. Dency gets a



At the August 24 Blue Momentum Fundraiser in Long Beach: Nate Holden, Mark Takano, Ted Lieu

shout out on this bill.

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20170180AB1796

This just shows that when people talk to their legislators, they can make a difference.

AB1775, State Lands Leasing: Oil and Gas, which prevents new and renewing offshore drilling and protects the coastline. It passed in the Senate Appropriations committee and hopefully, it will get a vote by the 31st.

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20170180AB1775

AB2808, Education Finance, which increased funding for K – 12 and includes all schools, even those doing well. It passed the Senate Appropriations committee, but unfortunately was heavily edited, with no specific amount for schools.

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20170180AB2808

AB1761, Employee Safety: Hotels, which protects housekeeping staff from sexual assault by providing them with panic buttons and paying for medical needs, if assaulted. This died in the Senate Appropriations committee.

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20170180AB1761

SB10, Bail: Pretrial Release, which reforms how bail is set. This passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature. However, the ACLU still has some concerns given the discretion that judges still

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have that could result in discriminatory decisions.

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB10

Scotto is getting aggressive and accused AI of voting for SB10 because he wanted more criminals on the streets. Please, advise Jake of any calls, emails or mail that you receive on this subject. Scotto will get a lot of oil money. He is advocating for Prop 6, Repeal the Gas Car Tax, by saying if you vote for him and Prop 6, he'll give you back \$800.00. It was calculated that you'd have to drive 61,000 miles to get back \$800.00. The Dems are countering with: "Don't take away our roads and bridges" and the jobs that SB1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, created. Released prisoners are getting trained to do this work and that will keep them from going back to jail. Money from SB1 is funding the Torrance Green Line expansion.

Christian Horvath

The Redondo Beach City Councilman said there are a lot of environmental issues, but we are making progress. We passed the Leaf Blower ordinance. The teeth in it is that the homeowner gets the citation instead of the gardener. People ask why we pass these laws and it's because to ensure the public's health and safety, we need a law to do that.

The Social Host Ordinance was passed 4 – 1, but the mayor could veto it. There is a tremendous amount of teenage drug and alcohol use in the South Bay. The party's host will receive a misdemeanor.

There have been two major meetings about the Metro Green Line expansion with the Metro Board. Please let the board know your feelings about the expansion. The Green Line and the Crenshaw Line are going to the airport and there will be a people mover to bring people into the airport from the Metro lines and the car rental places, which will be consolidated.

The Galleria Project is coming up for another meeting and it is hoped to include

homeless housing.

We are happy that the Coastal Commission approved Measure C as passed. If it wasn't passed, we'd have to have an election. However, the city and individuals are still facing unresolved lawsuits. This is a very complex issue.

Redondo Beach is working to get grant funding for free e-car parking and charging. It is also working to get public and business charging stations in the next few years. The businesses will benefit from added consumer trips. Horvath will work to get charging stations included in the Galleria plans. Dency noted that Hermosa already has free parking and parking passes for "clean fuel cars."

Some good news for users of 190th. We've negotiated a 99 year lease with SoCal Gas to do their maintenance work at Dominguez Park. This is the last time 190th will be dug up for this purpose.

Bob Wolf wanted to give Christian a shout-out for his strong position on regional transportation and municipal broad band.

It was announced that Redondo Beach currently has license plate reader technology, as do some other South Bay cities.

Christian said that we'd like to get a regional loop for all the South Bay cities to use. It will be a great service to the community and region by increasing the possibility of working from home and lowering commutes, which is also good for the environment. He thinks broad band will become another utility.

Bobbi spoke about the New Citizens' Naturalization Ceremonies at the LA Convention Center, where she and others work to register new Democratic voters. They meet at the Metro RB station and



Jake Ridout



BC Democrats and friends at Fiesta Hermosa

travel together.

Maggie Rose Bove LaMonica

Maggie reiterated that the election has been decided because there were 3 open seats and 3 candidates.

The North School Traffic Recirculation EIR is out for comment and will go to the Board in November. The EIR includes new traffic measurements that we took due to input from the City Council and the previous comments are also incorporated.

Enrollment is up, but we remain the 3rd lowest paid district by the State and the lowest in LA County. We had to change to half-day kindergarten. Parents can tell us whether they prefer the morning or afternoon session. We try to accommodate them and help them get daycare for the other half of the day if they need it. We also put up a blue chain link fence as part of the safe schools initiative.

Joseph Lopez, Political Director for Jeffrey Prang

Prang is from West Hollywood, where he was mayor and a councilman. He also worked for the Sheriff's Department. He's endorsed by Democrats Al Muratsuchi, Ben Allen and John Chiang. He is willing to engage with Republicans if they are reasonable.

His opponent's middle name is lower taxes and people will vote for this middle name. Therefore, we need all the help you can give.

Tony Hale said that Prang is endorsed by the Animal Pac because he works for animal welfare.

Dency said that Prang has digitized

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records and has rejuvenated the office and made it more effective. Edna Murphy said that Prang's office is the most effective office she has ever dealt with.

Bobbi said that we had a complete oversight and missed the open Beach Cities Health District seats in this election. There are four Democratic candidates and one No Party Preference running for two full term seats and one partial term seat. She called for a vote on whether to keep last month's decision to go with the LACDP endorsements. The vote, 13 – 1, confirmed that we will stay with the endorsements. One candidate, David Mintz, was present and addressed the meeting.

David apologized because he didn't realize he would be asked to speak. He is retired and spent 35 years in various senior administration positions in California and Nevada, starting in preventive care and moving into some very specialized groups. He has a disabled daughter and has learned how to navigate that system.

Mintz said "I think that BCHD is a

great, well-respected organization and I don't have any plan in mind to change things. I believe, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. I am concerned about pre-natal care, small children, substance abuse, and keeping seniors active. The current programs are fine, but could be expanded. I have a financial background and would like to see BCHD expand its funding avenues."

Registering new citizens

Bobbi said she didn't have a chance last meeting to talk about registering the new citizens on swearing-in day. It was a great experience and was nice to work with several of our folks and LA Cares members. When the people are sworn in they are given registration forms and we helped them fill out the forms. There were about 20 people from the South Bay and a few Republicans.

Bobbi will bring post cards to our next meeting to fill out and send to other states.

Tony Hale, County Committee Report

Every county district is represented by people elected by the clubs. A resolution

passed to support Retail Workers, who don't have standardized hours.

State and County endorsements are on the BCD website. We are concerned about Prop 3 on water.

Announcements and Adjournment

Bobbi announced the 66AD monthly breakfast every fourth Sunday at Rudy's.

She also mentioned the Scott Houston Water Board campaign. He is not in our district, but we know him.

We are getting a booth at the 9/22 Torrance Women's "Pledge to Vote" March at Columbia Park on 190th. The fee is \$100.00 and it was approved.

Please call or write the Senate Judiciary Committee to oppose Brett Kavanaugh for Supreme Court Justice.

Dency mentioned that Hermosa has selected its city manager candidate, Suja Lowenthal, and the City Council approval vote will be at their next meeting. See the city's website for her info.

*This recap included notes from
Ryley Simcox*