

Next Meeting

This month's regular meeting of the Beach Cities Democrats will NOT be at the Hermosa Beach Community Center. Because we are down to the last days before this most critical election in the history of our nation, we will use our meeting evening to take action and work for the election of our State Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, by joining his phone bank.

Al is in a tough race and he needs our help. We do not want to repeat the outcome of the last midterm election when Al lost because Democrats stayed home. Hopefully, our voters are motivated this year, but we must remind them how crucial this election is both for America and for our own 66th Assembly District.

Please join us on Wednesday, October 24 at Al's Headquarters at 2055 Torrance Blvd., Unit B, Torrance 90501. Phone Calling begins at 4:00 PM and will continue until 8:00 PM. You can RSVP and get more information by contacting: jake@alforassembly.com or calling: 424-350-8896 or just show up at your convenience! Dinner will be provided so you can come straight from work. We hope everyone will participate. Take this opportunity to use the time you already have put aside for our meeting to make calls for Al.

We will meet again on November 28 at our regular time and location, 7:00 PM, Hermosa Beach Community Center. This will be a very important meeting as we will be planning our Gala Party in January and discussing the upcoming Assembly District Caucus where we will elect our representatives who will serve for the next two years on the 66th AD and represent us at the California State Conventions in 2019 & 2020. We will also be talking about the State Convention and the possibility that there will be two conventions due to the change in our election primary time table.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Bobbi Buescher
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I'm tired of being lied to
This dystopia must stop
Black is white, day is night
America, a laughing stock

Our President is a liar
Devoid of moral code
Lies about his crowd size
Lies about his gold

I'm tired of being lied to
The earth is getting hot
Paradise is burning
Our home is on the block

Congress is full of liars
Daily they spin their web
They didn't believe the woman
They believed the drunk instead

I'm tired of being lied to
Do they think we cannot see
Crying children in cages
Begging to be free

Russians didn't hack or lie
It was a bad man, not the gun
Journalists are the enemy
Tax cuts for the rich help everyone

I'm tired of being lied to
Crass and cruel bully in chief
Mueller's at your doorstep
We're all waiting for his brief

Each day is more exhausting
This reality show must cease
Voters please Take Back The House
The world deserves some peace



At our BCD Hometown Fair Booth: Jim Parkman, Moira Nelson, Dency Nelson, Bobbi Buescher, Bob Monzingo, Al Muratsuchi, Craig Cadwallader, Ray Waters

Upcoming Events

-10/21: LGBTQ Walk/Phone for AI, 10:00 AM, AI's HQ

2055 Torrance Blvd., Unit B,
Torrance 90501

-10/21: LA County Democratic Party 2018 Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat of the Year Dinner, 6:00-10:00 PM, Sheraton Gateway Hotel, 6101 W. Century Blvd., LA 90045.

Come out and support our Man & Woman of the Year, Reggie Jue and Nichelle Henderson, \$135.

-10/24: BCD Phone Banking for AI, 4:00-8:00 PM, AI's HQ

-10/28: Protect Our Coast with AI, 10:00 AM, AI's HQ

Also and most importantly, our three local ongoing phone banks every week from 6:30-8:30 PM, dedicated to Flipping the House.

-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

This is it!! We have been waiting and working for two years to "Take Back the House," enduring Trump's horrid policies, poisonous rhetoric, childish tweets and thousands of outright lies that have made the United States the laughingstock of the whole world. We MUST win on November 6 to restore the checks and balances to our government that are desperately needed. Please help us.

For all the latest information visit our website at: beachcitiesdems.org.

Bobbi



County Sheriff Candidate Alex Villanueva, who spoke at our meeting

September Recap

Andrea Valcourt

Because Bobbi was traveling, Dency led the meeting. He asked for any new folks to stand and introduce themselves. There were 4 potential new members along with Casey Robinson, Regional Coordinator for the California State Democratic Party.

We were also joined by Jenn Hardy From AI Muratsuchi's office and Lenh Voong, who is working on AI's campaign.

Dency said he is happy that our 5 Hermosa Councilmembers are Democrats. Since the 2016 election, no one can rest. Our priority is to swing red districts to blue. There is phone banking at multiple locations every week and we have 5 Republican congressmen targeted in districts that voted for Clinton. We hope we have a great blue wave, supported by Ted Lieu's PAC in 5 western states.

It's easy to make the calls, and training is available. If you get a Republican on the line, just go to the Founding Fathers and talk about checks and balances.

There was a power outage at a recent phone bank, but we kept calling using our battery driven tablets and cell phones. It's now or never. And don't assume your friends will vote. Encourage them to vote for our candidates.

Treasurer's report from Edna Murphy
\$1,680 State PAC
\$4,401 Federal PAC

Ryley said the newsletter is available online and it has been mailed out. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes and it passed.

Connie Sullivan

Connie held a raffle for \$150 tickets to AI's fundraiser at the Lundquist home on October 14. Tickets were \$5.00.

The AQMD Refinery Committee met last Saturday regarding the Torrance refinery's explosion and its need to change its chemical mix. The committee found that they are still using toxic chemicals and not properly using a required stabilizer. The committee has met 3 times and Saturday they instructed staff to create a rule on this and the entire committee will vote on the rule. There is a lot of pressure from the refinery and the

union to not pass it. We must keep our own pressure on the committee. If anyone knows how to get a meeting with Garcetti and other representatives, please let Connie know.

John Gran— Redondo Councilman

John announced the meet and greet with AI Muratsuchi and Gavin Newsom. He said the cities of

Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan Beach oppose Prop 6, the proposition that would kill our "rebuild our roads and bridges" fund.

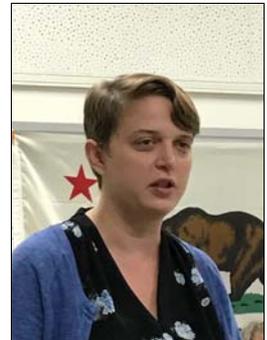
The court found that Redondo is a charter city and therefore does not have to sync up its elections with the mid-terms and the presidential elections. Therefore, it doesn't have to extend office terms.

Redondo is playing catch up with its neighbors, banning gas powered leaf blowers, Styrofoam containers, smoking and tobacco products. The Social Host law, which would hold parents responsible for underage drinking in their homes, was vetoed by the mayor.

Metro is working on the Green Line Extension EIR, which has 2 versions—using the current elevated right of way or going down Hawthorne Blvd.

John announced an Oct 2 meeting on the Galleria project, which includes a hotel, restaurants, offices and 300 apartments on the Hawthorne side. They originally wanted 600 apartments.

The former Albertson's site is under construction and will soon house a CVS and a Grocery Outlet.



Above: Lenh Voong;
Below: Jenn Hardy

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The Transit Center move on Kingsdale was way over budget. They need to look for additional funding.

Jenn Hardy for AI Muratsuchi

Jenn talked about AI's latest legislation.

Bills submitted by AI—The increased school funding was held up in the Senate as was the Hotel Employee Panic Button bill. The following have been signed: the ban on offshore oil drilling; surfing as the state sport; the e-car chargers for renters loophole was closed; stray kittens and puppies can now be taken by adoption groups instead of being euthanized.

Lenh Voong from AI's campaign

We are looking for volunteers to phone bank and walk every day, and canvass on Saturdays. The campaign is heating up and there have been a lot of attack mailings from AI's opponent. On October 28, there will be a Protect the Coast Walk and phone bank.

Dency added that Jake Ridout wants to know about receiving calls or flyers, with the time and date received. If possible, take a picture on your cell phone and send it. Also, advise him of TV ads, both negative and positive.

Casey Robinson—Westside, South Bay and Long Beach Coordinator

Casey said, I work with clubs and other organizations to get Democrats elected. Please do not call SB1 the Tax Bill, but the Roads and Bridges bill. Prop 6 would reverse SB1, which is already doing so much to improve our infrastructure and create jobs.

I'm calling on everyone to vote not only the top of the ballot, but the bottom. 35% don't vote down ballot. All the offices matter; don't give up State positions and lose our majority and do vote to defeat Props 6 and vote for Tony Thurmond. Let's not lose the ground we gained in California.

Tony Hale—66th District E-Board Rep

Tony gave an outstanding presentation on the propositions:

Yes—Prop 1—Bonds to fund specified housing assistance programs.

This provides funding for affordable

housing for veterans.

Yes—Prop 2—Bonds to fund existing housing program for individuals with mental illness

This focuses on mental health issues and housing. These first two are not a tax, but a funding source.

No—Prop 3—Bonds to fund projects for water supply and quality, watershed, fish, wildlife, water conveyance, and groundwater sustainability and storage.

This is to prevent Flint-type problems and provide clean water. The Sierra Club says not to support this because Big Business supports it and would get more water. The State Democrats took no position on this, but that was before the Sierra Club's recommendation. LA County voted no after hearing from the Sierra Club.

Yes—Prop 4—Bonds funding construction at hospitals providing children's health care.

This bond provides dedicated funding for 14 children's hospitals, which provides services without regard to income, and it would expand those services.

No—Prop 5—Prop 5 would allow wealthy homeowners to flip their homes repeatedly without ever having to pay current tax rates. This would severely cut education and other public services without helping middle and lower income homeowners at all. This prop was put on the ballot by the realtor associations.

This proposition does not affect the homeowner rights created by Prop 13.

No—Prop 6—Eliminates certain road repair and transportation funding. Requires certain fuel taxes and vehicle fees be approved by the electorate.

This is a great hope for the Republicans, which is to repeal SB1, and taking a page from the Trump Administration. The proposition would remove funding created by the Gas Tax for roads, bridges, and other infrastructure projects. It would kill projects already started here in the South Bay and other places, including jobs for locals and people getting out of jail. It has been proved that giving jobs to released prisoners keeps them out of jail. Gas

prices have increased by 35%, but it is not because of SB1. It is outside influences. There was a discussion about not talking about a Gas Tax, but say it removes funding for transportation infrastructure.



Tony Hale

Yes—Prop 7—Conforms California daylight saving time to federal law. Allows legislature to change daylight saving time period. The Federal law dictates when daylight saving time is. This gives California the right to pass a law on when our daylight saving time would be.

Yes—Prop 8—Regulates amount outpatient kidney dialysis clinics charge for dialysis treatment. This is the closest thing to insurance for all and taxpayer dollars pay for this care.

This proposition would require higher standards for services and is a start to improving care. Unions have helped write the proposition. Dialysis companies have been sued for millions of dollars, and they have a record of discouraging patients from getting transplants when those are available. The US has a higher rate of dialysis than any European country. See the John Oliver YouTube spot on this.

Prop 9—removed from ballot.

Yes—Prop 10—Expands local governments' authority to enact rent control on residential property.

This proposition lifts restrictions on rent control statewide, except rental homes. Each community would decide how to control rents. It is a good start and gives each community a chance to debate how rent controls are enacted. Currently, cities have some restrictions, but are controlled by state laws.

No—Prop 11—Requires private-sector emergency ambulance employees to remain on-call during work breaks. Eliminates certain employer liability.

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Ambulance companies are behind this proposition. It was being debated by the Legislature, but failed. It should be sent back to the Legislature. It is a complicated situation.

Yes—Prop 12—Establishes new standards for confinement of specified farm animals; bans sale of non-complying products.

This proposition takes another step after Proposition 2, which was about space allocated to chickens. This provides clean, healthy, and humane treatment for animals. It extends the confinement space for pigs and veal.

Editor's Note: Here's a link to the Voter Guide: Voterguide.sos.ca.gov

Tony said he is asking Torrance voters to support Betty Lieu, Ted's wife, in her bid for the Torrance school board. She has been very involved in the schools. Please give her a couple of phone bank hours.

Dency asked for help manning the Beach Cities Democrats booth at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair. The

Republicans will be focused on the governor and Prop 6. We Democrats need to be represented.

The WLA Dems asked us to co-host the Tony Thurmond fundraiser by giving \$500. We never give over \$100 and a motion was passed to donate \$100.

Lt. Alex Villanueva

County Sheriff Candidate Alex Villanueva thanked the club for endorsing him. He said that he is a lifelong Democrat endorsed by a broad base and running against a Republican. Also, he's in a position to unseat an incumbent and clean the department of its corruption. There is a list of those who should stay and those who should go. A motion was passed to give \$100 to his campaign.

We discussed holding an "invasion weekend," but decided to rely on individual participation of our members in the campaigns of their choice, and that we would continue to notice opportunities throughout the month of October.

As for the election of the Beach Cities Health District board members, Dency



Stephanie Solomon and Andrea Valcourt at the Antioch Exhibit

said he will vote for all the incumbents because they are doing a good job.

Dency gave a heads up that he will not be an officer next year. Everyone should think about which leadership role they might take.

Andrea Valcourt announced that Professor Stephanie Solomon has an exhibit of her beautiful photographs from the 50th Anniversary of the Selma March and the People's March. It is at Antioch University in Culver City and it is free. The exhibit runs through November 6.