

## Next Meeting

Manhattan Bread & Bagel  
1812 N. Sepulveda Boulevard  
Manhattan Beach  
Wednesday, January 28  
7:30 PM

We look forward to seeing you at our January meeting.

This month will be an endorsement meeting for the upcoming March 3 elections. We will be interviewing Candace Allen Nafissi, candidate for Redondo Beach City Council District 3. We will also hear arguments related to Measure O, the Hermosa Beach oil drilling ballot measure. Additional local races in the Beach Cities may be included depending on candidate availability. Please contact President Kathryn Campbell if you have a candidate who wishes to be considered for endorsement.

### Agenda:

- 1) Visitor introductions
- 2) Officer reports
- 3) Reports from electeds
- 4) Program: endorsement speeches, discussion, and votes
- 5) Reports from County Committee, the 66th AD and other related Dem organizations
- 6) Old business
- 7) New business & announcements

We also look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, 1/24 for our Democratic New year potluck! Invitations and final details are in this issue and in your email!

Yours,

President - Kathryn Campbell  
Vice President - Dency Nelson  
Secretary - Teresa Bird  
Treasurer - Edna Murphy

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *ENVISIONING THE FUTURE*



When I began my tenure as President of Beach Cities Democrats in July last year, we were in the midst of a number of bruising campaigns. Several, unfortunately, featured Democrats vs. Democrats, and we are still healing from the wounds inflicted by our divided forces. It is my hope, however, that in 2015 we will begin to not only reconcile and move forward in unity, but to begin to reimagine what we can be and how we can best accomplish our goals as a group.

How can we better engage Democrats throughout the Beach Cities? There are several initiatives that I can imagine, but in order to move forward we will need members who are energized about spearheading these challenges:

1) How can we better involve and mentor more young Democrats in our area? We have high schools in the beach cities with whom we have no ongoing relationship. What would that require? Outreach to principals, teachers and students? Envisioning new types of meetings and activities? Coordinating with a Young Democrats group?

2) Our group does not reflect the racial diversity of the Beach Cities. How can we better attract members of color and integrate our ranks?

3) Is there a systematic way that we can reach out to new Democrats who move into the Beach Cities and let them know about BCD? What would that involve, and who is willing to lead that initiative?

On March 3 we have a number of important local races in the beach cities.

We have to work together to achieve victory in each of those races, both to build our representation in local politics but also to preserve Democratic values in our local communities. However, I would also like us to begin thinking about how to make the Beach Cities Democrats a stronger, more effective organization for the future, and to do so the board will need your input and support. Changes we make in the "quiet months" of 2015 will impact our ability to achieve the major victories we need in 2016 and beyond.

We welcome your ideas and support! Please write to me at the email address below, or else reach out to other members of the board to brainstorm solutions for continuing to reinvigorate our club over time.

Yours,

Kathryn Campbell  
President, Beach Cities Democrats  
kathrync@hotmail.com

## Democratic New Year Party!

Beach Cities Democrats, let's ring in 2015 together with a celebration of our 2014 victories and some visioning for 2015. This is a potluck & fundraiser -- please plan to bring a dish or else volunteer to help out. A donation of \$10 per guest is also requested (but of course no one is ever turned away for lack of funds).

Bring a friend, bring a favorite dish, and bring your thoughts for how to engage voters and win big in 2015/2016!

January 24, 2015  
4 - 7 PM

Ray & Carolyn Waters' home  
615 24th Place (not street!)  
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254  
R.S.V.P. (see Website)

## November Recap

President Kathryn Campbell welcomed Marc Saltzberg and Marianne Tyler of the West LA Democratic Club. She said we could all rejoice in Ted Lieu's victory, and our two speakers would be analyzing the other election results.

Vice-President Dency Nelson presented a batch of new membership forms and encouraged all non-members to join.

Treasurer Edna Murphy presented the Treasurer's Report:

Federal Account: Beginning balance, \$3317.00; ending balance \$2692. State Account: Beginning balance, \$66.00, ending balance \$76.00. We transferred \$425 from the Fed to the State account so we could donate \$200 each to the Ted Lieu, Sandra Fluke, and Al Muratsuchi campaigns.

Tony Hale spoke about the grassroots campaigning that had been going on, with 10,000 robocalls going out to Democratic voters.

Tony, and then Marc Saltzberg, spoke about why the overall election went so badly for the Democratic candidates we supported.

Marc said the polls were bad; and big changes can happen in the final weeks of a campaign. Furthermore, we assumed that our elections were local, but they were nationalized and will continue to be so. The Republican attack ads against President Obama were very effective.

He said that the Democratic Party didn't get out the vote overall. We also need to ensure voting rights are protected.



*State Treasurer John Chiang addressing the Assembly District Election Meeting (ADEM), held on Saturday January 10 in Torrance. Photo courtesy of Jim McGreevy.*

## Assembly District Elections

On January 10, Democrats from the 66th and other Assembly Districts gathered in Torrance to vote for delegates and a representative to the Executive Board.

Our own Tony Hale won the Executive Board position and also the delegate position to the 66th AD.

The seven top women and the seven top men won the delegate spots. The winning delegates are as follows:

### Women

Jaya Bhumitra  
Diane Wallace  
Nanette Barragan  
Kathleen Paralusz  
Amy Howorth  
Carol Moeller  
Lauren Pizer Mains

### Men

Tony Hale  
Anthony Salvaggio  
Mark Henderson  
Samuel Liu  
Todd Loewenstein  
Jonathan Buetler  
Lee Fink

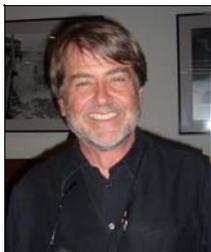
Tony writes:

"I want to thank all my supporters that voted last Saturday in the ADEM election. You helped me win the most votes for both delegate and executive board. It is a privilege to serve as our local executive board member and an honor to be selected once again by so many activists and party leaders."



## BEACH CITIES GREEN

*Dency Nelson*



With hopes that everyone had a safe, restful and happy holiday season, here we are back in the thick of our political and environmental battles. As we see the Republican led Congress with renewed full vigor pushing for the Keystone XL Pipeline, and closer to home E&B Oil and their proponents turning up the volume with their lies and promises to the Hermosa Beach residents regarding Measure O, I couldn't wait to have the opportunity to use this space to reprint, with permission from both the author and from the Los Angeles Times, an Op-ed that appeared in their Monday, December 29, 2014 edition of the paper. It is powerful, full of facts, and needs to be read by as many people as possible. It was written by Rhea Suh, a former Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and incoming President of the Natural Resources Defense Council, it is entitled "Oil isn't cheap – at any price," and it follows here:

As the world oil prices have slumped below \$60 a barrel, tumbling nearly 50% since June to a five-year low, analysts have scrambled to discern the economic and political fallout.

The big picture, though, hasn't changed: Oil is not cheap, at any price. What we're charged at the pump for gasoline is just a down payment on the far larger tab we are running to support our national oil habit. Rather than allow a temporary price reprieve to mask those costs, we should use this moment to take stock and change course.

Every day in this country we use 800 million gallons of oil. That's enough to fill the Empire State Building three times. With every gallon we produce, ship and burn, we incur costs that are piling up – for ourselves and our children.

The greatest burden we're imposing on the next generation comes from the environmental damage we're doing by consuming this fuel.

Burning oil and other fossil fuels is what generates the dangerous carbon pollution that is driving climate change, the central environmental challenge of our time. The first 11 months of this year were the hottest, globally, of any year since worldwide measurements began in 1880. We have an obligation to protect future generations from the dangers of more extreme heat, fires, drought and storms. Our national oil habit is making matters worse.

At the other end of the process, producing oil comes at a high cost to the natural systems we all depend on for our prosperity, our progress and our very survival.

Fracking – the source of a large and growing share of our domestic oil – has brought the perils of the industrial oil patch to the American backyard. It threatens the water, air, ranches and farms in communities across more than 30 states where this destructive industrial practice is used to drill for oil and natural gas.

Offshore oil production puts workers, waters and wildlife at risk of the kind of disaster that followed the 2010 BP blow-out. That disaster killed 11 Americans, dumped 170 million gallons of toxic crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico and threw thousands of people out of work in the fishing, hospitality and energy industries.

Tar sands development is gutting vast tracts of one of the last truly wild places on Earth, the North American boreal forest of Canada, and poisoning waterways local people have relied on for their food and livelihoods for generations.

And Arctic drilling threatens rich habitat where the industry lacks the skills, equipment or knowledge to prevent, contain or clean up a spill. Shipping crude oil exposes communities large and small to the kind of pipeline blowouts we've seen contaminate waters and lands in Michigan, Arkansas and elsewhere, part of the nearly 5,900 pipeline failures that have killed more than 375 Americans and

spilled nearly 100 million gallons of oil and other hazardous liquids over just the last two decades. It also puts towns, cities and rural areas at risk of the kinds of oil train explosions we've suffered from the plains of North Dakota to the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

Securing access to oil reserves and shipping lanes worldwide, for ourselves and our allies, impose huge costs, in terms of treasure and lives, on members of the U.S. military, their families and the taxpayers. The same goes for the U.S. diplomatic corps, which expends enormous resources each year shoring up relationships linked to the global oil trade. To the extent we must borrow money to finance these military and diplomatic operations, we're passing on the costs of today's oil to our children. Uncertainty, too, imposes costs. And, here, our dependence on oil is extracting a steep toll.

Oil prices go up, down and up again, depending on global forces. What it means is that our families, our workers, our entire economy is held hostage to global price swings we can neither control nor predict.

That's why eight presidents – going back to Richard Nixon – have called on Americans, as a nation, to break this costly addiction to oil.

That means investing in efficiency so we can do more with less waste. It means getting more power from the wind and sun. It means building, in this country, the best electric and hybrid cars in the world. And it means remembering that cutting demand and diversifying supply remain the two most powerful tools for dealing with global oil markets we can't control or predict. That's the way to help ensure that all Americans have greater access to affordable energy, not just for today or next week, but far into the future.

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Beach Cities Democrats Membership Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) understand that only registered Democrats, or those intending to register, may join the club.

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