

Next Meeting

Note our Recently-Changed Time and Place!

Hermosa Beach Community Center
710 Pier Avenue, Room #4
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
Wednesday, May 27
7:00 PM

Our speaker will be Peter Mathews, progressive college professor and radio commentator. He will lead a program on TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership).

We will also be honored by a visit from Representative Janice Hahn. The daughter of longtime County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Janice was literally born to be a County Supervisor. Come hear her speak and learn how you can help with her campaign.

Club business will include a vote on proposed changes to our bylaws. We will also hear a report from Ray Waters, Chair of the Nominating Committee, on their recommendations for our upcoming new slate of officers for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. Don't miss this exciting and informative meeting!

Dues are Payable

Dues for the upcoming Fiscal Year are payable; the fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30, but we are hoping members will renew early.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the 2015 California Democratic Convention in Anaheim! Over 2,000 Democrats came together for a weekend to coalesce around the people and ideas that will lead our communities, state and nation forward in 2016 and beyond.

As LACDP Chair Eric Bauman told members on Tuesday before the convention, the upcoming elections in 2016, 2018 and 2020 hold a great deal of promise for Democrats. An opportunity to elect our first female President, as well as another Democratic female Senator here in California, promises to boost turnout and with it our rank of Democratic elected in 2016. Then in 2018 we'll have an open and competitive gubernatorial race here in California, which also typically boosts voter interest. If we work hard to



capitalize on these traditionally high turnout elections, we should be well positioned for reapportionment/redistricting in 2020. So let's get ready for a busy and productive period of registration, fundraising, voter education and turnout Beach Cities Democrats!

Speaking of voter registration, newly elected Secretary of State Alex Padilla promoted his "New Motor Voter Act" (Assembly Bill 1461), which would allow data already being collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles to be automatically provided to the Secretary of State to register eligible voters. Those who wish to opt-out may do so, but the default will be to be registered. Secretary Padilla anticipates that passage of this act could register 6 million new voters! Stay tuned to see how it does in the California legislature.

The two hottest topics at the convention this year were the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and a battle over whether to disallow the "personal belief exemption" from mandatory vaccination for



Here are some of the many BCD members who attended the Democratic Convention in Anaheim (Right).

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California school children.

The TPP was opposed by most, including California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton, who called it "another way of saying 'take jobs away from American workers and send them overseas.'" The convention ended with the passage of Resolution 15-05.52 which stated, "Therefore be it resolved that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its longstanding opposition to 'fast tracking' of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, denounces any elements that result in the massive expansion of corporate power and the weakening of democratic rule and worker's rights, and calls for the disclosure of all the details of the agreement..." *Be sure to join us for the May 27 BCD meeting at which we'll be specifically discussing the TPP!*

The vaccination exemption rights issue came to a showdown in the end, with the body ultimately passing Resolution 15-05.15, which resolved that "The California Democratic Party supports the removal of the personal belief exemption to legally required vaccinations for school attendance."

However, the biggest theme of the convention, in my opinion, was the Year of the Woman. From the barnburner of a speech that Sen. Elizabeth Warren gave about fighting for middle income Americans, to the battle for hearts and minds waged by Atty. General Kamala Harris and Rep. Loretta Sanchez, each of whom seeks to replace retiring U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, the women stole the show all weekend. If you missed any of the weekend's speeches, or just want to relive the best of them, visit the CADEM Channel on YouTube.

Yours,
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From the Convention: (Left) President Kathryn Campbell and Secretary Teresa Bird, and (Right) members from our fellow Dem clubs join together at the traditional dinner party. Dinner photo courtesy of Varo Asorian; other Convention photos courtesy of Kathryn.

April Recap

This report includes April BCD minutes courtesy of Teresa Bird.

President Kathryn Campbell welcomed attendees to the BCD meeting in our new location and time: the Hermosa Beach Community Center at 7:00. Two new attendees were welcomed: Mary Brenneman of Manhattan Beach and Liz Brubacker of Hermosa Beach.

Kathryn made a number of announcements. Our new State Senator Ben Allen, who sits on the Judiciary Committee, has co-authored a measles vaccination bill. The legislation would repeal the personal belief exemption that currently allows parents to effectively opt their child out of vaccines in our schools.

Vice-President Dency Nelson reported that Congressman Ted Lieu wrote an OpEd piece on climate change. His proposed Climate Solutions Act of 2015 proposes changes in three major categories in relation to environmental and climate change issues: renewable energy, energy efficiency, and carbon pollution. The new national bill would empower the U.S. Department of Energy to set a renewable energy goal — 40 percent of all electric energy would come from renewable sources by 2030, and 80 percent by 2050.

Second, the bill would allow the department of energy to increase energy efficiency savings targets starting in 2018, and increasing each year until 2028.

It would allow the Environmental

Protection Agency to set historic targets for reducing carbon pollution: 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2035 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Dency also announced upcoming activities in the upcoming Earth Day at Polliwog Park.

Treasurer Edna Murphy provided the treasurer's report:

Federal account, beginning balance \$1,812, ending balance \$1,909.00; State account, beginning balance, \$370, ending balance \$270.

The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

Next, Kathryn introduced the featured speakers: Marcia Hanscom and Roy Van de Hoek of the Ballona Institute. They provided a slide show showing the flora and fauna living on our South Bay coastline.

After 20 years of efforts by citizens, more than 600 acres of Ballona Wetlands Ecosystem was saved when the State of California acquired it in 2003. Hanscom and Van de Hoek spoke in detail of the native plants and animals that flourish in the wetlands.

Following their presentation, Ray Waters reported from the County Committee about endorsement issues in local cities. He also talked about proposed fund raisers this summer. Dency and Moira Nelson are having a fund raiser for Al Muratsuchi at their home on June 28.

Under New Business, Kathryn

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reminded members that the nominating committee will propose a slate of next year's officers at the May meeting. Those interested in running should contact committee Chair Ray Waters at ray-waters35@gmail.com.

She also mentioned that we have to revise our Bylaws due to changes that CDP made to club representation at pre-endorsement conferences, so we will need to vote on the suggested changes at our May meeting.

Kathryn spoke about AB 200, the CA Disclose Act sponsored by Assemblymembers Jimmy Gomez and Marc Levine. The goal of this legislation is to press for greater transparency at who's trying to hide behind these magnificently titled political committees, expose their true identities and motivations.

"It is important that the voters know the real source of political spending," said Assemblymember Marc Levine (D-San Rafael). "PACs and independent expenditures result in voters getting bombarded with mail, commercials, and advertisements. AB 700 will help inform voters on who is truly trying to influence their vote." For more information go to <http://www.yesfairelections.org/about/ab700-announcement.php>.

Toward the end of the meeting, Ray Waters called for volunteers to staff our BCD booth at the upcoming Fiesta Hermosa, May 23 - 25.



Our New Space allows our officers to face the attendees, and affords much more seating than our previous location. Here are our BCD officers inaugurating the space at our April meeting.

Hahn Fundraiser

A group of local Democrats are hosting a fundraiser for Congresswoman and Supervisorial Candidate, Janice Hahn on Sunday, June 7 at my home.

As a special bonus, **guest speaker California State Treasurer John Chiang** will be joining us at this event!

Janice Hahn was literally born to be a County Supervisor and is the daughter of longtime County Supervisor, Kenneth Hahn. But that's not the reason to support her bid for this office.

We support Janice because she is the best candidate for Supervisor. As a Los Angeles City Council Member she grappled with similar issues as the County Supervisors, especially those dealing with law enforcement, fire fighting, public works and urban planning.

As a Congress woman she helped make laws affecting healthcare, public health, welfare benefits and homeland security. No one presents a more perfect fit for County Supervisor.

And she's willing to come home and

take on this challenge. Lucky us!

Oh, did I mention that she's the only Democrat to have declared as of this point in time and is likely to be the only Democrat in this race? She's received the endorsement of virtually all Democrats elected to public office in California (<http://www.janicehahn.com/endorsements>), including US Rep Ted Lieu and former Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi.

So, please join us on Sunday, June 7, at 12:00 for a fundraising picnic in support of her candidacy. The address will be provided upon RSVP (818-903-7422). Hope to see you at the event.

Best,
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April speakers (Left) Marcia Hanscom and Roy Van de Hoek of the Ballona Institute.

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