

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 25  
7:00 PM

Hermosa Beach Community Center  
710 Pier Avenue, Room #4  
Hermosa Beach

We had an action-packed meeting last week! In case you missed it, here are the results of our judicial endorsements. All known Democratic candidates for LA County Superior Court Judge were invited to our meeting. One never responded, and we also had some last minute cancellations. We ended up voting on three seats, #42, #84, and #165. Results were as follows:

#42, BCD endorsed Cyndy Zuzga.  
#84, No Consensus  
#165, endorsed incumbent Judge Kathryn Solorzano.

You will be receiving your ballot shortly if you are a Permanent Vote-by-Mail voter (and I hope you all are!). So as a reminder, we have also endorsed Al Muratsuchi for Assembly District 66 and Janice Hahn for LA County Supervisor District 4, as well as Hermosa Beach Measure S (the school bond measure).

At our April meeting we also mentioned that 9 of our members were running for pledged delegate positions in the 33rd CD. Of these, the following members received sufficient votes to be tentatively named delegates or alternates to the Democratic National Convention for Ted Lieu's Congressional District on Sunday. Hillary Clinton: Betsy Butler, Sam Liu, Scott Mayers, Connie Sullivan (alternate). Bernie Sanders: Ray Waters. In addition, club member and

President of the West LA Democratic Club Cara Robin won in the 43rd district for the Hillary Clinton caucus. Congrats to all!

## PROGRAM

We will have a special presentation by Alexandra Weyman and some special guests from UNITE HERE! Local 11 discussing the impact of union representation on hotel workers. Have you ever wondered just how big a difference union representation makes for a hotel worker? Well, we will hear from two hotel workers, one with a union contract and one without. Learn how to have an impact on their lives and our options when we travel or entertain guests in this informative and touching program. Bring a friend!

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### Choosing Our Next County Supervisor



I am surprised to find that several of our BCD members and respected community activists are supporting Steve Napolitano, the leading Republican candidate running against Rep. Janice Hahn for County Supervisor of the 4th District. Granted, Steve is a likable person and a resident of Manhattan Beach, a proximity which some have claimed will benefit our beach cities. Others cite his track record as Council Member and Mayor of Manhattan Beach when he served in that capacity a decade ago. And other members list local

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*BCD Members running for delegate: Ray Waters (for Bernie Sanders). Bobbi Buescher, Betsy Butler, Connie Sullivan, and Diane Wallace (for Hillary).*

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projects where Napolitano assisted them in recent years in his capacity as Sr. Deputy for Councilman Don Knabe, who terms out of office this year.

I find it very difficult to understand a vote for Napolitano, no matter what a nice, helpful guy he may be. First, he has chosen to spend a decade working on behalf of Don Knabe, a Republican who was held up for commendation on the House floor by none other than Kevin McCarthy, a tea party poster boy. Knabe has run roughshod over the county owned areas in which the Board of Supervisors serve as their constituents' only government representation. A local environmentalist told me that when she was given the opportunity for public comment at a Supervisors meeting, Knabe actually turned his chair around 180 degrees to face the wall, then began reading his newspaper to show his utter disregard for what she had to say. While you may argue that Napolitano is not Knabe, last year Steve told the Daily Breeze, "I want to build upon the work of Supervisor Don Knabe." In my experience, the "work of Supervisor Knabe" has been to repeatedly steamroll over environmental concerns in favor of his developer cronies and the work on his son's lobbying firm (which the LA Times has highlighted in a series of articles about his conflicts of interest). If Napolitano does not share Knabe's values, why on earth has he chosen to spend a decade as his right hand man?

On the subject of values, let's also discuss the Republican brand and continuing to affiliate with it. While the Board of Supervisors is technically non partisan, the stances of its members has historically aligned pretty well with their party affiliations. And while I know and love some Republicans, I would not want to have their party's values reflected in my government, locally or nationally. Who in this day and age would want to associate their beliefs as a civic leader with the misogynistic, racist, anti-science, regressive and exploitive policies of the

Republican Party?! I think it is important that we communicate in every way that those values are not our values. And it is also important that we reward those politicians who openly stand with our values by voting for them. It not only reflects our values today, it also helps to provide better candidates for higher and more influential offices in the future.

So far I've mostly written about why I will not vote for Napolitano. Luckily, there are great reasons to vote for Rep. Janice Hahn, who has been endorsed for the job by the LA Times, the LA County Democratic Party, and the Beach Cities Democrats, among many others. For one thing, I have always found her to be extremely accessible and responsive to both her constituents and the grassroots activists in her community. She supports and helps groom Democratic candidates, and her stances reflect our values. She has done a remarkable job of balancing the security, economic, and environmental concerns of her district across multiple elected positions. She has stood out as a steadfast advocate on behalf of the underserved, and a protector of equal rights for many minorities.

I sincerely hope that the voters of the Beach Cities will realize that this office is too influential to give to someone just because he's a nice local who's been helpful on some hometown projects. LA is the most populous county in the U.S. It is larger than several states, and provides critical services and infrastructure for 10 million people. We need to support leaders who proudly stand up for our environment, our kids, and our civil rights as well as our jobs and security. Janice Hahn is that leader.

Kathryn Campbell  
President, Beach Cities Democrats

## April Recap

*Courtesy of Secretary Thomas Kelleher*

President Kathryn Campbell greeted everyone and commented on the meeting's full schedule. She noted Vice President Dency Nelson's absence.

### Officer Reports

Treasurer Edna Murphy presented the Treasurer's Report:

#### Federal Acct

Beginning Balance	\$2,854
Money In	40
Money Out	40
Ending Balance	\$2,854

#### State Acct

Beginning Balance	\$ 371
Money In	0
Money Out	15
Ending Balance	\$ 356

Notes on March's meeting, taken by Thomas Kelleher, were approved unanimously.

### Reports from Local Electeds

Joey Apodaca, field representative for Ted Lieu, talked about a new bill that would authorize a scientific feasibility study to be done on extending the Santa Monica Mountains recreation area as a National Recreation Area with guidance from the National Park Service. He also discussed Ted Lieu's work with the security of cell phones, which was featured on 60 Minutes.

### Marc Sussman on Al Muratsuchi's campaign

Marc Sussman, of Al Muratsuchi's State Assembly campaign, talked about the importance of volunteering for success in Muratsuchi's race with incumbent David Hadley. The amount of money behind Hadley's campaign is unprecedented in the history of California state assembly races, so it is important that local Democrats volunteer to give Muratsuchi an advantage.

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**LA County Judge Endorsements**

Tony Hale introduced the process for endorsing judges for seats in LA County. Although the LA County Democratic Party had already made its endorsements, Beach Cities Democrats could endorse their own candidates, while still taking into account the opinions of the LACDP. The club voted on three seats.

Running for office number 42 were Cyndy Zuzga and Alicia Molina. Zuzga talked about her experience with traffic and family courts, as well as her experience dealing with elder abuse cases. Molina talked about the importance of diversity on the bench, as well as her breadth of experience. The club narrowly voted to endorse Zuzga.

Running for office number 84 were Javier Perez and Susan Jung Townsend. Perez talked about his experience running an extremely busy office, as well as his focus on restorative justice. Mark Gonzalez, representing Townshend, talked about her credentials and endorsements from various organizations. The club had no consensus regarding who to endorse.

Running for office number 165 was Kathryn Solorzano, who talked about her experience as a judge and endorsement from numerous organizations. She was endorsed unanimously.

**New business and Announcements**

The nominating committee for next year's officers was discussed. It includes Ray Waters, Dency Nelson, Bobbi Buescher, and Stephanie Solomon. President Kathryn Campbell encouraged members to consider taking officer positions next year.

Tony Hale discussed the presidential elections, specifically the Democratic Primaries and the role of superdelegates. He also discussed the elections for representatives to the Democratic National Convention, for both Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton.

Diane Wallace presented the Environmental Caucuses Resolution on Nuclear Energy, which was then endorsed overwhelmingly by the club.

**BEACH CITIES DEMOCRATS:**

Per our Beach Cities Democrats bylaws, a Slate Committee was appointed by President Kathryn Campbell and announced at our April meeting. That committee has met once, and will be meeting once again before our May meeting on Wednesday, May 25, at which time the agreed upon recommendations for the 4 officer positions will be announced. As per our bylaws, additional names can be submitted by members at that time, throughout the month of June, and from the floor at the time of officer elections at our June 22 meeting.

In the meantime, in order to assist the Slate Committee as it deliberates possible officer candidates, the Committee Chair, Ray Waters, requests any names you might want the committee to consider, including yourself, to be submitted before our May 25 meeting.

The 4 officer positions up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please email your suggestions to Ray at: raywaters35@gmail.com

Thank you fellow Democrats!

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES NETWORK EVENT**

The Environmental Priorities Network is sponsoring its eleventh annual Solar Homes Tour in Torrance and the Beach Cities on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Using the sun to produce electricity is the best thing that can be done to reduce the dangers of the climate crisis. Of course it will save you money as well. A flyer listing the names and addresses of each home owner as well as the time when each home is open to visitors is available. These homes have many other environmental features like solar hot water heating, low voltage lighting, drought –tolerant planting, and electric cars nearby.

To receive the flyer or to obtain more information about this June 11<sup>th</sup> event, contact Lillian Light at lklight@verizon.net or 310-545-1384 or Diane Wallace at dmbarkwall@gmail.com or 310-266-1241. There is no charge for the flyer or for visiting these homes, but contributions are welcome.



LA County Judge candidates who presented their qualifications at our meeting: Alicia Molina, Javier Perez, Kathryn Solorzano, Cyndy Zuzga

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