

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 25  
7:00 PM

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

On our agenda will be endorsements for our local City Councils and other municipal offices to be held in March. In accordance with our ByLaws, only members in good standing and new members who have paid their dues at least 30 days prior to the endorsement meeting will be eligible to vote.

"Back in the day" in typing class, the practice phrase taught was "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." That is more relevant now than ever! Come out, join in, have fun, make a difference!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this column, it is the last day of Barack Obama's Presidency.

His call for hope and change over a decade ago is still his mantra as he leaves the spotlight and history moves on. In his farewell address he stressed that he is still hopeful and more optimistic than ever as he urged us all to continue to try to improve our nation.

He has served us with dignity and grace, thoughtful intelligence, respect, humanity and humor. We have his soaring rhetoric, inspirational speeches, the memory of his soulful rendition of "Amazing Grace" and the image of a loving father wiping tears from the corner of his eyes, as he comforts the parents of children murdered by gun violence at



their school to sustain us.

We must carry on the work of forming a more perfect union. We took a few giant steps forward under his leadership and now we will take some backward, but the words "Yes We Can" will remain our catch phrase as we navigate the coming years and the battles before us.

It is certainly not what we wanted, but it is where we are.

I have become quite hopeful myself these past few weeks as I see new people coming forward with new ideas and new energy. Things are always changing and sometimes it takes a catastrophic event to jar people out of complacency and into action.

There were almost 400 people who came out to vote at our Assembly District Delegate Election on January 7, and of the fourteen people elected, nine are  
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Our Annual New Year Celebration Party was held on Saturday, January 14 at the beautiful home of Ray and Carolyn Waters. A delicious dinner was served and a no host bar was available. Board members and our hosts worked tirelessly to organize and man this wonderful event, and the crowd was enormous.

Honored Guests, Congressman Ted Lieu, who was just appointed Assistant Whip for the Democratic Caucus in the 115th Congress, and our newly-elected Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi joined in the festivities. This was a fun event and a provided great way to get to know our Democratic Family in the South Bay.

*(L to R): RB Councilman Bill Brand, Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, Rep. Nanette Barragan, Rep. Ted Lieu, MB Councilmember Amy Howorth.*



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new.

I'm thrilled to report that our membership has increased and we saw an uptick in attendance at our meeting in November and an overwhelming crowd of enthusiastic new and longtime members at our Annual Party last weekend.

These are all great signs that we will move ahead with determination and an agenda to stand up, speak out, march for justice and organize to hold back the tide of inequality, inhumanity, junk science, fake news, racism, sexism, misogyny, and the rest of the laundry list. But, we must keep going with hope in the future, that has always been his ideal since I first saw him at the Democratic Convention in Boston in 2004.

After all is said and done... "Yes We Can."

*Bobbi Buescher*  
*President, Beach Cities Democrats*



*More scenes from our well-attended Holiday Party, with new and longtime members enjoying a festive celebration*

**November Recap**

Our November meeting drew a large crowd, including many elected officials . They included Manhattan Beach City Councilmembers Amy Howorth and Wayne Powell; Redondo Beach Councilman Christian Horvath; Gardena Councilman Al Medina; and Hermosa Beach Councilmen Hany Fangary and Jeff DuClos.

President Bobbi Buescher greeted the attendees and asked new members to introduce themselves.

Our Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi spoke about his campaign. He has since been elected, defeating David Hadley in one of the nastiest campaigns in history (Congratulations, Al!) but as of the meeting, ballots were still being counted and Al was running ahead by an 8.5% margin. This in spite of his opponent's receiving over \$2Million from Charles Munger, who had previously helped David Hadley outspend Al in 2014.

Al's priorities have always been to protect the environment, protect LGBT rights, and keep affordable housing a top issue. He shares our concern for homelessness

and has always been an advocate for those veterans and others who lack housing. He has been on the Budget Subcommittee on Education Funding, and places high emphasis on the quality of our schools in the South Bay.

Treasurer Edna Murphy gave the Treasurer's report:

**Treasurer's Report**

*Federal Account*

Beginning Balance	\$3,440
Money In	\$24
Money Out	\$66
Ending Balance	\$3,398

*State Account*

Beginning Balance	\$452
Money In	\$0
Money Out	\$15
Ending Balance	\$457

Tony Hale spoke about the structure of the Executive Board of the Democratic Party and its processes. He called the Democratic Party the "party of scientific consensus," and deplored the spread of

fake news that has been especially high during this election season.

Bobbi announced the upcoming ADEM election, in which eligible Democratic voters will elect seven men and seven women to represent us in the 66th AD for the next two years and to the California State Convention.

We also heard about our Charter renewal: According to the rules, Club members were allowed to sign the charter as long as they did not also sign for other Democratic clubs.

**Delegates Elected**

The weekend of January 7-8, in all 80 Assembly Districts in the State of California, caucuses were held to elect ADEM Delegates to the California State Democratic Party for the next two years.

Congratulations to the 7 women & 7 men South Bay residents who were elected to represent us here in the 66th AD.

Results from the ADEM election Saturday January 7 for the District Delegates in order of votes obtained:

**WOMEN:**

Audrey Wong.....	165
Maggie Hoyt.....	159
Stephanie Solomon.....	152
Barbara Epstein.....	139
Margaret Bove Lamonica....	137
Catherine Familathe.....	130
Amy Howorth.....	128

**MEN:**

Tony Hale.....	185
Brian Hitchcock.....	143
Brian Carolus.....	143
James Gow.....	139
Samuel Lieu.....	122
Mark Harrison.....	118
Jeffrey Duclos.....	106
E Board Representative:	
Tony Hale.....	142

**Women's March LA**

WHEN

Saturday, January 21, 2017

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM PST

WHERE

L.A.,Pershing Square to City Hall

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**WHO**

The march is open to everyone who stands for human rights, civil liberties, tolerance of diversity, and compassion for our shared humanity.

**OUR MISSION**

We stand together in solidarity for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families — recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country.

In the spirit of democracy and honoring the champions of human rights, dignity, and justice who have come before us, we join in diversity to show our presence in numbers too great to ignore. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us.

**HEAR OUR VOICE.**

**REP. LIEU STATEMENT ON APPOINTMENT AS ASSISTANT WHIP**

*Washington* – Congressman Ted W. Lieu (D) Los Angeles County) issued the following statement regarding his appointment as an Assistant Whip for the Democratic Caucus in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. In the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, Mr. Lieu served as the President of the Freshman Class of Democrats.

Upon his appointment, Mr. Lieu made the following statement:

“I am truly honored by the opportunity to serve as an Assistant Whip for House Democrats. I look forward to working with Whip Hoyer, Leader Pelosi and my fellow House Democrats to push back against any and all attempts by House Republicans to enact special-interest-driven plans to repeal Obamacare, slash Social Security and Medicare, gut environmental regulations, and undermine our civil liberties.

“My fellow Democrats and I will be working on innovative policy solutions that protect and expand the wellness, economic prosperity, and freedom of each and every member of the American



*Our well-attended November meeting featured new members, longtime BCD members, elected officials, and an excellent presentation from newly-reelected Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi. It was testimony to the value of our club as we embark on the next four years.*

Family.”

Upon Mr. Lieu's appointment, House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer made the following statement:

“I'm pleased to welcome Rep. Ted Lieu to my whip team for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. Since coming to Washington, he's worked hard to represent the people of California's 33<sup>rd</sup> District by standing up for the core Democratic principles of equal justice, equal opportunity, and a more accountable and transparent government. As a veteran, he's worked to make our nation safer and meet America's commitment to those who wore the uniform of our country. I look forward to working with him in our whip operation to advance House Democrats' agenda of expanding jobs and opportunity and meeting our national security challenges.”

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