

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Beach Cities Democrats will be on

Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 PM
Hermosa Beach Community Center, 701 Pier Ave., Room 4
Hermosa Beach 90254.

Our agenda will include:

- A discussion of SB 562, the Healthy California Act by Sam Liu, from State Senator Ben Allen's office.
- A vote to endorse the bill will also be taken.
- A recap of the Annual State Convention that is taking place May 19-21 in Sacramento.
- The Club Officer Endorsement Committee will nominate a slate of officers for the coming year.
- Fiesta Hermosa, Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-29. BCD Booth discussion and sign ups.

Join an action group and get involved:

- "Victory Starts Today," contact Ellen Bridle at: Ellenb@wladems.org
- Swing SoCal Left, contact Wayne Mogilefsky at: mogilefsky@gmail.com
- Indivisible South Bay LA, contact Rich Noyola at: Noyolarich@gmail.com

Please sign up to help us work our booth at Fiesta Hermosa. It's fun!! See you on May 24. Invite your friends to join us.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In planning for our Democratic activities this month, I checked the calendar and realized that Memorial Day falls on the 100th



Anniversary of the birth of our beloved President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. The Navy war hero and guiding spirit of a new generation of Americans.

Although it still makes me sad to think about what might have been, I can't help thinking that JFK, as our youngest elected president with his intelligence, wit, grace and elegance was the antithesis of the current buffoon we are subjected to now.

President Kennedy inspired the nation and the world to come together, to be better, to reach for the stars and to take care of humanity. He challenged us to "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your

country." The people rose to the occasion and followed their young President with dreams of a bright and wonderful future for themselves and their country.

I was in grade school in 1960 when JFK ran for president. My dad was a co-chair of Kennedy for President in our district. He ran the campaign headquarters so we spent countless hours stuffing envelopes and helping to elect our favorite candidate. Our family loved President Kennedy and working on his campaign as children launched our lifelong involvement in Democratic politics.

Daddy was also a delegate to the Convention, which was here in Los Angeles and when JFK's plane landed for the Convention he was on the tarmac to greet him. He took my brother Chuck with him that day and he got the thrill of his young life when our future President shook his hand.

Kennedy's charisma and call to action lit up the hearts and imaginations of people both young and old to work to improve their lives and make the world a

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BCD members joined the April 29 Climate March in Wilmington, proudly displaying our new banner. Pictured from left to right: Ray Waters, Moira Nelson, Dency Nelson, and Bobbi Buescher.

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better place.

Now, a new generation has been galvanized into action, not by the positive force of goodwill and idealism but by the hope that the negativity of the current administration can and must be stopped.

Thankfully there are millions of patriots, as we have seen at the many national and local marches, with so much energy and the commitment to go out and organize and make their voices heard.

How fitting that on May 29th, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of President Kennedy's birth and remembering his spirit and inspiration with the rebirth of his call to action to yet another generation of Americans.

We will be at Fiesta Hermosa talking to the people at our Beach Cities Democrats booth. I hope you will all join us.

Happy Birthday President Kennedy.

*Bobbi Buescher, President
Beach Cities Democrats*

April Recap

*This report compiled with the help of
minutes provided by Ryley Simcox*

After welcoming new and current members, President Bobbi Buescher spoke about latest developments in our ongoing work to promote Democratic values to counteract the forces now running Washington.

We are supporting the Congressional candidate Jon Ossoff in Georgia's 6th District. This seat, long held by Republicans, was recently vacated by Tom Price, who is now serving in the Trump Administration. Ossoff has a narrow lead going into the June 20 election. This is but one example of how Democrats may pick up seats in Congress. Donate if you can!

Bobbi also spoke about Ted Lieu's recent Town Hall Meeting in Redondo Beach, describing the ongoing heckling of Trump supporters including a well-known figure named Arthur Schaper. At one point, the police escorted someone out, but the attacks continued. Lieu maintained his cool, managing the crowd with his sense of humor and conveying

his message.

Bobbi noted that April 22 was the 25th Anniversary of Earth Day, celebrated locally at Polliwog Park in Manhattan Beach. There, Vice-President Dency Nelson was joined by fellow owners of electric vehicles, and was presented with the Environmental Hero award. Dency was the first to install solar panels in Hermosa Beach and is a founding member of Plug-in America, an electric vehicle advocacy group.

We also debuted our fabulous new Beach Cities Democrats banner, reflecting our new name (formerly Beach Cities Democratic Club), which Dency had had printed at a union shop and which features our new logo, modified by Jim McGreevy.

Vice-President Dency Nelson spoke next, announcing that the Hermosa Beach City Council unanimously approved the transfer of Hermosa Beach's Fire Services to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Treasurer Edna Murphy then presented the Treasurer's Report:

Federal Account

Beginning Balance	\$4,774.00
Money In	188.00
Money Out	40.00
Ending Balance	\$4,992.00

State Account

Beginning Balance	\$1,335.00
Money In	0
Money Out	0
Ending Balance	\$1,335.00

Reports from Elected Officials

We heard from newly-elected Redondo Beach City Councilman John Gran that there was to be an update to the Redondo Beach General Plan.

Al Muratsuchi's Field Representative Andrew deBlock sent an update on current legislation. Al is working on the following bills: AB 1645, to ban the use of hydrofluoric acid at the Torrance Refinery; AB 1646 on risk management, which has passed out of committee; and AB 994, which seeks to convert some property on the Beach Cities Health District site to affordable senior living.



Rochelle Schneider, above, spoke about her work with the ACLU on behalf of immigrants; Wayne Mogilefsky, below, reported from Swing SoCal Left.

Reports from Action Groups

Rochelle Schneider spoke about her work with ACLU People Power. The organization held training in March for locals to understand how to respond to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Rochelle and others met with the Manhattan Beach Police Chief to request the agency's policy with regard to ICE, which in some locations tries to get police departments to racially profile drivers and ask about their immigration status. There is a Mobile Justice app which gives an easy way to record and report interactions with law enforcement. All footage and reports submitted through this app will be sent immediately to the local ACLU affiliate. Rochelle, who is an attorney, reported that the Manhattan Beach Police are extremely sensitive to the legality of this issue and do not serve as ICE enforcers. Manhattan Beach is an immigrant-friendly city. Further, the 9th Circuit Court has put a stay on withholding funding for sanctuary cities.

Wayne Mogilefsky reported that Swing

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SoCal Left.org is working on registering voters in swing districts, particularly the 48th and 49th. Darrell Issa, of the 49th District, barely won reelection in 2016 and is vulnerable in 2018. Dana Rohrabacher, of the 48th district, is also in a contested district, and Democrats will be canvassing these areas, knocking on doors and registering voters.

Bobbi and Dency attended the Power Punch Brunch, affiliated with Victory Starts Today. They meet weekly to share news and grassroots action items to advance our political agenda while exploiting opportunities presented by our opponents. Mark Sussman and Marc Saltzberg received praise for being tireless advocates for change.



Featured Speaker

We were honored to hear from Monique Ehsan, who is a member of the Hermosa Beach School Board. Monique reported that Hermosa Beach is third from the lowest funded district in Los Angeles County; but Measure S (endorsed by BCD) has brought in needed funding. It was determined that it would be cost effective to remove North School and rebuild on the site.

She said that Governor Jerry Brown has mandated that all public buildings must be Zero Net Energy by 2025. The School Board is working with architects and contractors who are highly supportive of their environmental goals, and understand how to design a "green" campus. Various elements make up Zero Net Energy: Building orientation (to optimize

sea breezes); Thermal envelope; Ventilation; Daylighting design; Solar shades; Glare control; and Photovoltaic arrays, to name a few. The funds saved by energy conservation will go directly into programs to benefit students.

Announcements

Bobbi has asked Tony Hale, Moira Zucker, and Ryley Simcox to serve on the Slate Committee to nominate BCD board members for the upcoming fiscal year, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Nominees will be announced at the May meeting.

She also said that many BCD members would be joining in the People's Climate March on April 29.

We will have our usual BCD booth at Fiesta Hermosa on Memorial Day weekend which goes from 10AM to 6PM all three days, May 27 - 29. Please sign up for a two-hour shift; ideally, we would like four people in the booth to greet visitors, sign up new members, and register people to vote.

County Committee: The LACDP endorsed Candidates for California State Democratic Party Officer Elections are Eric Bauman, Chair; Alex Gallardo-Rooker, Female Vice-Chair; Daraka Larimore-Hall, Male Vice-Chair; and Carolyn Fowler, Secretary.

It was announced that there was to be a dedication to Japanese Internment Victims on April 26. Also, an event in Hermosa Beach to celebrate La La Land on the Hermosa Beach Pier, during which the vintage streetlights would be temporarily installed.

Ben Allen Reception

Dency and Moira Nelson will be hosting a reception for Senator Ben Allen on Saturday, June 24th at the Nelson Residence. Suggested donations are: Co-host: \$500; Friend: \$250; Supporter: \$150, Democratic Club Member: \$50. RSVP to Christina Kegeyan-Pappas at 310-597-0830 or ckegeyan80@gmail.com.



From Earth Day April 22: Dency with friends at the Plug-in Electric Car display; Isabel Rodriguez and Ray Waters

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