

Next Meeting

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

Wednesday

July 26, at 7:00 PM, Hermosa Beach Community Center, 710 Pier Ave., Room 4, Hermosa Beach 90254

Our agenda is still open, but the Executive Board is meeting this Saturday and there will be important information coming out of that meeting.

This month is the beginning of our fiscal year, which makes dues for the 2017/2018 year due at this time. While completing paperwork for the LACDP in anticipation of the Pre-Endorsement delegate selection where clubs are awarded voting delegates based on "members in good standing," I discovered that many of our members have just forgotten to pay. Please check with Edna or me if you're not sure if your dues are up to date.

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful sunny weather and having a lovely summer. We look forward to seeing you on July 26 and bring a friend.

Bobbi

Reception for Ted Lieu

There will be a reception for Rep. Ted Lieu at the Hermosa Beach home of Dency and Moira Nelson on **Saturday, September 16 4:00 to 6:00 PM**

For more information or to RSVP please call 562-981-2111 or email Genelle.Buchert@gmail.com.

Right: Andrew deBlock, Christian Horvath, Justin Massey, Joey Apodaca, and John Gran. Photo edits courtesy of Jim McGreevy.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This morning at breakfast my brother and I were talking about family, family values, family feuds and the love/hate relationships with those closest to us, which are probably the most complex relationships we must learn to live with, when our conversation turned to our political family and the ever increasing rancor among our Democratic family members.

Here we are six months into the disastrous trump administration, with really alarming consequences and instead of uniting to fight the true enemy of the people, the GOP and all their dark deed doers, we seem to be in a circular firing squad.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are all the Democratic Party. We are the good guys. We need everyone from the most



liberal Democrat to the most conservative Democrat, to respect every other Democrat's point of view.

We are the party of inclusion. The party of ALL the people. We embrace everybody. Every national origin, every ethnicity, every color, every religion or the freedom from religion, every person's sexual preference, every woman's right to choose, every person's right to the pursuit of happiness as he/she sees fit.

Every generation renews the party with their fresh ideas and enthusiasm from the Viet Nam War protesters, who are the Establishment today, to the incredibly dedicated voters who felt the Bern and have joined our ranks to help move our party forward.

We are so blessed here in our Golden State to be the Bright Blue Wave of Progressive, principled politics. The entire nation looks to us to lead the way in these horrid days of trump & family, inc. We must not let the Pandora's Box of hate, violence and disrespect they encourage

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and practice, infiltrate our party too.

For now we are locked out of Washington D. C., but we do control the greatest state in the nation with both State Houses, the Governorship and every State Office, where our elected officials have stepped up to protect our citizens from the harmful and inhumane treatment of the people and the planet that are espoused every day in D.C.

We must not risk losing our 2/3 Super Majority and the ability to chart our own course, at this perilous time, because every member is not a purist. Do we want to fight with our own, only to have a republican sneak between warring Democrats and win a crucial election? Would you rather have someone who will vote our way 85% of the time or someone who will vote against us 95% of the time? We don't get what we want 100% of the time and it's much better to have a large portion of the pie than no pie at all.

It's time we learn from the catastrophic mistakes of the past that produced a horrible calamity for the country like in 1968 when warring Democrats prevented Hubert Humphrey from winning the presidency by 7/10th of 1%, ushering in the Nixon-Watergate Era and again in 1980 when warring Democrats defeated our own Democratic Administration, giving us the whole Reagan agenda that we are still dealing with today. REALLY?!?! Think about it. Wouldn't it have been a million times better to have elected Hillary than Benedict Arnold Donald?

We need to be united and give each person the ability to be pragmatic and weigh the desires of their district with the goals of our party that are clearly stated in the party platform. We all want Universal Healthcare. We all want to protect our environment. But we need to realize that doing big things takes time and the patience to do them right.

Our country is counting on us to do the right things in the right way. So let's get back to talking respectfully to each other and promoting brotherly love.

Get on board the "Love Train"!

*Bobbi Buescher, President
Beach Cities Democrats*



Our BCD Officers for the coming year: Vice-President Dency Nelson, Treasurer Edna Murphy, President Bobbi Buescher, and Secretary Ryley Simcox

June Recap

After calling the meeting to order, President Bobbi welcomed new members and greeted our elected officials and representatives.

Vice-President Dency Nelson announced that our building, the Hermosa Beach Community Center, now has photovoltaic cells on the roof, thanks in large measure to the efforts of Hermosa Beach Mayor Justin Massey. He also reported on Senate Bill 562, single-payer health care, which BCD endorsed last month. The Bill is still in committee, and Senator Ben Allen says it needs some additional fixing to get it right.

Next, Edna Murphy presented the Treasurer's Report:

Federal Account	
Beginning Balance	\$4,639.00
Money In	00
Money Out	40.00
Ending Balance	\$4,599.00
State Account	
Beginning Balance	\$1,335.00
Money In	00
Money Out	00
Ending Balance	\$1,335.00

Reports from Elected Officials

Ted Lieu's Office

Joey Apodaca from Ted Lieu's office

reported on the following:

Foreign Affairs

The Congressman is concerned about President Trump's apparent threats against the Assad Regime in Syria. Although there are rumors that President Assad plans to use chemical weapons, the laws of war state that it is illegal to proactively attack a sovereign nation that has not attacked the United States. Lieu has subpoenaed the Administration to obtain a copy of their Middle East policy.

Opposing Trump

- Also a matter of concern is that Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law, has met with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak to set up a back channel of communication. Kushner lied about this fact on his security clearance form. Lieu is calling for Kushner's resignation, and to have his security clearance revoked.
- Withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Climate Accord was a tragic decision that has relinquished American leadership on climate change.
- Lieu has also joined in a suit against the Administration for violating the emoluments clause.

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Veteran's Administration

There was good news about the VA; they have now completed over fifty permanent housing units for veterans on the West LA campus, with plans for over 2,000 units in total. This is the VA's first permanent housing in 130 years. However, the VA is conducting cruel and unethical experimentation on dogs at the LA medical center, which Rep. Lieu has protested in a letter.

Infrastructure

The Congressional Progressive Caucus has proposed \$4.6 trillion to fix our nation's infrastructure problems. Joey has been promoted to Senior Field Representative. Congratulations!

Al Muratsuchi's Office

Torrance Refinery

Senior Field Rep. Andrew deBlock spoke about the Community Refinery Plan, and Assembly bill 1645, which would limit and eventually ban the use of Hydrofluoric Acid. Those who want to get involved in a working group on the Air Quality Management Board should contact Andrew.

Budget

Andrew proudly announced that the Assembly has passed its budget on time, with increases in education and arts funding, and larger reserves.

There were to be community hearings on the US Air Force base in El Segundo.

Justin Massey

The Hermosa Beach Mayor reported that the city's fire services have been contracted out to the LA County Fire Department, a plan that will be complete in 2018.

Upcoming meetings on PLAN Hermosa.

This Plan will set a long-term vision and provide policy direction to residents, city staff, decision-makers, and the community on what investments are to be made in infrastructure. Particularly important is preserving the city's small town character and historic buildings. Two major projects include the Skechers Design Center, and a tract called Lazy Acres, owned by Bristol Farms, to be opened in 2018. There is a draft EIR available for the Skechers plan, which lies in the two adjacent cities

of Manhattan and Hermosa Beach.

The City Council has adopted a budget which calls for more solar panels, extra restrooms at Clark Field, South Park renovations, and further implementation of the bicycle master plan.

Christian Horvath

Measure M

On the Redondo Beach City Council, guidelines have been drawn up for Measure M, which affects transportation. The recent reconfiguration of Vista del Mar, limiting the roadway to one lane in each direction and adding bike lanes, is controversial since it slows traffic on that busily traveled route. Horvath said "road diets" are a good idea, but this one has caused massive traffic jams, and the city is working with Councilmember Mike Bonin.

Measure H

This measure on homelessness, passed last year, involves working with local police and an organization called PATH, People Assisting the Homeless.

Other Business

Massey said the city would fight to keep the military base open if the government threatens to close it under BRAC (Base Realignment Closure).

SB 649, the Small Cell Bill, would upgrade the grid to 5G technology, but the city wants to have a say in where the equipment will be located.

SB 35, regional housing allocation numbers. This bill acknowledges the rising costs of real estate and rentals in the beach cities due to more people moving in. It would streamline the approval process for affordable housing.

SB 268 would change the makeup of the LA County Metro Board, allowing in other cities outside of Metropolitan LA. *Community Choice Aggregation*: Horvath reported that South Pasadena, Rolling Hills, and Calabasas have already signed on (see June issue of BCD).

Measure C

This legislation, approved by the voters, is now under discussion. Horvath would like to hear more from the California Coastal Commission.

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Joey Apodaca from Ted Lieu's office

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John Gran

Also representing the Redondo Beach City Council, Gran announced that the budget has been passed, which will allow funding for improvements to the Artesia corridor, including storefront improvements. Plans to revamp the South Bay Galleria are in the works but delayed. There is a plan to bring the Green Line to Torrance by 2025, with the goal of easing traffic congestion.

Officer Elections

We presented the slate of BCD officers that was announced last meeting:

President: Bobbi Buescher
Vice-President: Dency Nelson
Secretary: Ryley Simcox
Treasurer: Edna Murphy

The slate was voted on and passed unanimously.

Featured Program

Tony Hale showed a video called "The Future of Work in America" which focuses on how we can create a new economy when the classic idea of work no longer

exists. Automation is replacing jobs throughout the country, even jobs we never imagined could be done by anything other than a human being. Retraining will not solve the problem. Even in such professions as doctors and lawyers--eventually robots will "know" more, and will be able to absorb learning much faster than people. Even writing novels: a smart robot can absorb thousands of books, learn what makes a good novel, and replace human authors. "Humans Need Not Apply."

The world is changing rapidly around us, and we need to be prepared.

The solution? A Universal Basic Income, a concept that's getting a lot of attention, especially in Silicon Valley. Mark Zuckerberg talked about it in his commencement address to Harvard. A country that has universal basic income guarantees every person a set minimum income regardless of criteria -- age, wealth, job status, hometown, family size, etc.

Allocating a guaranteed income would end poverty, allow people to work at a job that enhances their life and live wherever

they like. Canada and Finland have begun experimenting with this as is the state of Alaska and some Indian reservations. In those places, hospital visits are down, students do better in school, and people still find productive activity.

Other Business

We discussed the California Values Act, SB 54, which would ensure that state and local law enforcement resources are not used to arrest immigrants. It would also help local immigrants feel comfortable speaking to local authorities without fear of deportation. Because we had not previously announced endorsing this measure, it was moved and passed that we table the vote until next month's meeting.

It was announced that Carolyn Waters and Kanji Sahara have been voted as Democrats of the Year. They will be honored at the upcoming FDR dinner. Congratulations to them both!

This report compiled with the help of minutes from Ryley Simcox