



Next Meeting

Manhattan Bread and Bagel
1808 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Manhattan Beach
Wednesday, May 23
7:30 PM

Our program this month will begin to more fully inform us about the current assault on a variety of issues that are important to women. Thanks to Anne Faas, Dinah Stevens will speak and also share an important, multimedia presentation about Planned Parenthood.

Then we will work together to support Al Muratsuchi. Bring your cell phone – or, if you don't have one, there will be cell phones there for all of us to use.

informed, get active and vote.

There are several ways that you can become a member or renew your membership:

- 1) You can find a printable membership application on our website, <http://www.lafn.org/politics/bcdc>
- 2) If you would like to renew or become a new member online, you can go directly to this website: <https://secure.actblue.com/page/bcdemocraticclub>
- 3) Come to a meeting or an event to get a membership form.

Nominations for next year's club leadership team . . .

Following our By-Laws, I am

appointing a Nominating Committee to choose a slate for next year's club officers. The Nominating Committee will select a candidate for each of our offices. At the June meeting the Nominating Committee will also take nominations from the floor and then we will all vote on next year's officers. If you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee, please call me at 310.266.1241 or email at bcdc.dw@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting. Think blue in the South Bay!

Diane Wallace, President

President's Message

Dear BCDC members and supporters:

The primary is around the corner and it's all about Al . . .

Our first Open Primary will be on June 5th! Our goal is to make sure that Al Muratsuchi will be one of the top two winners – and then go on to win in November. The question we continue to ask is:

What can I do to contribute to the election of Al Muratsuchi?

The campaign needs our help right now – preparing mailers, phone banking, and walking precincts. Contact the campaign office at 1.310.424.8520.

The members of the Beach Cities Democratic Club are working hard to ensure that Al Muratsuchi will win the Primary in June. We know we are the key!

Club business . . .

Membership – renewals and new – are due between now and June 30th. Membership in the BCDC helps encourage everyone to become more

Headquarters Launched

Here are scenes from Al Muratsuchi's April 25 Grand Opening of his headquarters in Torrance. (Right) Al poses with local Democratic Club presidents; (Below) Al speaking to assembled Democrats. Photos courtesy of Jim McGreevy.



April Meeting Recap

The following report is an edited version of minutes from the meeting courtesy of Kathy Campbell

Reminder to bring your completed Permanent Absentee Ballot forms to the meeting!

Treasurer's Report – Edna Murphy
Beginning Balance: \$667 (Federal), \$13 (State)
Deposits & Transfers: \$295 (Federal) from membership renewals, \$25 (State)
Expenditures & Transfers: \$43 (Federal) newsletter expenses, \$15 (State)
Ending Balance \$919 (Federal), \$23 (State)

Accountant Costs – update: Our EBoard suggested spending \$200 on campaign swag for sale. A motion for approval was made and passed unanimously.

Our special presentation was an

update from 66th AD Candidate Al Murat-suchi and his campaign manager, Sergio Carillo:

Al thanked those who attended his kickoff last Saturday, which was also attended by Assembly Speaker John Perez, CDP leader Eric Bauman, and State Senator Ted Lieu. Al was the only non-incumbent endorsed by the Speaker. He spoke about the opportunity to break gridlock in Sacramento if we can swing the district Democratic; we are one of two key districts up for grabs. Main opponents are Nathan Mintz and Craig Huey, both Tea Party Republicans.

Polls will open in 40 days! Primaries get about half the turnout of the general election. Al will get the Democrats that turn out, but there's a big Decline to State/No Party Preference percentage we have to reach (26%). A large percentage of younger voters here are hard to turn out and we need help with phoning,

walking precincts, and hosting house parties. Phone banks are Mondays through Thursdays, precinct walks are every weekend. Sergio suggested we pick some nights to do as a club to make it more fun. He asked us to sponsor one night a week for 6 weeks. Edna Murphy promised to phone 5 days a week!

It was suggested that when we speak to No Party Preference voters we emphasize Al's fiscal responsibility, commitment to the environment, and socially progressive stands. Torrance School District, of which Al is a member, has one of the lowest administrative ratios in the area.

New lawn signs will be available in about a week; pick one up at the Democratic Action Center in Torrance or go to the new web site.

The campaign is looking for hosts for Meet & Greets/house parties. They want

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Monroe's Ruminations

Monroe Weinstock

I just finished reading a book, THE NEW DEAL, written by L.A. Times Columnist Michael Hiltzik. I give it a FIVE STAR rating!

The book reminded me of the years when I lived in the Bronx N.Y. At that time my major concern was that the N.Y. Yankees win the pennant again. The economy only affected me when my Dad lost his job that paid \$80 a week and replaced it with a job that paid \$8 a week. It was a tough tight squeeze but we survived (without Social Security, welfare, government subsidies, & political



promises).

In reviewing the history 80 years later, there are many events that have been repeated & repeated over & over again. FDR in 1932 pledged a NEW DEAL for the American people, leading to a progressive revision of the USA economic structure & a break from the defeatist past. The truth then, as it is today, is that the economic crisis was man-made and NOT a natural phenomenon.

FDR created a major group of alphabet agencies to deal with many facets of our world. The CCC put a platoon of young unemployed men to work. The WPA put many many men to work building post offices, repaving roads, reconstructing bridges & tunnels, and they created the monumental TVA, to show that government, when properly managed, can

transform the world!!!

FDR showed us that "Big Banks" do not follow directives of their clients. "Big Banks" were (& today still are) instruments that concentrate wealth & power in a limited few hands. They were (& still are) light footed enough to dodge, duck & maneuver out of paying taxes. Laws were passed to tighten & regulate bank activity....but recently the laws were relaxed, ignored, or disobeyed!

The primary aim of the New Deal was to preserve social stability so we now have Social Security, the bedrock of an expanding program of assistance for the welfare of a great many. We have all this at our command today. I trust that President Obama knows how to handle it effectively & well. The opposition, Republican Mitt Romney is fighting for the "soul of America" which he knows is the ONE PERCENT that already have us by the throat!!!



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to hold one in each of the 200 precincts in the district. If you're interested, contact Diane Wallace.

Reports from campaigns, elected officials, County Committee

Natalie Rogers, the field rep from Janice Hahn's office, gave a report. They have recently added a privacy act on cyber security that was passed. She also announced a farm-to-school grant program to local farmers to provide food for our schools.

Hahn recently launched a small business advisory council and another one for Veteran's affairs, and next week will kick off one on women's issues. Join them if you'd like to have a voice on those issues.

They are looking at the Los Angeles Air Force Base, which might be closed. Hahn has appealed to Leon Panetta to keep it open. It provides support for lots of retired service people for commissary and PX.

Hahn is also focused on a proposed summertime increase in interest rates on student loans. At 3.4%, we want to keep them there, but Republicans want to raise it even though Mitt Romney voiced support for keeping the lower rate. Rogers urged us to tell Hahn our stories about the issue, and how it would affect you.

Ray Waters asked if Hahn supports the Constitutional amendment to overturn Citizen's United. She has not made any public announcement of support on that at this time.

Ray Waters then reported on the County Committee meeting this month. It was a short meeting, and everything passed! Lynn Olsen (who co-owns our Bakery meeting location) was endorsed for reelection by LACDP and the *LA Times*. Also endorsed was Danette Meyers for District Attorney.

Tony Salvaggio asked for support for himself & Diane Wallace for election as delegates to DNC for the convention. Voters have to be at Bergamot Station in

person to vote on Sunday, 4/29. Arrive between 2 – 3 PM to register.

A new guest, Richmond A Briscoe, is also running and asked for our support. He wants to be more active in the party. Sergio Carrillilo is running for delegate in the 44th as well.

County Project: Registering Democrats as Permanent Absentee Voters

This proposed BCDC project would collect completed PAV forms for submission to the County Registrar of Voters and continue the project into April.

Each member will be asked to approach friends, family & neighbors.

Ask: How do you feel about President Obama and will you be voting for him in 2012?

If "no," just talk about some successes but don't offer the Permanent Vote By Mail Application

If "yes," ask them to complete the application and bring the completed application to the May meeting.

Planning – Tabling:

Earth Day – Pollywog Park – Saturday, April 28. Will include tabling for AI and will also showcase electric vehicles, Plug In America. Dency Nelson will be speaking at 12:30.

Fiesta Hermosa – Memorial Day Weekend

Fiesta Hermosa – Labor Day
Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair – October 6-7

Special reports

Standing Committees

Membership – initial renewal email has been sent

By-Laws – report next month

Up-coming event: Democratic Candidates for LA County District Attorney

LMU – May 12, 2:00 - 4:15

Other announcements

Diane Wallace suggested that we focus on the war on women for next month's meeting, and asked for recommendations on speakers.

The 7th Annual Solar Homes Tour will



Al Muratsuchi addresses the April BCDC meeting, and reminds attendees that his headquarters is now open in Torrance.

be on Saturday, May 12. Diane has details.

Two local schools just won awards as Green Ribbon Schools: Grand View Elementary and the Environmental Charter High School. They will go to a presentation at the White House.

The Vitality City Program, in partnership with Beach Cities Health District, singled out Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan Beaches. They are having an event next Wednesday at Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center at 7:30.

Carolyn Waters mentioned a talk at El Camino College on May 5 regarding the establishment of a state bank.

"No on RB Power Plant" is turning out people for the Redondo Beach City Council meeting.

Announcements and Reports from other area clubs

No reports were made due to time constraints, but Don Dear will report on the Water District next month. A suggestion was made that we place him on the agenda.



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Beach Cities Stand out on the Environment

Our Dency Nelson has done it again. Like the Energizer Bunny, he keeps plugging away at the environmental causes he is passionate about.

This week Hermosa Beach Mayor Jeff Duclos announced that Hermosa Beach had won a \$410,000 grant from the state's Strategic Growth Council to develop an aggressive three-year plan to completely eliminate the city's carbon footprint.

And it was the result of Dency and his friends, Robert Fortunato, Joe Galliani and City Councilman Michael DiVirgilio sitting down over coffee two years ago crafting a program to make Hermosa a major player in the eco-friendly movement.

A long article in the *Daily Breeze* told of the grant.

Dency will likely report more on the program as it progresses.

Lori Geittmann
