

Beach Cities Democratic Club



P.O. Box 2192, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

August, 2012

Next Meeting New Location

Meet Assembly Candidate
Al Muratsuchi and Congressman
Henry Waxman

Wednesday, August 22, 7:30 PM

704 Seventh Street, Hermosa Beach
(a house)

Park in Learned Lumber Parking Lot
Enter and park off Sixth Street (west)
and PCH

Enter Parking Lot, then enter the
home through the NW brown corner
gate (the one with balloons)

President's Message

Are you ready? Are you in? I am very convinced that we should be thinking of this election as DT+O – Down ticket + Obama.

We have all watched what has happened in DC for the past 3+ years. While the Obama Administration has accomplished a lot, the Republicans have blocked many of the President initiatives.

And in Sacramento, many initiatives have failed because we didn't have the 2/3s majority that was needed to pass the legislation.

Many people vote only for the President in the General Election. So let's engage all club members, our families, friends, and neighbors about the importance of voting the entire ballot – Down Ticket + Obama – DT + O.

Down-ticket in the South Bay = Al Muratsuchi for Assembly and Henry Waxman for Congress.

BCDC support for Al's Campaign

To that end, our club kick-off for the election season has started. Members are holding gatherings in their precincts.

If you would like to host a "meet and greet" gathering in your home, please contact Al Muratsuchi's campaign.

www.alforasassembly.com

You choose the date. The campaign will send out post cards to your neighbors. Just open your door and Al will join you and your friends/neighbors in a discussion about important issues facing the South Bay and the State of California.

And, of course, there will also be fundraisers. Every campaign needs money for mailers, etc. Every small contribution means that the candidate will need less funding from special interest groups. Beach Cities members can contribute online directly to Al's campaign at <https://secure.actblue.com/page/bcdc4al>

BCDC support for Congressman Henry Waxman

Congressman Henry Waxman will be spending a lot of time in the South Bay during August and September, when Congress is not in session. Look for announcements for "meet and greet" events.

Special joint "meet and greet" event sponsored by BCDC – 8/22

Our August meeting has evolved into a



Al Muratsuchi's Campaign Manager Sergio Carrillo gave an update at our July meeting

joint meet and greet for Al Muratsuchi and Henry Waxman. The candidates are hoping to speak with as many people as possible. (See the announcement on this page.) We hope you will be able to join us – and perhaps bring a Democrat friend in the South Bay that might like to join our club – and meet Al and Henry.

See you on the 22nd!

Diane Wallace

Muratsuchi Campaign Update

Well, we are now moved into our new HQ located at 1628 Cravens Avenue in Old Torrance, next door to the Fosters Freeze. We need some help furnishing our new HQ and therefore I am now reaching out to you. We only need the following through election day. We can arrange pickup and return.

Our wish list is:

- Tables
- Chairs
- Refrigerator
- Microwave Oven
- Old laptops or computers
- Storage cabinets for supplies
- Files cabinet
- BBQ to grill on

If you can help with any this, please send me an email or give me a call so we can make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your help and I look forward to seeing and chatting with all of you soon.

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July Recap

The following report is based on minutes of the meeting courtesy of Lisa Power

Vice President Mark Drabkin opened the meeting at Manhattan Bread and Bagel Café.

Minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Edna Murphy reported that \$405 in dues had been received and expenditures totaled \$300 (Contribution to DAC: \$50 per month for 6 months). The Club's current balance is \$1,392.

Proposition 37 (CA Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food Act) Presentation

Jim Montgomery gave an in-depth and

informative presentation of how food is genetically modified and the importance of supporting this initiative. Monsanto has already spent \$60-\$100M to defeat this initiative. Jim asked the Club's members to volunteer, spread the word, donate and endorse the effort to pass this proposition in November. A motion was made to endorse Proposition 37 and passed unanimously.

Since the LA County Central Committee has not formally endorsed Prop 37, the motion was modified to encourage the E-Board to endorse our position. In the meantime, members can support the proposition through educating voters, endorsing the effort, and helping with community outreach.

Elected Officials and Campaign Reports

Veronica Zendejas gave an update from Ted Lieu's office on the Senate bills.

The Legislature is in recess, but a number of bills will be moving through the process when back in session. There was a request that the Senator submit a bill to ban assault weapon sales and ammunition, prompted by the horrific CO theatre shootings. Veronica will share that request with the Senator. She encouraged members to go to the Legislation tab on Senator Lieu's web site <http://sd28.senate.ca.gov/legislation> for more information on specific bill status.

Al Muratsuchi's campaign is gearing up for a full-court press; Campaign

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A LITTLE HISTORY

Are political parties something out of the 17th Century, the 18th Century, or are they much older?

Maybe they didn't have the same form but there were political parties in both Ancient Greece and Rome.

The Greek Republic in Athens lasted from 461 BCE to 346 BCE and there were two political parties. The Oligarchs represented the upper class and wanted to limit citizenship and hold on to control of government agencies. Then there were the Demes which represented the rest of the citizens, also limited. The Demes, or people, wanted expanded citizenship, a distribution of the land and pay for government work.

In Rome, the Republic dated from 509 BCE to the dictatorship of Julius Caesar in 49 BCE. It is interesting that the Greek

Republic lasted little more than 100 years while the Roman Republic lasted almost 500. Most people know about the Greek Republic but little about the Roman. One wag said it was because the Greeks were better writers.

There were two parties in Rome. The Optimates were the patricians, the conservatives made up of the upper class. The other party was the Popularies or Plebeians who believed the people were the source of power. They wanted cancelation of debt to the upper class, a redistribution of land and an extension of citizenship.

So, might we say that things have not changed much in more than two thousand years.

The main difference in parties since the English civil war is organization.

Lori Geittmann



"Jeez! I thought they were democrats!"



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manager Sergio Carrillo reminded the Club that we are Ground Zero for successfully getting a 2/3 majority in the State Assembly. An 84% voter turnout in the 66th AD is expected. Muratsuchi's opponent has stated that elections are "spiritual battles," that people who opposed him are "agents of Satan," that being gay or lesbian is an "abomination," that Roe v. Wade is "immoral and unconstitutional." Sergio gave a barn-burner of a speech about our candidate.

Campaign Strategy

Al's Campaign HQ in Torrance has moved to a larger facility to accommodate thousands of volunteers. The official "opening day" of the new HQ will be Labor Day. Suzanne McIntyre is the Campaign Coordinator; Carlos Gutierrez is implementing the Field Campaign. There will be a massive house party program as well as traditional precinct walking and phone banking programs. The CA Young Dems will be doing "campaign invasions." Al's campaign is the *only* race they are getting involved in. Sergio's "ask":

- Host a House Party
- Make monetary contributions - need to raise \$2M
- Volunteer for any and all of the above programs
- Host a Saturday reception for the Young Dems (any Saturday between now and November)
- Go to www.AlforAssembly.com

County Committee

Don Dear announced that Ted Lieu received the LA County Committee Legislative Award. The 66th AD Committee elected Lori Geitmann as President and Kay Jue as Secretary. The LA County Fair will be held from August 30 to September 30; members are encouraged to sign up for the Democratic Table at the Fair.

There was a Democratic Leadership meeting last week; LACDP Leaders asked each Club's leaders to provide:

- Location of each Club's Campaign HQ
- What each Club's priorities are
- Whether each Club will be supporting "Battleground CA" (3-fold state party initiative: Props 30 & 32, targeted Congressional races, and making Pelosi Speaker of the House)

Tabling Planning

The Club will staff tables for voter registration, election information, etc. at Fiesta Hermosa over the Labor Day weekend and Manhattan Beach Home-town Fair Oct. 6-7. Contact Ray Waters to volunteer.

E-Board Report

July 26-28

Diane Wallace

The E-Board meeting was really interesting this summer. It included an election of state delegates to the DNC. Most of the Caucus meetings focused on discussion of the propositions.

Of particular interest was the meeting of The California Democratic Council - the CDC. Beach Cities Dem Club is a member club of the CDC. There was a robust discussion of the online endorsement process that was implemented this year.

Al Muratsuchi entered this process and received the endorsement through the CDC online process. Delegates from our club, one delegate for each 10 members, volunteered and participated in the online endorsement process. There was consensus that the process worked well. The CDC will consider using this technology to encourage future engagement of clubs in discussion, actions, and endorsements. The next endorsement will be for the propositions on the November ballot.

The following are reports from Standing Committees:

Voter Services

Provide services for activist Dems. New staff support from Fera Dasani (Our Fera from Torrance!!). Working to support Battleground CA. Sub-committee formed

on voter fraud and voter suppression. Serious issue: Republicans going around the state re-registering people as Republicans.

Affirmative Action

Updated Spanish translation of the CADEM website.

CYD

95 elected delegates to CADEM and DNC.

DNC Report

Maryellen Early introduces new member Sean Bagley. All Democrats must get volunteers out to support our Democratic candidates.

CDC

190 affiliated clubs

20,000 members

Updated rosters are due to CDC by August 31st - for the online endorsement for propositions.

The meeting adjourned with a moment of silence to think of the recent victims of the shooting in Anaheim.



Our July Speaker, Jim Montgomery, spoke about the California Right to Know Act and Genetically Engineered Foods

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I (we) understand that only registered Democrats, or those intending to register, may join the club.

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Distribution of the club newsletter via e-mail saves money. Check this box *only* if you would like to receive it by US mail.

I volunteer to:

Telephone Help with mailing Hospitality Write for newsletter

Register voters Programs Legislative Membership Other

Annual dues are \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 for two at the same address.

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