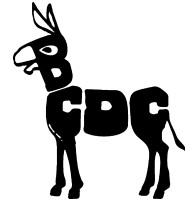


Beach Cities Democratic Club



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

October, 2012

Next Meeting

Manhattan Bread & Bagel
1808 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Manhattan Beach
Wednesday, October 24, 7:30 PM

Come and pitch in as we hear campaign updates and phone bank, at this our last club meeting before the November election!

President's Message

Dear Beach Cities Dem Club members:

As South Bay Democrats, the reality is that our new Assembly District, the 66th only gives us a slight advantage in the number of registered Democratic voters. However, thanks to the support from the California Democratic Party, there are thousands of new voters in our area – mostly Vote By Mail.

In the Beach Cities, our problem has always been that some of us forget to vote! Our challenges until November 6 are two-fold:

Provide our friends and neighbors with the chance to meet Al Muratsuchi and Congressman Waxman, AND make sure that everyone votes!!

Thanks to all of our BCDC volunteers at Al's campaign headquarters. You are making a difference every day! And a special thanks to everyone that tabled at the Hermosa Fairs earlier. Most recently, at the MB Hometown Fair, we had even more volunteers, including Ray, Lisa, Edna, Steve, Moira, Isabel, Bobbi, Sander, Ranoo, Samuel, and Betsy. We had so many people come by to thank us for being there and we distributed a LOT of SWAG! Watch for those lawn signs and bumper stickers!

For those of you who were not able to attend the recent forums and debates, Al Muratsuchi clearly presented the priorities

for our area and the state – and he actually answered the questions. In contrast, his opponent rambled and continuously maligned the career politicians in Sacramento. He obviously doesn't understand term limits. There are so many reasons why the BCDC, the California Democratic Party, and area elected Democrats and Republicans, are endorsing and supporting Al Muratsuchi. Please visit Al's website:
<http://alforassembly.com>

The forums also provided an opportunity to listen to Congressman Waxman and his opponent. The Congressman explained his extensive and admirable record of contributions, including legislation to support health and environmental issues – clean air, clean water, food ingredients on packages, etc. Our new Congressional District is the 33rd and we enthusiastically endorse and support Congressman Waxman. For additional information, please visit the Congressman's website:<http://www.henrywaxmanforcongress.com>

henrywaxmanforcongress.com.

Since both of our candidates are running against multi-millionaires, individual contributions really do make a difference and are greatly needed right now – as we approach November 6th!

To contribute to Al:
<https://secure.actblue.com/page/bcdc4al>

To contribute to Congressman Waxman:
Henrywaxmanforcongress.com

Hope to see everyone at the October meeting. Bring your cell phone because we may hold a phone bank for Al.

And, if you have any remaining questions about the ballot, bring your sample ballot or your mail-in ballot, if you vote by mail. If there is a candidate or a proposition that you would like to discuss, please let us know so we have a chance to bring additional info. Email me at BCDC.
DW@gmail.com.

Holding BLUE thoughts for the Beach Cities,

Diane Wallace



Here is our busy booth at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair, set up and decorated, and overseen throughout, by Ray Waters.

Visit our Website at lafn.org/politics/bcdc

September Recap

The following is an edited version of the September 26 meeting minutes courtesy of Lisa Power.

Minutes of the July 25th meeting were approved.

Note: The regularly scheduled Club meeting on August 22 was replaced by a special presentation with Congressman Henry Waxman. There are no minutes for August.

Treasurer's Report

Edna Murphy reported that \$75 in dues and \$325 for swag that had been sold was received and there were no expenditures in September. The Club's current balance is \$1,792. \$15 deducted from State account for bank charges, for a balance is \$73.

Program: DNC Report from the 33rd CD Delegates

Diane Wallace and Tony Salvaggio tag-teamed a great PowerPoint presentation about their experiences at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, complete with photos of the drenching rain and other members of the CA delegation. Diane encouraged all Club members to apply to be delegates at least

once because the experience was spectacular.

In addition to the various activities that were shown during prime time coverage, the delegates had opportunities to attend any number of forums from 10:00 AM until the convention closed each night at 11:00 PM. Both Diane and Tony attended the round table discussions sponsored by Bloomberg. Listening to Madeline Albright for 90 minutes, and the discussion on Sequestration were extremely informative. Some of the Bloomberg sessions are available online.

Natalie Padron Rogers, a regular BCDC attendee who represents Congresswoman Janice Hahn's office, shared that she was featured on the stage at the DNC, along with other veterans. She shared the veteran activities at the DNC, including a special event with Jon Stewart. Congresswoman Hahn's Homeless Veterans Bill was featured in an LA Times article.

Isabel Rodriguez, a volunteer at the convention, said that she also would encourage everyone to attend, if not as a delegate, then as a volunteer. The experience was thrilling, and by using mileage and sharing hotel expenses, she was able to go to Charlotte affordably.

All of our delegates and volunteers pay their own way, and they were told to expect the costs to be in the \$2500 range. Diane, Tony and Isabel were all able to spend much less than that by being strategic and by planning their trip well in advance.

The following links for some of the highlighted speeches and videos from the convention were shared by the delegates: Honoring Senator Ted Kennedy <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7420484n>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhaczvFmD8Q>

Governor of Ohio – Ted Strickland

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4-8IVNjPUw>

Representative John Lewis

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORDfPQ7bEwM>

Lilly Ledbetter

<http://www.c-span.org/DNC/Events/Admiral-John-B-Nathman-at-the-2012-Democratic-National-Convention/C3873586/>

Honoring Veterans

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIVBrMh54MM>

Governor Deval Patrick, Massachusetts

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QZPnQhjh8&feature=related>

Former Governor Jennifer Granholm, Michigan

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzDhk3BH6Q&feature=related>

Former President Bill Clinton

<http://www.demconvention.com>

Elected Officials and Campaign Reports

Al Muratsuchi's campaign has requested that the Beach Cities Democratic Club staff the phone bank on Monday evenings October 1, 8, 22 and 29 and November 5 from 5-8 PM. The membership agreed to support the effort. Cell phones will be supplied.

Henry Waxman's campaign has requested support for phone banking at the DAC on Thursday October 4th, and at Manhattan Bread & Bagel on Tuesday

<http://www.demconvention.com>

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For access to the written text for speeches, and to see President Obama, Vice President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama:

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Above: President Diane Wallace giving a presentation on the Democratic Convention. To her far left is Tony Salvaggio, who attended the Convention with Diane.



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BCDC Members made a strong showing to hear Al Muratsuchi debate Craig Huey in Torrance on October 4.

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October 2 and Monday October 15, both from 5 – 8 PM. Volunteers are asked to bring their own cell phones.

Natalie Padron Rogers provided information on resources for our homeless citizens, including veterans. A discussion ensued, with many great suggestions from members on how to provide relief for homeless people, including, and especially, veterans.

County Committee

Lori Geittmann reported on the LA County Committee meeting. El Camino College has a bond issue, and other members commented that the buildings are falling apart. Concern was voiced that local areas are not being included in County propositions that impact local municipalities. Once the committee makes any recommendations, the info will be shared in the Yahoo Group.

Tabling Planning

There was an issue with the permit that was submitted for the Club's table at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair. There will be five Republican booths. Diane was able to resolve the issue to allow us to have a space at the Fair. Ray Waters signed up volunteers to staff the booth during the weekend of October 6-7.

Final Presidential Debate

Monday, October 22, 6:00 – 7:30

Foreign Policy

Location: Lynn University, Boca Raton, Florida

Moderated by Bob Sheaffer, CBS



Alice Neuhauser, pictured with Al after the debate sponsored by the Torrance Police, has always been a generous donor and longtime BCDC member, and has been phone banking for Al.

The Los Angeles County Democratic Party carries the endorsements of the California Democratic Party in federal and state candidate races.

STATEWIDE PROPOSITIONS

- Proposition 30 – YES – Protects funding for schools and local public safety
- Proposition 31 – NO – Locks California into permanent underfunding of education, health, and other vital services
- Proposition 32 – NO – Creates special exemptions for billionaires and Super PACs allowing them to buy elections
- Proposition 33 – NO – Auto insurance rate hike
- Proposition 34 – YES – Repeals death penalty and replaces with life without parole
- Proposition 35 – YES – Increases penalties for human trafficking
- Proposition 36 – YES – Reforms “Three Strikes” law
- Proposition 37 – YES – Labeling of genetically engineered foods
- Proposition 38 – NO – Munger initiative
- Proposition 39 – NEUTRAL – Adjusts taxes for multi-state corporations to fund clean energy programs
- Proposition 40 – YES – Referendum on State Senate district boundaries

CANDIDATES* Incumbent

- Los Angeles County District Attorney - Jackie Lacey
- President - Barack Obama*
- U.S. Senate - Dianne Feinstein*
- U.S. Congress - CD33 Henry Waxman, CD43 Maxine Waters, CD44 Janice Hahn*
- State Assembly - AD66 Al Muratsuchi
- West Basin Municipal Water Dist. Dist. 3 – Carol Kwan*

BALLOT MEASURES

Countywide Measures

- Los Angeles County Measure A – NO
- Los Angeles County Measure B – NO ENDORSEMENT
- Los Angeles County MTA Measure J – YES

Local Measures

- El Camino CCD Measure E – Not available
- Redondo Beach USD Measure Q – YES

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Democratic Club**



Leave It All on the Field

DES MOINES, IOWA—Six months ago, I (again) upended my life, quit my job, took a big pay-cut, and drove 1000 miles away to work to elect Barack Obama as President of the United States. I will have plenty of war stories to tell after this election is over. But right now, I am hoping that you will have a few war stories too.

You see, Americans started voting here in Iowa 17 days ago. In 23 days, the polls will close, and the fate of the nation will be sealed. The other side's strategy is clear: spend millions, maybe billions, of dollars in negative ads, tell outright lies, ignore 47% of the country, and try to suppress the vote.

Our strategy is different. We have opened 66 field offices in Iowa (to Romney's 13). The number of field operatives that I have personally trained this cycle outnumber any that have existed in any single campaign in California. And it is working. Already, more Democrats have signed up to vote by mail in Iowa than did

in all of 2008. We have registered more voters and will overtake the Republican's voter registration advantage. We will talk to more voters at the doors, on the phones, and at events than ever before. But we literally can't hire all the people we need.

Everything is on the line. Universal healthcare. Equal rights. Voting rights. Tax fairness. The Supreme Court. Women's health. Education. Social Security. Medicare. We know the other side will take us back to the same policies that got us into this mess in the first place. We want to move Forward.

So, please, join me. I've been here for 25 weeks—come out for 25 days. Come to Iowa. Or go to another Battleground state. But come help out. It's time to leave it all on the field.

Lee Fink
310-809-7279
leekfink@alum.calberkeley.org
Lee is a former President of BCDC

New Memberships

To date these are the people I have listed as new members:

Diane Liberman
Tim Marr
Lydia McCarver Hackmeister
Bill Briscoe

Isabel Rodriguez, Membership Chair

Please join Assemblymember Betsy Butler and walk a precinct for AL MURATSUCHI for ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 66

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 12:00NOON
The Speaker of the Assembly John A. Perez is walking for Al. You can too!!
Phone Bank Opportunities also
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 12 NOON
1268 CRAVENS, TORRANCE 90501

RSVP: Bobbi Suescher
C/310-251-1203 or H/310-545-7890
BobbiMB@aol.com

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