

Next Meeting
Manhattan Bread & Bagel
1812 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Manhattan Beach
Wednesday, May 28
7:30 PM

The Beach Cities Democrats look forward to seeing our members and friends at our upcoming May meeting.

This month's agenda will include discussion of any proposed changes to our recently approved bylaws. We have already received some suggestions for amendments since our new bylaws were passed at our last meeting. If you have any points of discussion regarding the new bylaws, please come prepared to present them for membership review at our next meeting.

The other major item of business for our May meeting will be a report from the Chair of the Nominating Committee regarding their progress in identifying qualified nominees to run for office to represent the BCD for the 2014/2015 term. Members of the Nominating Committee for next year's officers include: Ray Waters (Chair), Teresa Bird, Anne Faas and Dency Nelson. If you wish to suggest potential candidates to the Nominating Committee, please send them to Ray at raywaters35@gmail.com.

Also, please note that we plan to join the 66th ADDC in staffing a South Bay Democrats table at Fiesta Hermosa May 24 - 26th. If you are able to support our club and our Democratic candidates this election cycle by volunteering to staff a table for a 1 - 4 hour shift, please contact our club rep for the 66th ADDC, Lisa Power, at lisa@mrbenison.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tony Hale

This Election Matters

Some people say voting doesn't matter, and then they prove it by not voting. I'm sure every one of our club members votes in every election, but this election is turning out to be another low turnout election, and so I urge you to get your friends and family out to vote.

In a low turnout election, votes and volunteers are increased in power and effect. So, that's why it is important that we all make every effort to turn out as many voters as we can.

Please share this voter guide with anyone you can. I have just created a Facebook page for the Beach Cities Democrats at <https://www.facebook.com/BeachCitiesDemocrats> so, please share this guide with your Facebook friends.

Beach Cities Democrats Voter Guide

Governor – Jerry Brown
Lieutenant Governor – Gavin Newsom
Secretary of State - State Party had no consensus
Controller - State Party had no consensus
Attorney General – Kamala D. Harris
Treasurer – John Chiang
Insurance Commissioner—Dave Jones
Supt. of Public Instruction – Tom Torlakson
Congress - Ted Lieu
State Senator - Betsy Butler, Beach Cities Democrats Endorsement
Assembly - Al Muratsuchi
LA County Superior Court Judges:
Office 22 – Pamala F. Matsumoto
Office 48 – No Consensus
Office 54 – Debra L. Losnick
Office 61 – Jacqueline H. Lewis



Office 76 – Helen Kim
Office 87 – Andrew M. Stein
Office 97 – No Consensus
Office 107 – Emma Castro
Office 113 – No Consensus
Office 138 – No Endorsement
LA County Assessor - Jeffrey Prang
LA County Sheriff - No consensus
Proposition 41 – YES
Proposition 42 – YES

Volunteer Calendar for Al Muratsuchi

Saturday, May 24
Dispatching/phoning begins at 11AM and throughout the afternoon

Sunday, May 25
Dispatching/phoning begins at 11AM and throughout the afternoon

PHONE BANK

Wednesday and Thursday evenings
5:30PM to 8:00PM

LOCATION:

Muratsuchi for Assembly 2014 HQ
1834 W. 182nd Street
(at Western, just north of the 405)
Torrance, 90504

To RSVP or for more information,
please email brian@alforassembly.com



Al Muratsuchi at May 8 fundraiser

APRIL RECAP

Beach Cities Democrats

Minutes courtesy of Kathryn Campbell

Welcome

President Tony Hale welcomed new members and guests.

Officer Reports

President's Report

Tony congratulated President Obama on the enrollment success of the Affordable Care Act. He acknowledged that many Progressives are still upset about not having a single payer plan. But ACA is proving to be affordable, and is already helping many people.

Tony also thanked Al Muratsuchi, who has proposed AB 2711, which would provide a \$17.5 million loan to allow the city of Hermosa Beach to make an independent choice about oil drilling without worrying about bankrupting the city. The majority of Hermosa Beach residents oppose drilling, but many have been concerned about the cost of not allowing it (~\$17 million due to how the prior lawsuit was settled). This will make their choice much easier.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the agenda.

VP Report

Dency mentioned that we have copies of the old and new Bylaws for the upcoming discussion. Asked how many people are on the Beach Cities Yahoo Group. About half of the attendees were.

Dency ran through a list of anti-fracking initiatives including Holly Mitchell's Anti-Fracking bill and Beverly Hills passing a moratorium on fracking and wastewater injection.

Dency reminded members that the BCD sent a letter in support of Sen.

Lieu's bill to submit an advisory question to CA voters relating to campaign finance and overturning Citizen's United, and a petition is circulating in support of that.

Secretary's Report

Kathryn Campbell read aloud a letter from Alyse Laemmle thanking the club for keeping her apprised of club activities and supporting the proposed bylaw changes. Kathryn thanked Alyse for her many years of club support.

Kathryn submitted minutes from the March meeting. Motion made and passed unanimously to accept minutes from March meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Edna Murphy reported the following activity through 3/31/14:

Federal account: starting balance of \$2,438+ \$590 in new membership and renewal revenues - \$120 in charitable donations to the 1736 House Family Crisis Center, for an ending balance of \$2,908.

State account: starting balance of \$63 + \$155 in new membership and renewal revenues - \$100 contribution to John Chiang for Treasurer campaign \$15 in bank fees = ending balance of \$103.

Edna mentioned that we received Thank You notes for our contributions to 1736 House and Jim Buescher's memorial fund. Motion made and passed unanimously to accept Treasurer's Report.

Program: Jeff Duclos, Climate Reality Project Training
(ClimateRealityProject.org)

Jeff Duclos made a very interesting presentation on his recent training with the Al Gore Climate Reality training, which he had to apply for and was accepted to take recently in South Africa. Al Gore has been talking about climate

change for 40 years! Since 2007 he has trained over 3,000 people globally to be climate change speakers. Jeff called on each of us to become vocal on the issue, and to focus on what we can still do to help.

- Join the Climate Reality Project and local organizations such as Joe Galliani's South Bay 350 Climate Action Group (southbay350.wordpress.com)
- Change laws, not just light bulbs! Let your electeds know that this matters to you.
- Don't give up!

Jeff mentioned that while there are costs to dealing with climate change, there are also steep costs to inaction. Also discussed how to address climate change deniers. www.RealityDrop.org is a great resource!

Candidates Running for Office

Seth Starr, running in the 26th Senate District. He is running as a No Party Preference candidate.

Otis Felder running for LA County Judge office #61. He is running against a registered Republican and also Jackie Lewis. He works for Mike Feuer as Deputy City Attorney/Prosecutor. (<http://www.otisfelderforlasuperiorcourt.com/>).

Bylaws review

After reviews and revisions lasting several years and multiple eBoards, proposed bylaws have been submitted for review and discussion. Tony stated that the proposed bylaws are clearer, more modern, and more refined than the existing bylaws, which had undergone only minimal revision in 20 years.

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Discussion points:

- Ray Waters asked about the four board members listed, as opposed to the existing bylaws that included immediate past president, recording secretary, and committee chairs.
- Motion made to add standing Committee Chairs and immediate Past President to the Board of Directors. Passed with one abstention.

There was some discussion as to whether we should hold the bylaws discussion for a future meeting at which more time could be allotted given the fact that the meeting was running late. However, Dency reminded everyone that the bylaws discussion has been kicked down the road for many years, and all members were given two weeks prior to the meeting to review and come prepared to raise questions. Ultimately a motion was made to adopt the proposed bylaws with the above amendment made, which was seconded and passed. Tony closed by saying that additional changes may always be made in the future and invited members to review the bylaws and raise potential issues and suggested changes at any time.

Reports from Local Electeds

Don Dear, West Basin Municipal Water District Board Rep

The West Basin Municipal Water District Board voted to raise Metropolitan Water District rates 1.5% per year for the next two years to support upkeep on our water system. Don recently conducted an educational tour of the Parker Dam. Don is opening up his tour on May 22, a one day trip to Edmonston Pumping Station in Tehachapi. Call the District if you are interested, or call 310-217-2411 and tell them that Don Dear said to call.

Jeff DuClos, Appointed Alternate to the California Coastal Commission. Approved local coastal program for the Santa Monica mountains, the largest coastal area that was unprotected. They plan to take up desalinization next.

66th Assembly District Democratic Council Report

Lisa Power announced that the next meeting of the 66th ADDC will be tomorrow night, on April 24th at the Sizzler in Torrance. Will hold a quarterly meeting and discuss upcoming ballot resolutions. May include candidate speeches as well.

Old Business, New Business

Tony asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year's officers. Ray Waters offered to serve as Chair, and Teresa Bird, Anne Faas and Dency Nelson volunteered to serve as well.

Ray Waters asked for a motion to support SB1381, regarding labeling genetically engineered ingredients in foods. It was introduced by Senator Noreen Evans and is now in Senate Committee. Don made a motion to amend to also send letters in support to Ted and Al. Motion passed.

Announcements

- Annual Earth Day event in Polliwog Park 11 – 4 this Saturday.
- Meet & Greet events for Betsy Butler.
- Thursday May 8 fund raiser for Al Muratsuchi.

- Lillian Light announced that The Environmental Priorities Network is sponsoring its ninth annual Solar Homes Tour in San Pedro, Torrance, and the Beach Cities on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (go to http://www.ocice.org/9th_annual_solar_homes_tour for details).
- Surfriders Hands across the Sand at noon on May 17 at 6th Street & The Strand in Hermosa Beach.
- League of Women Voters is putting together a panel of school superintendents on education financing and the new state funding formula next Tuesday night.

At 9:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

BCD DUES COMING SOON

BCD dues are due in June for the fiscal year that runs from July 1 through June 30. Any new member paying dues between April 1 and July 30 of a calendar year shall be a member through the end of the following fiscal year without further payment.



Al Muratsuchi's Campaign Office—Campaign Kickoff. Photo sent by Lori Geitmann



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Membership Form**

Name _____

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 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 Legislature Membership Other

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