

Next Meeting

Wednesday

October 25, 7:00 PM, Hermosa Beach
Community Center, 710 Pier Ave.,
Room 16, Hermosa Beach 90254

California's coastal wetlands support a wealth of precious wildlife habitat and play a crucial role in improving coastal water quality and reducing the harmful effects of floods and erosion on surrounding communities. Today, more than 95% of Southern California's wetlands have been lost due to human development – the largest loss of any region in the nation.

The planned Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project began with the first Notice of Intent & Preparation in August 2012. Public comment is now open on the Draft EIS/EIR and scheduled to end at 5 PM, November 24, although all parties are hoping for an extended period of time for input.

Our meeting will feature speakers presenting different points of view on the proposed project.

In favor of the project will be **Craig Cadwallader** of the Surfrider Foundation and opposed will be **Kathryn Campbell** and **Janette Vosburg**, Chair of the Sierra Club Airport Marina Group.

We hope you will come and hear about this important environmental issue and offer your comments.



BOBBI'S SCARY OCTOBER COLUMN

The bulbous orange pumpkin with the tiny stem
Careened into our pumpkin patch upending national zen
He rolled in lying and cheating and wielding a supremacist pen
Oh! Great Pumpkin Mueller, when will this tyranny end?

He arrived in his gilded coach the color of his haystack hair
Wearing his signature bright red tie that goes way down to there
He attacks other pumpkins, squashes and gourds without a single care
Oh! Great Pumpkin Mueller, when will you catch him in your lair?

Our pumpkin patch is fragile from too much overuse
Warming planet, hurricanes, fires and floods are results of our abuse
Hard work to fix these past mistakes is axed by that baby hand
Oh! Great Pumpkin Mueller indict him when you can.

He threatens, he whines, he grabs by the pussy
All to prove that he's not a wussy
But listen up you tangerine ghoul,
Our rights won't be trampled by your fleeting rule.

The moron's finger on the button gives our world no peace
We must act with dispatch to be rid of this bloviating beast
To hack our way out of this hellish trap
Oh! Great Pumpkin Mueller carve out a clear map.

Bobbi Buescher
President, Beach Cities Democrats

September Recap

By Moira Zucker

President Bobbi Buescher opened the meeting and asked new attendees to introduce themselves. Five people stood up, all of them eager to get involved with Democratic causes.

Vice-president Dency Nelson gave an overview of our club: We have been chartered since 1982 with the LA Democratic Party, first as the Beach Cities Democratic Club, and currently as the Beach Cities Democrats. We are the establishment, big-tent Democratic club and are proud of our history of supporting candidates and carefully adhering to our established by-laws.

Next, President Bobbi presented long-time Webmaster Jim McGreevy with a thank-you gift, and announced that the club has sent a \$100 donation to Ted Lieu's PAC in honor of Reggie Jue, from the Palos Verdes Democratic Club; both were instrumental in setting up our new website.

Dency reported that our three endorsed Hermosa Beach City Council candidates, Hany Fangary, Mary Campbell, and Stacey Armato, will be running for a five-year term this election; the previous term was four years. The city is in favor of holding elections in even-numbered years.

Dency also said that the fundraiser for Ted Lieu at his and Moira's Hermosa Beach home was well attended, with at least 60 people, and that a second fundraiser for Ted Lieu's PAC in Manhattan Beach was also a big success. That event was attended by Randy "Iron Stache" Bryce, a steelworker in Wisconsin who is running a closely-watched race to defeat Paul Ryan and has become a celebrity; and Col. Doug Applegate, who is mounting a campaign against Darryl Issa.

We also heard that the Grand Opening of Al Muratsuchi's new office in Torrance drew a large crowd. The address is listed on page 3.

Dency described the recent 50th Anni-

versary celebration of Hermosa Beach Sister City, Loreto, Mexico. The event featured mariachi music, dance, and an impressive speech by Senator Ben Allen, delivered in perfect, fluent Spanish.

Treasurer's Report

Since our Treasurer, Edna Murphy, was recovering from surgery, Dency presented the Treasurer's Report:

Federal Account

Beginning Balance	\$4,924.78
Money In	192.00
Money Out	243.25
Ending Balance	\$4,873.53

State Account

Beginning Balance	\$1,375.47
Money In	0
Money Out	165.75
Ending Balance	\$1,209.72

Elected Officials

Andrew DeBlock, Field Representative for Al Muratsuchi, spoke next about the legislation Al is currently involved in. He has twelve bills pending, one of which was signed on that day. AB 994 allows the Beach Cities Health District to utilize a streamlined and cost-efficient construction process for the planned revamp of their 11-acre campus in Redondo Beach.

AB 491: Will administer allocation of the funds to public schools and programs for the implementation of civil liberties education, activities and curriculum.

AB 1646: Requires refineries to implement publicly accessible community alert program to be used in the event of an incident at the refinery.

AB 1647: Requires them to install and maintain air quality monitors at the refinery fence line and in the community.

Al is also working to implement a shorter timeline for the Green Line. He is hoping to bring the Metro to the South Bay sooner than 2030.

Andrew said that Al attended Vi Mullins's memorial ceremony and there was a memorial resolution introduced in her honor in the Legislature.

Rochelle Schneider, a longtime



Top: Andrew DeBlock speaking to our well-attended meeting. Photo courtesy of Jim McGreevy.

Bottom: Web experts Ryley Simcox, Jim McGreevy, Reggie Jue, and Kathryn Campbell, all of whom were instrumental in implementing our new BCD website.

member and attorney, asked about Al's not supporting Senate Bill 54. Rochelle has been active on behalf of DACA, and was disappointed in this abstention vote. Our club had endorsed the bill, the California Values Act, which bars police departments from detaining people based on their immigration status and prevents immigrants from being delivered to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers unless they are convicted of certain felonies and misdemeanors. The bill was signed by Governor Brown.

Andrew said that Al's abstention was purely symbolic, since it was clear
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(Recap, continued from page 2) that SB54 would pass. He was particularly concerned that the bill included the crime of attacking a police officer. As a former prosecutor, Al said this was a vote of conscience. Al has supported other pro-immigrant legislation.

Next, Redondo Beach City Councilman Christian Horvath addressed the meeting. He was hoping Governor Brown would veto SB 649 and SB 35.

SB 649 would restrict local control for placing "small cell wireless facilities" both in the public right-of-way and commercial and residential zones.

Horvath believes constituents should have the right to determine the placement of cell towers.

As for SB 35, in a city where land use debates over density have consumed city politics for years, the idea of losing local control could be problematic. According to Horvath, Redondo Beach residents would lose local control if this bill were enacted. These positions are not supported by all BCD members.

Horvath spoke about Measure H, the Homelessness Initiative. All three beach cities have applied for grants, and now the challenge will be how to implement the program to build affordable housing.

Wayne Powell spoke up and said he is running again for Manhattan Beach City Council, where he previously served until he was termed out.

Candidate Endorsements

All three major candidates--Congressman Ted Lieu, State Senator Ben Allen, and Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi--seek our endorsement. Tony Hale moved that we endorse all three, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was SBLA, a new coalition of left-leaning organizations. It is an informal group, which includes Indivisible, SwingSoCalLeft, and various other organizations, whose primary purpose is to be an information clearinghouse. They are planning to build a website. One member stated that we don't want to lose focus, and our primary goal should



Emily Coneybeare from Redondo High School has founded Young Democrats of Redondo



Bob Monzingo, Bobbi Buescher, Ray Waters, and Dency Nelson in front of our Hometown Fair booth. Photo courtesy Bobbi Buescher

continue to be getting Democrats elected. After some discussion, the club voted 16 - 2 in favor of joining, and contributing \$50 to help get the website up.

Robocalls

Tony Hale has again offered to produce Robocalls for our candidates in the Hermosa Beach City Council election. The calls will target Permanent Absentee Voters and Democrat-only households. A motion was passed to support these calls.

Our new member from Redondo High School, Emily Coneybeare, who recently founded Young Democrats of Redondo, announced that there were 25 people at their first meeting. They are seeking guest speakers, and some members of the club expressed interest. We believe it's important to support new Democratic clubs, particularly among youth groups.

Reports from Committees

Tony Hale reported from the LA County Committee. He said at the last meeting they endorsed numerous candidates in LA County, including each of the local candidates who sought our party's endorsement.

The committee also passed two resolutions:

Resolution in Support of Port Truck Drivers -- As a matter of public health and safety and climate justice, the resolution in support of port truck drivers calls on LA Mayor Eric Garcetti and Long Beach
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Mayor Robert Garcia to demand that companies doing business at the ports follow federal and state labor, tax and transportation law, and require the industry -- not the drivers -- to bear the costs of further upgrades to their fleets to meet climate goals;

Protecting Young People in the DACA Program -- The Los Angeles County Democratic Party stands in resistance against the Trump Administration's heartless punishment of some 790,000 innocent young men and women living in America under DACA provisions, and calls upon every Democratic elected official to do all in their power to protect them. On behalf of the more than 200,000 DACA participants in California, the resolution asks that the laws of our state be made to serve as shield and sanctuary for our own dreamers.

Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Dinner

This year's honorees for Democratic Man and Woman of the year are Kanji Sahara and Carolyn Waters. The dinner is to be held on October 29.

Ballona Wetlands

Kathryn Campbell spoke briefly on the Ballona Wetlands, saying that the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife are planning to make major changes to this delicate natural preserve. The Surfrider Foundation and other environmental organizations have differing opinions on the "science" of the intended changes. We are hoping to have speakers at the next meeting to go over the proposed changes in detail.

Tony Hale announced the upcoming recall election of State Senator Josh Newman. This is an important issue since it could impact Democrats' super majority in the Senate.

This report compiled with the help of minutes by Ryley Simcox

For the Record

The moratorium at the Galleria mentioned in the September Newsletter did not go into effect. It went down to a 3—2 defeat.

The Redondo Beach General Plan is under discussion in an Advisory Committee, which will make recommendations to the Planning Commission. In turn, the



Dency Nelson, Al Muratsuchi, Jeff DuClos, and Bobbi Buescher attending the Grand Opening of Al's new office in Torrance. Photo courtesy of Bobbi Buescher

Commission will advise the City Council.