



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

November 2019

NEXT MEETING

NOTE NEW DATE!

Wednesday, December 4, 7:00PM
Hermosa Beach Community Center
Room 16, Hermosa Beach 90254

As always, we will have news from the Democratic Party and from our locally elected officials. We will also have a report on last weekend's California State Democratic Party Convention, and we will consider endorsements for the re-election of Congressman Ted Lieu, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, LA County Supervisor Jance Hahn, and the election of Andrew DeBlock for Torrance City Council District 6, all of whom will be on the March 3, 2020 ballot.

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER
AL MURATSUCHI HAS ADVISED US
THAT HE WILL ATTEND OUR
MEETING SEEKING OUR
ENDORSEMENT!**

We will also entertain the endorsement of Judges and any other Democratic candidates on that ballot who might come and request our endorsement. In addition to all of that, we will discuss the planning of our Annual January Holiday Party and Fundraiser, as this is our last meeting before that event! Please join us at the Hermosa Beach Community Center, Room 16, on Wednesday, December 4, for a jam-packed monthly meeting of Beach Cities Democrats! Check us out at www.BeachCitiesDems.org!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Michael Detoy
President,
Beach Cities
Democrats*



"'Thank you' is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding."
-Alice Walker

We have so much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Voters in Kentucky successfully removed Governor Matt Bevin from office and elected Democrat Andy Beshear. Democrats also took control of both the House and the Senate in Virginia. Many of our members volunteered their time, calling and texting voters across the country, contributing to these victories. To all those who gave their time in national or local elections, I want to personally say thank you. We must continue this enthusiasm and momentum for 2020 and beyond.

The impact of the Virginia election does not just emphasize the energy for Democratic representatives, but brings us

closer to passing the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The ERA, an amendment that guarantees equal rights regardless of sex, passed Congress on a bipartisan basis in 1972 and requires 38 states to ratify it in order to become the 28th Amendment to the Constitution. 35 states rapidly did, but then its momentum was halted when it became a culture war battleground. Currently, 37 states have ratified the ERA and Virginia was close to becoming the 38th state last year. Virginia's previously GOP-controlled legislature ultimately rejected it. A House committee refused to take it up, and a Senate panel defeated it 9 to 5. Men cast all of the "no" votes. With Democrats now in control, hopes are high the legislature will ratify the ERA next year.

We are called upon to protect our beautiful land and fight for freedoms. We are forever thankful for the past generations who fought and died so future generations could succeed. We are thankful we live in a country where we can continue to fight for positive change for our most marginalized neighbors. We are thankful that when we increase voter turnout, we elect progressive representatives. We must not lose sight of the past sacrifices; we need to continue to hold our elected officials accountable and strive for equal rights for all of our citizens.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season. Thank you for all your hard work this past year and I look forward to continue to grow our Blue Wave in 2020!

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!



Left: Mark Gonzalez, Wayne Mogilefsky, Moira Zucker, and Sergio Carrillo at the Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt dinner on October 20

October Recap

By Andrea Valcourt

Mike Detoy, president, opened the meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then he asked for new people and we had one each from Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, and Manhattan Beach.

Mike made the following announcements.
11/02—Generation Blue and Sister District meeting

11/05—Election in Hermosa Beach and Rancho Palos Verdes

11/10—Generation Blue meeting for Keep the House Blue

11/14—Generation Blue event, featuring Karin Jean Pierre and her new book

To clarify, South Bay Cares is the non-profit arm and Gen Blue is the political arm.

Mike reminded us that Moira Zucker, our newsletter editor, was honored Sunday as the District's Woman of the Year. She said it was wonderful to be with hundreds of Democrats and she saw a lot of friends. She added that she is very honored to be selected.

Tony Hale, Vice President, explained that each assembly district selects a Man and a Woman of the Year, based on their volunteerism. The Man of the Year is Wayne Mogilefsky. Both are well deserved.

Working at the Hometown Fair was a lot of fun. People wanted to know what do to about the election. Our booth was next to the League of Women Voters and they registered voters or helped change party affiliations. Some people want to argue about the politics, but we didn't engage.

Hermosa Beach is having three debates for the three candidates running for the two council seats. We have endorsed Mike Detoy and Justin Massey.

Treasurer's Report

Edna Murphy presented the Treasurer's report:

Federal PAC	\$2,065
State PAC	\$5,185

Andrea Valcourt, Secretary, gave a report on the Kiwanis Club's Buddy Benches project. She said that this is an ongoing project because it takes five large black garbage bags of bottle caps to make one bench. They accept all kinds of bottle caps and container lids, and prescription bottles with labels removed. John Gran said you can bring them here or he will pick them up or you can drop them at the Kiwanis club. Thanks to those of you who are saving them or those of you who will save them. It's one of the few ways to recycle the caps and we help not only the environment, but the kids and the schools.

Mike stated that the WLA Dem Club is asking us to support HR 1487, which Ted Lieu authored to study ways to protect and expand the Santa Monica mountains' recreational area to include the Santa Monica Bay area. A motion was made, seconded and passed. Andrea to write a letter to Ted acknowledging our support.

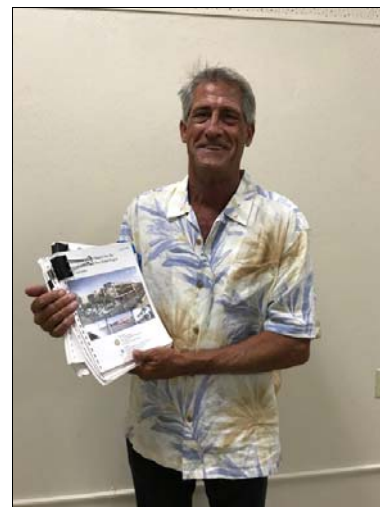
Featured Speaker

Dean Francois—Sierra Club Political Chair and long-time activist

Dean said that the Sand and Strand project is on hold. He worked to help get 1,000 signatures on the Sierra Club's petition. The cities must comply with the Coastal Act and Zoning laws. The coastal zone includes the beaches and some land inland from the beach. One requirement is to preserve the view lines. It is important to elect people who will enforce the Coast Act.

Redondo and Manhattan have Coastal Plans, which were approved by the Coastal Commission. These cities enforce the coastal act because they have approved plans. However, Hermosa doesn't have a plan yet. Therefore, any new project has to be approved by the city and then the Coastal Commission.

The EIR addresses all environmental issues. The draft EIR had a 45-day comment period. The City Council has had the Draft EIR for about a year, but now it is on hold because the developer has put the project on hold due to parking requirements and raising construction costs. The project not only includes the



Dean Francois Discussing the desalination plant and other environmental issues

original land, but three other parcels. To connect the parcels, they want the city to give up its rights to two alleys. The Coastal Commission will need to approve this, if the project goes through.

It's important that the City Council speak up about violations. Redondo didn't enforce the view requirements and it went to the Coastal Commission, which ruled against the city. Recently, the Hermosa City Council ruled that the developer could not put up permanent umbrellas in the parking lot adjacent to Slaters, where they have some outdoor dining. Keeping them temporary was a good compromise because the city didn't give up the view lines.

Next, he said the Desalination Plant final EIR is out. The Sierra Club is against the plant and submitted its views during the comment period. During the Comment Period, people can attend meetings and submit their comments at the meetings or via email or regular meeting. However, now there's probably nothing left to do because the EIR is finalized.

Andrea interjected that as customers of the Water District we can still attend meetings and submit our opinions that we do not want increased rates to pay for this project. Keeping quiet is not the answer.

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Tony stated that we usually have electeds give reports and those running for office also come and seek our endorsement. Judges often come and that gives a view of who these judges are.

Then he gave the LA County Democratic Party report, explaining that LA County is the largest party next to the California Democratic Party. LA County has one third of the delegates. The Party passed a resolution supporting the Congressional Impeachment Inquiry of President Donald J. Trump.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the LA County resolution and it passed unanimously.

Mike closed the meeting in memory of Congressman Elijah Cummings. He was a wonderful, compassionate man. Mike asked that we post Congressman Cummings's speech to Michael Cohen on our website in his memory.

Following is the Resolution made by the County Committee

The Los Angeles County Democratic Party Supports the Congressional Impeachment Inquiry

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States declares Congress shall have the power of impeachment and the Senate shall have the power to try all impeachments, during such proceedings each senator shall be held to their oath of office to defend the Constitution; a conviction of impeachment requires a two thirds vote of members present and such a ruling shall not extend further than to removal from office, but once convicted, a president will be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to Law; and

WHEREAS evidence has been presented that Donald J. Trump, the 45th President of the United States, has engaged in abuse of power in office including but not limited to: the withholding of foreign aid approved by Congress to pressure the

president of Ukraine to investigate Trump's political opponent, the false classification of presidential records designed to hide misconduct, using the office of the President and the U.S. Military to enrich his own businesses and engaging in questionable relationships with Russian and Saudi leaders which may put Trump's personal interests ahead of our national security; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Los Angeles County Democratic Party supports the Congressional impeachment inquiry into the President of the United States and calls upon members of Congress to use all the powers at their disposal to determine if the President has violated his oath of office or engaged in abuse of power; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we call upon all Democrats to support the impeachment inquiry in defense of our constitution and the preservation of the rule of law.



Moira Zucker with Representative Ted Lieu at the Generation Blue reception supporting Lieu's House Defense PAC—"Blue Momentum PAC"—at the Manhattan Beach home of Kamala and Gary Horwitz on November 10



UPCOMING EVENTS

Redondo Beach Kiwanis is still collecting plastic bottle caps and lids to recycle into 100 Buddy Benches. This is an excellent way to repurpose otherwise unrecyclable plastic. You can drop off what you've collected at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Clubhouse, 2515 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach. There is always someone at the clubhouse on Wednesdays from 11:00AM to 2:00PM, except the 3rd Wednesday of the month when they are there from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. There is also someone there each Wednesday morning from 7:00AM to 9:00AM. At other times just leave the bags of plastic at the double doors and text Cathy McCurdy at 310-374-4072.

EVERY MONDAY & FRIDAY and the THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH, during certain hours, visit the Hermosa Beach Friends of the Library Bard Street Bookstore for book purchases and to donate your books. This bookstore exists only because many willing volunteers have spent hundreds of hours making it the best, not to mention the only bookstore in Hermosa Beach! Contact c.gazin@verizon.net.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, at 6:00PM, in the Manhattan Beach Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, it's a Regular Meeting of the Manhattan Beach City Council.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, from 6:00PM to 10:00PM, at the Comedy & Magic Club, 1018 Hermosa Avenue, Hermosa Beach, it's a Hermosa Beach Sister City Fundraiser! For all the information and to purchase tickets, please contact Nicole Burke - burken0228@gmail.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 & MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM, in the Redondo Beach Main Library, 303 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, Beach Cities Health District invites you to a "How to Read an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Workshop" related to their proposed Healthy Living Campus Project. Registration is required. Please visit the Beach Cities Health District website for more information.

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