

Next Meeting

Manhattan Bread & Bagel
1812 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Manhattan Beach
Wednesday, October 22
7:30 PM

This is our last chance to regroup before the November 4 election -- please plan to attend! In addition to hearing from our electeds and candidates, we are pleased to have Ankur Patel from Food & Water Watch and Don Dear from the West Basin Municipal Water District join us to **debate the pros and cons of Prop 1.** While this is not an endorsement meeting, we believe that many local voters will be interested in having an opportunity to learn more about the details of this complex measure. Please forward this notice and invite your non-member friends to join you for this meeting!

Yours,
President - Kathryn Campbell
Vice President - Dency Nelson
Secretary - Teresa Bird
Treasurer - Edna Murphy

Please note: we plan to move the November meeting up a week to **Wednesday, 11/19** due to Thanksgiving. All other details will remain the same.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WHAT IT MEANS TO REPRESENT

Recently one of my elected representatives made me very proud of him. And, when I thought about why I was so impressed by his legislation, the answer sort of surprised me. It was because what he had done would probably not benefit me, or any of my close friends. Or, for that matter, anyone who could vote for this man. It did not reflect the top "hot button" issues of his district. It would probably not win him any more votes, and it might even cost him a couple. So why did he do it? *Because it was the right thing to do.*

This is not the first time that this elected official has taken a risk to protect the least powerful among his constituents. In 2008 he quietly stood up against the very powerful lobby of landlords to help victims of domestic violence break their leases without penalty if they had a restraining order against their batterer. In 2012 he proposed and passed the first law in the nation to protect gay children from the trauma of being forced to go through "conversion therapy" so that their parents could try to cure them of being gay. And in 2014, while in a race to win higher office, when many would avoid any legislation that might make them look soft on crime, he passed a bill that will allow prisoners to have improved access to DNA evidence that might help them prove that they were wrongfully convicted.

I think that we can all agree that victims of domestic violence, gay kids, and prisoners are not among the key constituents that a savvy politician courts in order to ensure reelection. And as an upper-middle-class, small business owner living



in a coastal community, I can categorically say that I want a representative who will focus on issues that are relevant to me, including funding education, reducing crime, creating jobs, and protecting the environment. But I also consider it to be the true measure of an elected representative to stand up for those who may rarely vote or make campaign contributions, and yet utterly depend on the integrity of their government to protect their rights and interests.

Thank you, Senator Ted Lieu, for listening to and representing ALL of your constituents – including those who have very few people in power on their side. It is truly an honor to have you as my State Senator, and I look forward to knowing that our U.S. Congress has one more Representative who takes his job to heart, in a very real sense.

Kathryn Campbell



Yes, this is our very own Edna Murphy, along with BCD member Connie Sullivan (in back) pictured at Ted Lieu's Venice campaign office. As Dency said, you never know who will show up when you volunteer!

SEPTEMBER RECAP
Beach Cities Democrats

Content includes minutes courtesy of Secretary Teresa Bird

President Kathryn Campbell opened the meeting and greeted new members. She introduced Alison Hart from Sandra Fluke's campaign.

Treasurer Edna Murphy reported that the Federal account balance is \$3417, with money in \$214.00, and the State account balance is \$161.00, with money out \$15.00. The Treasurer's report and the Minutes of last month's meeting were approved.

VP Dency Nelson introduced Dr. Mary Campbell, who spoke for a few minutes on Measure Q, a \$54.0 million general obligation bond program. The measure is intended to address the needs of the Hermosa Beach student population through new construction, modernization and renovation projects at the District's schools, including re-opening North School, located at the south-west corner of Valley Park. Following her talk, Marie Rice spoke opposing the measure, claiming that there is not enough space at that site to accommodate expansion and parking. Following the presentations, a show of hands overwhelmingly supported Measure Q.

Next, Dr. Michelle Bholat spoke on her candidacy for the Beach Cities Health District. Dr. Bholat believes that basic health care is a right, and that where medicine cannot cure, compassion can help and heal. As a general practitioner and the vice chair of family medicine at UCLA, she cares for patients in some of their most trying times, and is teaching



Dr. Michelle Bholat, candidate for Beach Cities Health District

medical students how to do the same with skill and sensitivity, and a recognition of their role as confidantes as well as care providers. It was moved and seconded that the club endorse Dr. Bholat.

Following this, we heard two presentations on the Harbor Village Plan in Redondo Beach. Eric Pendergraft of AES described a mixed-use plan that would include homes and businesses on the power plant site. The plan calls for a "Harbor Village" consisting of a mixed-use zone along Harbor Drive and a low-density residential zone. The initiative would limit overall development on the site to 600 new residences, 250 hotel rooms and 85,000 square feet of commercial space.

The existing power plant would be retired in 2020 as required by law.

Opposing the plan, Jim Light addressed the club; he believes that the plan would cause traffic gridlock and that a mixed-use plan is not feasible. An initiative will appear on the ballot in March

2015.

Don Dear of West Basin Water District announced that he supports Scott Houston and Gloria Gray for the water district and Harold Williams for the Water Replenishment Board. Don also invited members to take a tour of the El Segundo plant.

It was announced that we need to elect a BCD representative to the 66th ADDC for a term beginning in January, 2015. Also announced was the October 29 Annual Meeting of the Gardena Democratic Club.

Hermosa Beach Al Muratsuchi Event Draws a Crowd

Supporters of Al Muratsuchi flocked to the Hermosa Beach home of Dency and Moira Nelson On September 27 to hear the candidate and one of his main backers, Sen. Ted Lieu. The group included members from local Democratic clubs as well as elected officials.

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Left, Candidate Al Muratsuchi, running for State Assembly in the 66th; Ted Lieu, running for Henry Waxman's Congressional seat, and Peter Tucker, Mayor of Hermosa Beach.



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It was inspirational to see so many people come out in support of Al's campaign. Members from local Democratic clubs greeted, visited, and enjoyed delicious food and beverages in Dency and Moira's Eco-friendly home.



Pictured above: Attendees hear Ted Lieu and Al Muratsuchi discuss their goals and the status of Al's campaign; Rochelle Schneider, Marc Saltzberg, and President Kathryn Campbell; Al Muratsuchi talking to long-time Democratic activist Carol Bauer.



BCD Members staffed the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair booth over Labor Day weekend. We were in a good space at the edge of the fairgrounds and attracted interested voters and would-be members. From left: Edna Murphy, Dency Nelson, Kathryn Campbell, Bobbi Buescher, and Ranoo Shipper.

Statewide Endorsements

Here are our endorsements for the upcoming election. Where mentioned, the selections are those of the Beach Cities Democrats. All other endorsements come from CADEM.

- Governor—Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown
- Lt. Governor—Gavin Newsom
- Attorney General—Kamala D. Harris
- Controller—Betty Yee
- Treasurer—John Chiang
- Secretary of State—Alex Padilla
- Insurance Commissioner—Dave Jones
- Supt. Of Public Instruction—Tom Torlakson
- Board of Equalization—District 3: Jerome Horton

Congress

- CD33: Ted Lieu (BCD)
- State Senate
- SD28: Sandra Fluke (BCD)
- State Assembly
- AD66: Al Muratsuchi (BCD)
- AD62: Autumn Burke
- Beach Cities Health District
- Dr. Michelle Bholat (BCD)

Ballot Initiatives

- Prop 1: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure improvement (California Water Bond) Yes
- Prop 2: State Budget. Rainy Day Fund. Legislative Constitutional Amendment. Yes
- Prop 45: Approval of Healthcare Insurance Changes. Yes
- Prop 46: Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors, Medical Negligence. Neutral
- Prop 47: Criminal sentences. Misdemeanor penalties. Initiative Statute. Yes
- Prop 48: Indian Gaming Compacts Referendum. Yes

Local Measures

- LA County Measure P: Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention. Yes
- Hermosa Beach City School District Measure Q. Yes (BCD)
- City of Redondo Beach Measure CT. No
- Torrance Unified School District Measure T. Yes
- Torrance Unified School District Measure U. Yes

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