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## May 2018 Newsletter

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### COMING EVENTS

**Social time: 2pm**

#### MAY MEETING

**DATE:** Sunday, May 20th

**MEETING TIME:** 2:30 - 4:30pm

**LOCATION:** Peninsula Center Library Community Room; 701 Silver Spur Rd, RHE

**TOPIC:** Sacramento legislation update

**SPEAKERS:** Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi and Superior Court Judge Tom Long

#### JUNE MEETING

**DATE:** Sunday, June 24th

**NOTE - the June meeting date was delayed a week to avoid Father's Day**

**MEETING TIME:** 2:30-4:30pm

**LOCATION:** Peninsula Center Library Community Room; 701 Silver Spur Rd, RHE

**TOPIC:** TBD

**SPEAKER:** TBD

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**I'M WITH HER**

### May General Meeting

For our May meeting, we will be joined by our State Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, who will provide us with an update on the most recent session of the CA legislature.

With what is likely to be a challenging election ahead, we will also hear Al's strategy for winning in November and how the PV Dems can help his campaign and maintain a Democratic majority in Sacramento.



We will keep the upcoming election in focus as we will also hear from PV Dems member and Superior Court Judge Tom Long. Judicial elections are often difficult for the layperson to navigate, so Tom will give us the lay of the land for the June primary and beyond, highlighting the various judicial candidates on the ballot.



### April Meeting Report

by Carol Moeller



Our meeting began with Hans Grellmann thanking members for their support after Annarose's serious stroke and his heart attack. He shared that both have made amazing recoveries. We all were delighted to see this wonderful activist back in our midst!

### Sexual Harassment at Terranea

The second speaker described the issues

associated with Terranea that have resulted in 3 lawsuits ([LA Times Dec 27, 2017](#)). One of these lawsuits involved Sandra Pesqueda who was fired for reporting sexual harassment and assault. Sandra's bravery in coming forward as a "Silence Breaker" resulted in her being named one of [Time Magazine's 2017 Persons of the Year](#). Now [petitions](#) are being circulated to put an initiative on the November ballot that demands solutions to these and other problems at both Terranea and Trump Golf Course ([LA Times Feb 26, 2018](#)).



### Candidate for LA County Superior Court Office No. 67

Our inspiring third speaker found herself in the foster care system at the age of 10, and though she was shuffled between homes, she eventually found enough stability in a long-term placement that allowed her to focus on her education and gain admittance into UCLA. After completing UC Hastings School of Law, she worked as Chief of Staff for then State Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero. Now, [Judge Lucy Armendariz](#) already has a decade of experience in a judicial position on the State Bar Court, where she hears cases involving attorney misdeeds. Currently running for Los Angeles County Superior Court Office No. 67, she received unanimous endorsement from the LACDP.



*Judge Lucy Armendariz,  
LA County Superior  
Court Judge Candidate  
for Office #67*

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**Candidate for LA County Sheriff**

Another unanimous endorsement by LACDP went to [Alex Villanueva](#), who is running for LA County Sheriff against incumbent Jim McDonnell. Villanueva served in the Air Force and then worked for the Sheriff's Department (for 32 years) and simultaneously the National Guard and somehow managed to earn a Doctorate in Public Administration along the way! As a union organizer, he challenged corruption in the ranks, and both he and his wife (also a LA County Deputy Sheriff) received pushback from Lee Baca as well as Don Tanaka, both of whom are now in prison. Since Villanueva has not seen the improvements needed in the department during McDonnell's tenure (which is currently 1000 deputies understaffed) and since McDonnell is opposed to SB 54, California's sanctuary state bill, Villanueva tossed his hat into the ring. The last time a Democrat was elected to LA County Sheriff's highest position was in the 1870's!



*Alex Villanueva,  
 LA County Sheriff  
 Candidate*

**Charlie vs Goliath Documentary**

The documentary *Charlie vs Goliath* portrays the immense difficulties involved in making progressive inroads in the very red state of Wyoming (the last time a Democrat was elected Senator there was in 1964!). Although this state has only a half a million people in total, they still have two Senators, just like California and New York do, but these states have many, many, many more people. So, in fact, the people of Wyoming have a disproportionate influence in

our national government.

Using the "Impossible Dream" song from the play based on Don Quixote's *Man of La Mancha* as his theme, retired priest Charlie Hardy made the astonishing decision to run against well-entrenched, well-funded (primarily by Big Oil) Republican incumbent Mike Enzi. Charlie came to the decision to do something bold after having spent many years working to help the poor in the slums of Venezuela, only to return home to the richest country in the world and find similar conditions for the



poorest segments of US society. In keeping with his social, economic and political justice reform platform, Charlie refused any special interest donations, and thus his was the most financially lopsided race in the country at that time. To the people of Wyoming and to this documentary's viewers, Charlie demonstrated that our political system (the unbeatable foe) really is not fair, nor democratic. His "impossible dream" campaign did not catapult him into office as we all had hoped, but it did open our eyes to these inequities and really did make a difference.

**Flip the Congress in 2018**

**By Lynn Bommer**

The Palos Verdes Democrats have joined forces with the Beach Cities Democrats, South

Bay Cares and Code Blue in the effort to flip the House from Red to Blue!

We will be calling democratic and 'decline to state' voters to encourage them to vote in the up-coming June primaries and in November.

There are 5 traditionally republican districts in southern California that voted for Hillary in the last election. If we can rally their support, democrats can win in those districts! We must make this happen! Without the support of Congress, (for you Harry Potter fans) Voldemort will not wield power!

**YOU ARE THE AGENT OF CHANGE!**

Join your friends! Come to a phone bank near you! Check our website for the most current phone bank dates, times and addresses <http://pvpdemocrats.org/>

Hermosa every Tuesday until November.  
 Manhattan Beach every Thursday until November.  
 Redondo Beach - Monday May 7.  
 Palos Verdes Estates - Saturday, June 2 from 12 to 2.



Please RSVP at: [swingsocalleft.org](http://swingsocalleft.org) or email [labommer@gmail.com](mailto:labommer@gmail.com) or call 310-374-1188 or just drop in! It's fun ! It's easy!

**IMPORTANT:** You will need a laptop computer or a tablet and a cell phone and charger. There are no call sheets this time! We can do this!! Our country is depending on us!

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## What's the Scoop on WBMWD's Desalination Plan?

By Carol Moeller

West Basin Municipal Water District "has spent more than 15 years and an estimated \$63 million dollars researching desalination as a drought-proof source of drinking water for a region stretching from Malibu to the Palos Verdes Peninsula. If approved by West Basin's board of elected directors and a variety of regulatory agencies, the \$380 million dollar facility would be the first full-scale desalination plant in Los Angeles County, turning 20 million gallons of seawater a day into drinking water. Another 40 million gallons a day could be sold to other agencies. The local project would provide approximately 11 percent of West Basin's water demand. Operation of the plant could begin in 2023 and would be built on the site of the El Segundo Generating Station along Vista del Mar on the border of Manhattan Beach."

There has however, been environmental opposition to this project. Bruce Reznik, executive director of L.A. Waterkeeper, opposes the West Basin's plan for the following reasons: "all the 'build' alternatives are confined to ocean desalination. The EIR completely neglects other options, including conservation, expanding wastewater purification, storm water capture and infiltration, and even brackish groundwater desalination," he said. "These options are climate-friendly, less expensive, and more equitable — and they meet most of the basic project objectives."

Residents of the area are strongly encouraged to attend the next public input session, which will be held at Richmond Street Elementary School in El Segundo on May 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public comment period for the draft EIR started on March 27 and continues through May 25, 2018 at 5 p.m. The report is available at [westbasin.org/desal](http://westbasin.org/desal). You may submit comments at one of the meetings, online, by emailing [desaleir@westbasin.org](mailto:desaleir@westbasin.org) or by hand-delivery to the West Basin Municipal Water District office (17140 S. Avalon Blvd., Carson, CA 90746).

In addition West Basin is providing interactive lunch & learn sessions. Enjoy a

free lunch while learning about water issues, what West Basin is doing to secure quality water supplies for our future and other available programs for our community.

**Date:** Friday, May 4, 2018

**Time:** 12:30am - 2:00pm

**Location:** Water Education Center (at SEA Lab), 1021 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Reservations are required and spots fill up quickly. Visit [www.westbasin.org/lunchandlearn](http://www.westbasin.org/lunchandlearn)

## League of Women Voter Forums - Come Out and Support our Incumbents

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

**Candidate Forum for 33rd Congressional District 2 to 4 p.m. Hesse Park**

Congressman Ted Lieu will be up against Republican Kenneth Wright and Democrat Emory Rogers.

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

**Candidate Forum for 66th Assembly and 26th State Senate Districts 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Torrance Cultural Center**

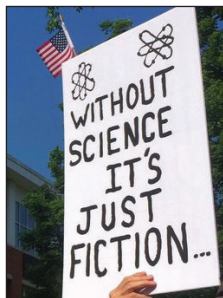
South Bay State Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi will be up against Former Torrance Mayor, Republican Frank Scotto and Democrat Caney Arnold.

CA State Senator Ben Allen will be up against Libertarian Mark Herd and NPP Baron Bruno.

## Earth Day and March for Science

By Carol Moeller

Marchers hit the streets in Los Angeles and elsewhere in the US and around the world on April 22 in the March for Science. This coincided with the 47th anniversary of Earth Day, an annual occurrence that focuses on environmental issues, and which is now observed in nearly 200 countries. Local participants voiced concerns about the administration's rejection of established scientific facts like climate change and the efficacy of vaccines.



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Member vote on this slate will take place prior to the assumption of office in July

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- Meet other Democrats
- Meet and get to know your elected officials, raise funds and work for candidates
- Attend special events and monthly meetings
- Hear speakers and discuss issues of local, state and national import
- Receive a monthly newsletter
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☐ Young Adult \$10.00/Year

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