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4 Politicians Visit Democratic Event

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Coincidentally wearing matching blue shirts, three newly elected City officials and State Sen. Ted Lieu visited the Pacific Palisades Democratic Club's annual summer garden party on Sunday at the home of Riviera resident Marguerite Perkins Mautner.

City Councilman Mike Bonin, City Controller Ron Galperin, City Attorney Mike Feuer and Lieu each addressed an audience of about 100 people, who gathered around the backyard swimming pool.

Representatives from State Assemblyman Richard Bloom's office and L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti also addressed the attendees.

"In the Palisades, we are really unique: 90 percent of our residents are registered voters," said Pacific Palisades Democratic Club President Melissa Grant. Fifty-one percent are registered Democrats, 16 percent are declined to state, 28 percent are Republicans, and three percent are in minor parties. When you think of the political power of a community, where 90 percent are registered to vote, and 51 percent are Democrats, you realize we can accomplish a lot."

Feuer, who spoke first, said: "I want to say to all the Democrats in this backyard how grateful I am for the tremendous support you provided, not just in this election, but throughout my career. As City Attorney, I will work closely with you on a whole array of issues. We are going to revitalize the neighborhood prosecutor program. We are going to work hard to create a gun violence prevention unit."

Drawing applause, Feuer added: "There is no reason why the City Attor-



Democratic Club President Melissa Grant Photos: Rich Schmitt/Staff Photographer

ney's Office can't be the leading law firm in the nation combating gun violence."

Next to speak was Galperin, who earned 69 percent of the Palisadian vote compared to 56 percent citywide. "It has been quite a journey getting to the point of become City Controller for Los Angeles," he said. "For the first time in many years, you have three citywide officers who actually get along and are going to be doing projects together, and through that we can accomplish a lot."

Galperin vowed to have City assets that are underutilized be put to better use, "and we have collections that we can do a much better job at."

Bonin, who will speak at the Pacific Palisades Community Council on August 8, followed Galperin and



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thanked the audience for their overwhelming support in the primary election, which enabled him to avoid the May runoff.

"We are now all of us taking office at a time for tremendous potential and change and tremendous opportunity to revolutionize the way this City does business for the better. You started this."

Lieu, who as a result of statewide redistricting now represents the Palisades, took to the stage and introduced himself to the audience, giving a brief bio of his life and career, and said: "If you like me, you will have a chance to vote for me next year."