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**Subject:** Last night and what's next for platform

Wow! We had quite a meeting last night. The anger left over from the disconnect between our county platform immigration stand in '06 and the actual legislation passed that summer was palpable. It really made clear why we need more buy in for the platform process on the part of candidates and elected officials.

I thought I would paraphrase something I wrote for the '06 County Assembly, because I think it is still an important goal to keep in mind: We need to work to ensure that our platform means something to both our Democratic voters and our elected officials. Knowing better our will, our elected officials can stand up for us as they know where we will stand solidly behind them.

What's next:

Jonathan, Rick and I are going to meet to go over the timeline together, sharpen up the resolution and assess missing pieces. We will send out results when we have them.

Rick is going to put together a a letter, inviting all of our elected officials and known candidates to attend our forum on 9/11 (note change from Wednesday back to Tuesday, in honor of Rosh Hashana). I will do follow-up calls. We want to use this opportunity to encourage them to engage in an important dialogue with the people so that voters and officials can learn from each other how better to fulfill our basic Democratic values.

Robin is going to get a press release out to local media for the forum and also send it on to Deb so that we can be sure to have it in our monthly BCDP newsletter.

We will meet next on Thursday, September 6th, at 7:30. Our agenda should be pretty much as follows:

#### PLATFORM COMMITTEE AGENDA - 9/6/7

- \* Upcoming forum
- \* Blog improvements
- \* Review timeline revisions in coordination with GOTV
- \* Candidate forum visioning
- \* Community outreach visioning

AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE OUR NEXT FORUM IS ON 9/11 AND NOT 9/12