

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
May 21, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting #20 Minutes



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 10:12	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Absent	1	Ronee Reece	Absent	7
Emilie Hill	Absent	1	David Hunter	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present 9:40	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Absent	3	Elice Hennessee	Absent	9
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Myrra Bolla	Present	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Present 9:47	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Excused	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
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Margarita Lopez	Absent	6	Gina Martinez	Absent	12

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 9:38 am, with a full quorum in attendance.
- II. Roll Call: See above.
Budget Reps Josh Nadel (Palms) and John DiGregorio (Panorama City) were also present.
- III. Minutes:
Jennifer moved to accept the minutes from meeting #19 May 2nd, 2022 as amended (the Town Hall with the two remaining candidates for Mayor will be scheduled after the Primary elections in June).
Howard seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 13 for and no abstentions.

- IV. Public Comment: John B. was observing the meeting for a Boy Scout merit badge; Josh Nadel congratulated the Budget Advocates on their presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee.
- V. NC Visits, Monthly NCBA Reports and NC Budget Representatives: Budget Advocates should e-mail Élice with monthly updates on the Neighborhood Council meetings they attend, any new Regional assignments, and confirmation of each Neighborhood Council's Budget Representatives, copying Jennifer and Glenn.

Jennifer will e-mail Neighborhood Councils today requesting updated Budget Representatives' information.

- VI. Vacancies: There are still vacancies (one each in Regions 3 and 10 and two each in Regions 5 and 6). Replacement will be deferred until elections in June.
- VII. FY 22-23 City Budget
 - A. Presentation at the Budget and Finance Committee: The reports and hand-outs were well-received.
 - B. CAO reports and memos: The Budget Advocates White Paper and material submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee were posted under CF 22-0600. Jack noted there is a huge amount of data in the file but there was little to reference that this is not a balanced budget, that it lacked funding for capital expenses such as streets, sidewalks and parks, that there was no contingency for new labor agreements and that \$105 million was coming from the City's Reserve Fund.

There were 268 report-backs. Budget Advocates who wrote departmental reports are encouraged to look at those that affect their departments. Some may resurface later in the year as Council Files or sub-Council Files on issues of concern. Budget Advocates may choose to include specifics in their reports to Neighborhood Councils.

- VIII. Council File 11-1020-S3: This would remove the Budget Advocates' name from an ordinance to ensure contributions would go to a "budget advocacy" account that DONE would control. The motion was initiated in the Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods (APHEN) committee at the request of DONE, approved and sent to the Budget and Finance Committee. Some Budget Advocates met with the legislative deputy of the APHEN Committee's chair to address the backstory with no response.

Jennifer moved the Budget Advocates draft a template CIS calling for Neighborhood Councils to be allowed to contribute to the Budget Advocates.
Kay seconded.

Discussion. Kay agreed to draft a simple CIS template with input from Jennifer, Jon, Carol, Glenn, Jack, Barbara and Liz to circulate to Neighborhood Councils.

MOTION PASSED, with 12 for and 1 abstention.

Additionally, Glenn will set up a meeting with Paul Krekorian as chair of the Budget and Finance Committee to further discuss the matter. Glenn, Brandon, Kay, Myrra and Liz volunteered to attend on the Budget Advocates' behalf.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Outreach: People are asked to follow Budget Advocates on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) and like posts by @LABudgetAdvocates on Facebook and Instagram, and @BudgetAdvocates on Twitter.

B. Budget Day: The committee is planning to meet weekly until Budget Day, with the next meeting scheduled for May 21, at 3:30pm. Some speakers have been confirmed, others have yet to respond, registration through Eventbrite will open shortly.

C. Financial Report: Kay moved the report as distributed be approved.
Jon seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 11 for, 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

DONE is still not keeping the Budget Advocates updated on billing and payments on a timely basis.

D. Budget Advocate Elections: A meeting has been set for Monday, May 29, at 2:00 pm. Jennifer is circulating an e-mail to all Neighborhood Councils to confirm their Budget Representatives. Budget Advocates should contact Neighborhood Councils encouraging them to respond, and to identify those who might have conflicts with elections being held on Saturday, June 25 or Sunday, June 26.

X. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

A. BONC: Tuesday, May 31, 6 pm (date moved due to election on June 7, now in conflict with Neighborhood Council Brown Act training from 6 to 7 pm)

B. Budget Day: Saturday, June 18, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

C. BONC: Monday, June 20, 1 pm

D. Congress of Neighborhoods: Saturday, September 24

XI. Requests for items to be included on future meeting agendas should be sent to LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com.

XII. Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 11:19 am.
The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on June 6th at 7 pm.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #20 on May 21st

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN

May 26, 2021

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