



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
Monday, January 4, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting #14 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
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Lanira Murphy	Absent	1	-----	-----	7
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Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present 7:23	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Clint Birdsong	Absent	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	-----	-----	9
Pat Bates	Present	3	Leslie Gamero	Present	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Present 7:09	10
Brandon Pender	Excused	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Excused	11
Julia Moser	Excused	5	-----	-----	11
Daniel Perez	Present	5	Jon Liberman	Present 7:07	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
Naira Harootunian	Absent	6	-----	-----	12
Margarita Lopez	Absent	6	Gina Martinez	Excused	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Liz Amsden at 7:04 pm, with a quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call.

Budget Representatives present were: Kay Hartman (Palms NC), Jason Hector (Porter Ranch NC), KJ Clark (EC West Area NDC) and Punam Gohel (North Hills East NC). Others present included (per Zoom screen name): Mihran Kalaydijan (Porter Ranch NC), Jamie Penn (Wilshire Center Koreatown NC), Lisa Redmond (Venice NC), Richard Larsen (Lincoln Heights NC), Arun (Wilshire Center-Koreatown NC), Drea Ortiz Galdamez, Adriana De La Cruz, Peter Clune, Jarrett, Toby, Phillip Kim, Kevin Varzandeh, Lionel M, Josiah Edwards, Stephanie Clements, Jane, Gina Viola, Camilo L, Kevin, Austin Pryfogle, Dimiana Saad, Edgar Rosa, Ricci, Lane McFaddin, P Gordon, Tara Adler, Patti, Jewell K, Dannie, Kenneth Mejia, Danielle Nunez, Phoenix iPhone, JAG, Joey Butt-kets, Zimbalism for Zimbalists and Bong Hits for Hay Zeus.

2. Public Comment:

- Budget Reps: Kay Hartman, Jason Hector, Jamie Penn
- Stakeholders: Adriana De La Cruz, Jarrett, Austin Pryfogle, Joey, Gina Viola, Kevin

3. Minutes: Item postponed to next meeting.

4. Status on Payments: Item postponed to next meeting; webmaster has not been paid since the beginning of November.

5. Motion to approve Financial Report: Item postponed until Budget and Finance Committee can meet.

6. Progress of Committees: Committees are progressing and the submission of more papers is encouraged. Contact Liz and Jack with any questions.

7. Outreach to Departments: The Policies and Goals committee will be reaching out to Departments in order to provide the Mayor and others with brief reports on each. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jack and Liz.

8. City Budget: Brief report on the City's financial challenges including the second Financial Status Report CF 20-0600-S84. Discussion followed.

9. CIS: Jack presented a CIS requesting that the City form a pension commission to review and analyze the pension funds. When filing, this CIS should reference Council File 20-0600. Garry moved to approve the CIS for distribution. Jack seconded.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. City Budget Deficit: Attendees suggested a variety of ways for the City to save money.

11. Town Halls: Liz will be reaching out to Budget Advocates, then Budget Reps, for planning. No further update available.

12. Outreach: Postponed to next meeting.

13. Budget Rep and NC contacts: Jennifer is completing the list of Neighborhood Council Board members for all regions.

14. Budget Advocate NC assignments: Budget Advocates were reminded to update their visits; arrangements are being made to cover Neighborhood Councils until new Budget Advocates are elected to replace those who have stepped down.

15. Replacement of Budget Advocates: Carol reported all seats should be filled within four to six weeks.

16. Bylaws: Carol requested a co-chair to work with her on the Bylaws Committee.

17. New Business: For those who are interested, the City's Budget and Finance Committee meets Monday afternoons. <https://www.lacity.org/government/meeting-calendars/city-council-committee-meetingsagendas#isSearch=true&eventtypes=1956>

18. Adjournment: Jon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Glenn seconded.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Saturday, January 16 at 9:30 pm
Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs by January 10

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #14 (January 4)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
January 11, 2021

NCBA APPROVED: February 1, 2021