



## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET ADVOCATES

### CALL FOR A FEW PEOPLE

Why serve with Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBAs)?

Budget Advocates fill an important role. We:

- Affect the priorities in the Budget and encourage needed transparency and accountability.
- Make recommendations to address the concerns of our neighborhoods.
- Make recommendations relating to financial matters of the City of Los Angeles.

With 4 million residents and 3 dozen Departments employing 60,000 workers, the City's annual budget totals over \$10 billion.

Every service Angelenos expect from the City is delivered based on the Budget. Yet, in ordinary times when we ask about services such as tree trimming, failing streets, long waits to speak with the police operator, etc., we hear it's "not in the Budget." These are not ordinary times.

#### The Budget Advocate Team – Our Roles & Responsibilities:

- **Meetings twice a month** - the 1st Monday and the 3rd Saturday
- **Study how the City functions** - the challenges it faces, and how the Budget works
- **Meet with top managers** in City Departments; evaluate processes and fiscal needs
- **Help prepare White Papers**, reports, and letters outlining issues across City government as well as performance within specific City Departments
- **Present White Papers to the Mayor** and his team; discuss incorporating NCBA recommendations
- **Convey the work of the NCBAs to Neighborhood Councils** and bring their concerns to the City
- **Fill these vital roles** – outreach, media, website, writing, video editing, polls, publishing

#### To Become a Budget Advocate:

1) Be designated 1 of 2 Budget Representatives by your Neighborhood Council. You do not need to be a Board member.

2) Attend Regional Forums and Budget Advocate Elections in even-numbered years or run to fill vacant positions.

3) Regional Budget Representatives elect three Budget Advocates from each of the 12 Regions. Budget Advocates serve two-year terms. Will you join our dynamic team?

4) Elected a Budget Advocate or not, come to Budget Advocate meetings, sign up for committees and/or a vital role. Budget Advocates welcome your involvement and you will be in the right place for a Budget Advocate opening when one develops.

**Website:** <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/>