

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting
February 7, 2022, 7:00 pm
Meeting #13 Minutes**



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 7:11	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Absent	1	Ronee Reece	Present	7
Emilie Hill	Absent	1	David Hunter	Present till 7:50	7
Brian Allen	Present 7:13	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present 7:20	2	Lynda Valencia	Excused	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	Elice Hennessee	Absent	9
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Myrra Bolla	Excused	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Excused	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Excused	10
Jack Humphreville	Present till 7:34	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
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Daniel Perez	Resigned	5	Jon Liberman	Present	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 7:07 pm, with a full quorum reached at that time.
- II. Roll Call: See above for Roll Call.

Mihran Kalaydjian (Woodland Hills Warner Center NC) and Steve Johnson were also present.

- III. Minutes: Jon requested a correction in items XII.C.1 and XII.C.2 specifying that the postponed Financial Reports would be presented in the new format.

Jon moved to approve the minutes with his correction. Jay seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 13 for and 1 abstention.

- IV. Public Comment: None.

- V. Item postponed: Myrra Bolla is joining as a Budget Advocate for Region 4, but was not able to attend this meeting.

- VI. Resignation: Daniel A. Perez has resigned as a Budget Advocate for Region 5.

- VII. Elections: One vacancy exists in each of Regions 3 and 10; two vacancies in each of Regions 5 and 6. Names have been proposed for Region 3, and Region 5, and Carol will set up elections to confirm.

- VIII. NC Visits and Monthly NCBA Reports:

Budget Advocates should report on Neighborhood Council visits and advise on any Neighborhood Council issues that should be addressed.

- IX. Recap of Town Hall on DONE FY 2022-23 Budget Proposals: The event was successful with about 129 registrants and up to 92 attendees including those running the event. About 58 NCs were represented indicating Neighborhood Council interest in budget topics demonstrating that Budget Advocates are working with Neighborhood Councils.

A. Links to the recording and the slide deck presentation from DONE are posted at <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/town-halls>.

B. Raquel responded to a number of questions during the meeting and an additional 100 questions were sent to the department after the event for DONE with the intent their responses will be posted to the Budget Advocate website.

- X. New Council Files with possible budgetary impacts: Glenn created a Google Sheet to record the Council Files numbers of current issues relevant to Neighborhood Council interests. A final location for this will be determined, but it will be included on agendas moving forward.

- XI. Departmental Reports/White Paper:

A. Update from the Editors: Department reports are coming in, with more expected shortly. Reports should include the Budget Advocates'

recommendations as well as documenting support for each. The hope is that most of these will be circulated for a vote on February 19.

B. Updates on reports and meetings: Liz updated outstanding reports with their committees.

C. White Paper including the theme: Kay will write the initial draft after finishing her reports. People can contact Kay with any ideas.

XII. Committee Reports:

A. Outreach:

1. Next meeting is at 5 pm on February 20: People are invited to join Kay, Glenn and Jennifer in planning Budget Advocate outreach moving forward including planning for upcoming Town Halls.
2. Budget Advocate Social Media: Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and like our posts @LABudgetAdvocates on Facebook and Instagram, and @BudgetAdvocates on Twitter
3. Proposed Town Hall with City Controller Candidates: The Outreach committee has received confirmed availabilities from candidates for a City Controller Town Hall to be held the first half of April, date to be finalized shortly.
4. Proposed Town Hall on Mayor's FY 2022-23 Budget: Glenn moved the Budget Advocates move forward on planning a repeat of last year's event, probably on April 30 (5th Saturday), and refer it to the Outreach Committee to implement. Jon seconded.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

B. Bylaws Committee: The next meeting will be at 2 pm on February 12.

C. Finance Committee: Lanira was not in attendance.

1. October 2021 Financial Report to be presented in the new format at the next meeting.
2. November 2021 Financial Report to be presented in the new format at the next meeting.
3. Update on payments to vendors: Lanira needs to confirm status.

D. Budget Day Planning Committee - Saturday, June 18, 2022:

1. People are invited to join the committee and give their input.

2. Save The Date: This will go out this month to all NCs with an invitation to join committee
3. Committee recommendations from 1/17/22 meeting: This will probably be a virtual event running from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Suggested topics include (a) the impact of COVID-19; (b) Asking Tough Questions; (c) “Then What?” Suggestions for other topics and speakers are welcome. Further details to be determined.

Glenn moved the recommendations of the committee for approval, with additional details still to be determined. Liz seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 14 for and no abstentions.

4. NCBA Elections: Discussion on whether to hold the elections simultaneously on 6/26/22

Jennifer moved to decouple elections from Budget Day and to form an ad hoc committee to address elections. Kay seconded. MOTION PASSED, with 13 for, 1 opposed and no abstentions.

People interested in participating on the Elections Committee should e-mail Jennifer by Friday.

4. Next Budget Day Planning Committee meeting: February 11 at 4:00 pm.
5. Possible Regions 1&2 Regional Meeting: A date needs to be set.
6. Other Regional Meetings: Contact Jennifer and Glenn to discuss scheduling meetings for other regions.

E. Budget Advocate meeting attendance: This will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting, and then agendaized for discussion at the next full board meeting.

F. Quarterly Meeting for Regions:

1. Possible Regions 1&2 Regional Meeting: A date needs to be set.
2. Other Regional Meetings: Contact Jennifer and Glenn to discuss scheduling meetings for other regions.

G. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

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1. BONC: Monday, March 1, 2022, 6:00 pm
2. Budget Day: Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 9:30-11:30 am.
3. Congress of Neighborhoods: Saturday, September 24, 2022;
Budget Advocates need to plan for a presentation at Congress.

XIII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas

XIV. Adjournment: Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm. Jay seconded.

Next meeting, #14, is February 19th, 2022 at 9:30 am

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #13 (Feb. 7)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
Feb. 11, 2021

NCBA APPROVED AS AMENDED: February 19, 2022