

## **Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2016/17 – Meeting #2 - REVISED**

Sunday, August 7, 2016 – noon to 5 pm

Flame International Kabob House

11330 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90025

park on Corinth or in rear of West Los Angeles Municipal Building (Corinth/Iowa)

1. Call to order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Public Comment (max: 10 minutes, 2 minutes/person).
4. Welcome and explanation of commitments – think about your own limitations, and that you are accountable to the City officials and Departments who invest time in meeting with us, to your NCs who you represent and to your fellow Budget Advocates who have to pick up the slack if you don't come through on your commitments.
5. (Re)Introductions: Name; NC; Council District(s); your strengths, skills and interests; times and types of availability; which NCs in your region will you commit to as a Budget Advocate.
6. Circulate forms for BA business cards and City Hall parking passes.
7. Treasurer's report.
8. Motion to approve up to \$600.00 to set up a new NCBLA website and up to \$130 a month for 12 months to maintain it including postings, culling and newsletter.
9. Motion to approve \$360.00 to Go Daddy for e mail addresses for each Budget Advocate.
10. Motion to approve \$180.00 a year for website hosting.
11. Motion to approve up to \$650.00 a month for 12 months to engage a professional note taker for our 2 scheduled meetings to include brief summaries of discussion on the items, motions, results and a list of items to be discussed at future meetings.
12. Motion to approve up to \$900.00 to purchase business cards for all Budget Advocates.
13. Motion to approve \$60.00 per month for 12 months, to contract with Constant Contact for our data base, surveys, and electronic newsletter.
14. Motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 for administrative items (i.e. letterhead, printing, supplies).
15. Motion to approve up to \$150.00 to purchase a lockable lateral file cabinet.
16. Motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 to purchase a conference call video speaker system.
17. Motion to approve \$100.00 for the food at the August 7th retreat.
18. Motion to send the LA City Council and the Mayor a letter from the Budget Advocates requesting they bill the owner of the LA Rams for the estimated 2 Million Dollars in LAPD protection for the current season at the Coliseum, and to instruct LAPD NOT to use regular deployment scheduled officers of any rank or team, but rather off duty officers be hired and paid over time so as not to deplete the regular DP workforce.

19. Motion to send the LA City Council a letter from the Budget Advocates to request expedited funding for the Community Plans and that, until they are complete, that the interests of stakeholders and NCs be given priority over developers in all matters relating to land use in the communities.
20. Motion to send the LA City Council a letter from the Budget Advocates to make long range planning a priority with a request to all City Departments to initiate and/or increase the robustness of three- or five-year budgets and to agendaize action on this issue no later than January of 2017.
21. Motion to send the LA City Council a letter from the Budget Advocates to agendaize the Office of Transparency and Accountability as recommended by the LA 2020 Commission no later than January of 2017.
22. Motion to send the LA City Council a letter from the Budget Advocates to agendaize the Committee for Retirement Security as recommended by the LA 2020 Commission no later than January of 2017.
23. Motion to send the LA City Council a letter from the Budget Advocates to agendaize the adoption of a Truth in Budgeting Ordinance as recommended by the LA 2020 Commission no later than January of 2017
24. Motion to send the LA City Council a letter from the Budget Advocates to provide additional funding to the Ethics Commission for investigative and enforcement both within and outside City Hall specifically to expanding outreach and training to all parties involved including subcontractors, and to expedite investigations both as a warning to scofflaws and as a revenue source to offset the additional funds.
25. Announcement of available Mentors to new BAs and encouragement to reach out and ask questions.
26. Discussion on how you are going to work most effectively with your region's NCs and Budget Reps.
27. Discussion on how we will attract greater NC board and stakeholder involvement
28. Plans for meeting with Mayor on his Budget Proposal to the City departments.
29. Discussion: What is our guiding force? What should the focus of the 2016/17 BAs be?
30. White Paper theme / approach to city department meetings / which to do / who to chair / who to work on report (everyone coordinate or write report on one, be on one or two others).
  - (a) Theme could be to generate more revenue; focus not on what wants but how can BAs help increase efficiency of departments by 20%, how City Council can do to increase revenue if don't raise taxes, what can BAs do to help?
  - (b) Do we want committees by department or on issues such as affordable housing, DWP concerns, homelessness, pension problems, education and taxation.
31. Discussion on issues brought up in the regional sessions on Budget Day including prioritizing importance and grouping of themes.
32. Breakout sessions along lines of interest, determination of which entities to meet with, assignment of commitments to accomplish those goals, desired outcomes (inclusion in the White Paper, discussion with the Councilmembers offices, etc.) and the establishment of specific deadlines.
33. Group reports on their objectives and timelines; input and approval by the Budget Advocates.

34. Discussion and motion on scheduling of upcoming Budget Advocate meetings (to address end of summer and the Labor Day weekend).
35. Suggestions for Congress of Neighborhood Budget Advocate seminar(s).
36. New business.
  - (a) Ron Galperin has invited the BAs to a 1-½ hour presentation on the Control Panel and a tour of the data center, date and time TBD
  - (b) paper printing policy – people responsible for their own materials unless they are not distributed prior to a meeting
  - (c) other
37. Adjournment.