

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting
June 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting #21 Minutes**



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 7:30	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present 8:14	1	Ronee Reece	Absent	7
Emilie Hill	Absent	1	David Hunter	Present until 7:50	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Excused	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present 7:27	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	Absent	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Excused	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Present 7:57	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Excused	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Jay Handal	Present 8:30	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 10 members in attendance. A full quorum was reached at 8:14 pm.
- II. Roll Call: See above.
- III. Minutes: Jennifer moved to approve the minutes from meeting #20 on May 21, 2022. Sheryl seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 11 for and 3 abstentions.
- IV. Approval of Revised Minutes: Jennifer moved to approve the Revised Minutes from Meeting #18 on April 23, 2022 documenting the vote on the purchase of a Zoom license. Jon seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 12 for and 2 abstentions.

- V. Public Comment: None.
- VI. Cancel / Reschedule Monday July 4th meeting: Reschedule due to the holiday, possibly to June 29 or June 30, to be determined by e-mail consensus.
- VII. NC Visits, Monthly NCBA Reports and NC Budget Representatives: Budget Advocates should e-mail Élice with updates on the Neighborhood Council meetings they attend, and any new Regional assignments. Prior to 6/23, Budget Advocates should e-mail LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com with confirmation of Budget Representatives for each of their Neighborhood Councils.
- VIII. Vacancies: There are still vacancies (one each in Regions 3 and 10 and two each in Regions 5 and 6). These will be filled at the June elections.
- IX. Congress of Neighborhoods: Proposals for Congress of Neighborhood workshops are due June 15, and can be submitted to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1deh8M-1Z0HJWwSTAvjHDzEC1CMkHxugklimRdAu4Nw4/viewform?edit_requested=true.

Ideas with incomplete details are also welcome and may include either Budget Advocate or personal proposals.
- X. City Budget
 - A. The May 24 Budget Resolution for the 2022-23 Budget, detailing the budget as passed by City Council, can be viewed at <https://clkrep.lacity.org/online>.
 - B. The CAO's 4th (year-end) Financial Status Report was published as CF 21-0600-S115 at: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0600-S115_rpt_cao_6-3-22.pdf.
- XI. 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. Budget Advocates are encouraged to ask all Neighborhood Councils to submit a CIS opposed to this Council File.

Proposed language, as passed by LANCC on June 4, reads: The _____ Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 11-1020-S3. Neighborhood Councils form alliances when they want to join together to work on something of common interest. We want to be able to contribute specifically to alliances we support. The name of the overall fund is not important. What is important is that every recognized alliance has the ability to raise its own funds and those funds are reserved for its use and its use alone. Our Neighborhood Council wants the ability to direct our funds to a specific alliance and not to a fund that is allocated without our input.

Amending the language for individual Neighborhood Councils is fine so long as they oppose the Council File.

Glenn is to follow up on setting a meeting with Paul Krekorian, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee to which the Council File has been referred to further discuss the matter.

XII. 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. Finance Committee: DONE has not paid recent invoices for Apple One and, possibly, The Mailroom.

Contributions from North Hills West (\$2,000) and Encino (\$500) to the Budget Advocates have been approved by the City Clerk.

C. Budget Day: So far 30 people have registered. Budget Advocates are asked to register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/budget-day-2022-tickets-336796787257>.

Jennifer moved to approve the budget for Budget Day. Jon seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 14 for and no abstentions.

The budget includes some boosting on Facebook, and Jennifer will create an event page for Budget Day on Facebook. Glenn will circulate draft language for Budget Advocates to post on NextDoor.

As of June 6, Raquel Beltrán, Eli Lipmen and Ron Galperin (recorded) will open Budget Day with CAO Matt Szabo and Budget and Finance Chair Paul Krekorian confirmed as keynote speakers. The Mayor will give a pre-recorded retrospective address. Jeanne Holm from the Mayor's budget team and Jack Humphreville have confirmed and other panel speakers are pending.

D. Budget Advocates Elections: Regional elections will be held June 25 and 26 by roll call vote. Jennifer will send the final schedule through the EmpowerLA distribution list.

The election committee will meet Tuesday, June 21 at 8:00 pm to finalize details.

X. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

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- A. BONC: Monday, June 6, 6 pm (Special Meeting) – this will include the Budget Advocate report and discussion the proposed ordinance amendment.
 - B. Budget Day: Saturday, June 18, 9:30 am to 1 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 8:33 pm.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be determined by e-mail.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #21 (June 6)

SUBMITTED BY:

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
June 11, 2021

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