

## Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2018-19 – Meeting #6 – revision #2

Neighborhood Empowerment Office, City Hall

200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Monday, October 1, 2018 – 7 pm

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1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (max 2 minutes per person, max 10 minutes in aggregate)
4. Discussion and approval of minutes from Meeting #5 (September 15<sup>th</sup>).
5. Treasurer's report
  - (a) Discussion and approval of Treasurer's report for the current period
  - (b) Discussion and possible motion to approve a FY 2018-2019 budget for the Budget Advocates
  - (c) Motion to approve reimbursement of \$22.25 to Jon Liberman for mailing last year's White Paper to three City departments.
6. Bylaws: Second reading to amend Article 1 of the Budget Advocate Bylaws to allow for changing the Budget Advocate name if and when needed. Motion to approve, quorum and 2/3 majority of those voting required to pass.
7. Discussion and possible motion to approve a Mission Statement for the Budget Advocates to appear on the front page of the Budget Advocate website.
8. Discussion and possible motion to approve new artwork for Budget Advocates for websites, social media, letterhead, mini-White Papers, etc.
9. Discussion and possible motion to approve an article drawing from the Mayor's FY 2019-20 Budget Policy and Goals memo as well as from the Friday Budget Advocate meeting with the Mayor to be submitted to the LA Times as an Op-Ed from the Budget Advocates.
10. Motion to approve a request to be sent from the Budget Advocates to Mayor Garcetti and the City Council requesting monthly town hall-style meetings open to the public addressing all costs and projected costs affecting the City's budget and finances, and release of the Department budgets as submitted to the Mayor's office on November 16<sup>th</sup> for stakeholder input.
11. Discussion on effective Budget Advocate reports and solicitation of input at Neighborhood Council meetings.
12. Discussion and possible motion to create a Memorandum of Understanding with the City guaranteeing:
  - (a) a minimum of 2 Budget Advocates participate in all meetings the CAO's office has with City Departments regarding budgets;
  - (b) adding one Budget Advocate as a non-voting member of the City Council Budget and Finance Committee;
  - (c) mandating two Budget Advocate meetings per year with the Mayor covering the upcoming budgets; and
  - (d) that such meetings should be substantive and last at least 90 minutes.

13. Report back on Budget Advocates' meeting with Mayor on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.
14. Discussion on how the meeting and the Mayor's letter can be included in upcoming meetings with the Departments and how the dates may affect our schedule.
15. Update on service priorities from the Council Districts and how to incorporate them when Budget Advocates present at Neighborhood Councils and meet with City departments and elected officials.
16. White Paper Committees
  - (a) Call out of meetings unscheduled
  - (b) Any problems or concerns?
  - (c) Formation of the Committee to review and edit recommendations and reports.
  - (d) Discussion of preliminary White Paper based on suggestions made on August 18<sup>th</sup>
17. Mini-White Papers
  - (a) Commitments to draft one-page reports on key departments
  - (b) Review and approval of mini-White Paper on Charter Amendment B
  - (c) Process to distribute mini-White Papers
  - (e) Other commitments on specific issues
18. Outreach
  - (a) Website
  - (b) Social media
  - (c) Stakeholder engagement
  - (d) Budget Advocate Survey
  - (e) CityWatch articles
19. Report back on responses to Budget Advocate exit survey
20. New Business
21. Adjournment