



## **2021-22 Budget Advocate Report to the Neighborhood Councils #5 March 2022**

### **Budget Season**

With the Mayor scheduled to release his budget on April 20<sup>th</sup>, barely six weeks prior to the mandatory date for the City Council to pass a completed version for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 fiscal year, the Los Angeles City budget season will be in full swing by the time of the Budget Advocates' April 30<sup>th</sup> Town Hall on the Mayor's proposed City Budget.

The Budget and Finance Committee will hold hearings the last week of April and the first week of May with the individual City departments and other interested parties including the Budget Advocates to gain understanding of the fiscal concerns facing Los Angeles for the coming year.

They will request report-backs from the various entities to gather further pertinent data and then make their changes to the Mayor's budget which will then be forwarded to the full City Council for a vote.

Sometimes these changes can create holes in the budget as happened last year, and this year we won't have any federal funds coming to plug the holes.

The Budget Advocates will be following the hearings, make their own recommendations and keep the Neighborhood Councils apprised of our concerns. As the time approaches, we will advise how you can make your voices heard as well.

Meanwhile, City Controller Ron Galperin raises the alarm with his 2023 Revenue Forecast here <https://lacontroller.org/press-releases/revenueforecast2023-press-release/> and in more detail here <https://lacontroller.org/financial-reports/revenueforecast2023/>

The Budget Advocates have already weighed in during our individual meetings with City departments, and we hope to release this year's White Paper by the end of March or early April prior to discussing our concerns with the Mayor. As before, we will distribute the White Paper and its reports to the Neighborhood Councils as well as all our elected officials.

### **Town Hall Update**

Our Town Hall with the candidates for City Controller is coming up on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. All seven candidates have confirmed so this is a must-see event. We will circulate additional information with a link to register shortly.

On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, Jack Humphreville will participate in a repeat of last year's assessment of the Mayor's proposed City Budget. We are waiting on confirmation of a representative of the CAO's office and, possibly, someone from the Mayor's budget team to present the City's point of view on money matters for the next fiscal year.

View past Town Halls at <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/town-halls> .

### **Budget Day**

We hope to see lots of Neighborhood Council board members and stakeholders at the Budget Advocates' 2022 Budget Day. Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the City's budget and financial challenges.

It will be a virtual event again this year, meaning no food but you also won't face the challenges of childcare or battling traffic – and with the pandemic releasing its grasp on the City, traffic is definitely getting worse.

The main session, "Which Way LA," will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We will be announcing speakers as they are confirmed.

It will be followed by Regional breakout sessions to address local issues from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 or 1 p.m. where you can give your input.

Further details and links will go out as people and plans are confirmed.

### **Budget Advocate Elections**

The Budget Advocates' two-year terms are up at the end of June and we will be holding virtual elections, probably June 25<sup>th</sup> and/or June 26<sup>th</sup>. Further details to come.

Anyone interested in joining us should talk to your Budget Advocate or contact us directly at [info@budgetadvocates.org](mailto:info@budgetadvocates.org).

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The next Budget Advocate meetings will be on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Meetings are open to all. The agenda and Zoom link are posted on our website [www.budgetadvocates.org](http://www.budgetadvocates.org) a few days prior to each meeting.

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