



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2020-21 – Meeting #3

REVISED Budget Advocate Retreat (*changes)

Saturday, July 18, 2020 – 9 am to 2 pm (with short breaks)

This will be a virtual meeting (details below)

1. Call to order / Roll Call
2. Public Comment –
 - for Budget Reps (max 1 minute per person, max 5 minutes in aggregate)
 - for stakeholders (max 1 minute per person, max 5 minutes in aggregate)
3. The Budget Advocates mission and a brief history of the organization [Jack]
4. Re-introduction of this year's Budget Advocates stating name, NC, skills and interests (hard 1 minute limit)
5. Circulation of Budget Advocate survey [Albert]
6. Responsibilities and obligations [Liz]
7. 15-minute break
8. Finance Report [Lanira]
 - Wrap up of last year
 - * Motion to approve final Financial Report of FY 2019-20
 - Status of budget for this year
 - * Motion to approve the FY 2020-21 budget for the Budget Advocates
 - Status of funding from DONE
9. Consent calendar: [Lanira]
 - * Up to \$2,500 for video meeting tech including translation module and other add-ons
 - * Up to \$6,000 for translation services for all regular meetings, the retreat and four Town Halls

- Up to \$125 per month (\$1,500 per annum) to pay The Mailroom or any other Budget Advocate board-approved vendor to host and maintain the ncbala.com website and keep current with all information submitted for posting
 - Up to \$4,000 for the fiscal year to pay staffing company for a professional note taker who will attend Budget Advocate Retreat, town halls and twice monthly regularly scheduled Budget Advocate meetings, record and edit meeting minutes, summarize discussion on agenda items, motions, vote counts, and sundry meeting information and submit to the Budget Advocates
 - Up to \$1,900 to pay City of Los Angeles City Printing Services or another vendor for Budget Advocates business cards
 - Up to \$2,000 for Budget Advocate administrative, operational, and printing expenses
 - Reimburse John DiGregorio a total of \$182 - \$14.99 for a one-month Zoom subscription plus \$167.01 for an upgrade to a version that would support translation (reflects \$180.55 less \$13.54 prorated for the initial subscription)
10. Review and approval of minutes for Meeting #2 (July 6th) [Glenn]
 11. Review and comments on minutes from Meetings #24 (June 20th) and #25 (June 23rd) [Glenn]
 12. Planning for the upcoming year (brief discussion)
 13. 30-minute lunch break
 14. Report on the results of the first part of the survey [Albert]
 15. Create a committee to address NC/stakeholder issues and dovetail them into this year's work of the Budget Advocates.
 16. Create a committee to look into how the current and proposed City budget cuts, reallocations, furloughs and layoffs will affect individual departments, the NC system and Angelenos
 17. Join existing committees
 - Outreach (including setting up more Town Halls)
 - Bylaws (updating and addressing issues)
 - White Papers (on subjects to be initiated by the membership)
 18. Create a committee to report on the CityWatch contract and explore other options
 19. Create a committee to evaluate the benefit of surveys and how to do given limited resources
 20. Create a committee to research and write papers on possible solutions to current problems i.e. homelessness, infrastructure, labor negotiations, maintenance, public safety, affordable housing, CD discretionary funds, redlining, idle funds, etc.; and potential funding mechanisms.
 21. Best practices for meeting with your NCs [Liz]
 - encourage the appointment or election of 2 dedicated BRs who can but do not need to be board members – appoint person(s) to monitor
 - forge a connection with a BR or Treasurer so you can easily communicate reports

- send Jennifer contact info for BRs and, if there are none, contact info for the BA contact – usually the Treasurer or President if not both
- ask for feedback, etc.
- when attending always ask for questions and always treat them seriously - some may seem off the wall now but may be the tip of a new iceberg
- if you don't know the answer, say you will check and make sure you do get back to them (always request names and e-mails so you can)

22. What do Budget Advocates currently do well? / What can we do to improve our game?

23. The People's Budget

24. New Business

25. Adjournment

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Monday, August 3rd at 7 pm – details to come. Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs by July 27th

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