



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

Town Hall Update

The Budget Advocates held a very successful Town Hall last Saturday with Raquel Beltrán on DONE's proposed budget, and what the additional funds requested by the department would pay for. The recording runs a little under 90 minutes and is posted on main page of our [website](#).

Our next Town Hall will be an opportunity to meet the candidates for City Controller. It will take place on Sunday, April 10th at 3 pm. Additional information along with a link to register will be circulated in a few weeks.

That will be followed by a repeat of our assessment of the proposed 2022-23 City Budget once it is released by the Mayor.

Update on the Budget Advocates' White Paper

Reports are coming in and editing has started. Next will be the writing of the overview which constitutes the White Paper itself. We are hoping to complete most of the work by the end of February so we can get it into the hands of our elected officials and the Neighborhood Councils.

Issues your Neighborhood Council may want to address

We have developed a database [<https://tinyurl.com/NCBABudgetCouncilFiles>] to track Council Files that have fiscal impact on the City with live links so you can research how these affect your Neighborhood Council. Most of those posted have already been approved so we would appreciate your submitting further suggestions.

Once up and running, we encourage people to submit Community Impact Statements on items under discussion to help magnify all our voices when future matters come up for a vote by City Council.

Budget Day

We welcome all Neighborhood Council board members and stakeholders to the Budget Advocates' 2022 Budget Day. Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, June 18th to learn more about the City's budget and financial challenges.

Our program will run from 9:30 to noon, starting with a formal presentation with invited guests from City Hall and departments followed by breakout sessions by Region to discuss local concerns.

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

Budget Advocate Elections

It seems like such a short time ago that we held our last elections in June of 2020 but here it is just a few months away from July 2022 when our terms as Budget Advocates expire.

There are also current openings in Regions 3, 5, 6 and 10 if you want to get involved in our work right away.

Budget Advocates explore, research, study, seek input, prepare and present the concerns and interests of our communities as they relate to revenue collection and the allocation of City funds, the City budget and the efficiency of our City government, its finances and financial obligations.

While some Budget Advocates are Treasurers for their NCs, people do not have to have any financial background. What you do need is an interest in what we do and a passion to improve the City. Everyone's experience of living and working in Los Angeles is a valid base to help improve our quality of life. You will learn from other Budget Advocates and from researching the projects you take on.

Budget Advocates do not have to be board members but they do need to be Budget Representatives appointed or elected by their Neighborhood Councils.

Anyone interested in joining us should contact info@budgetadvocates.org.

Pursuant to the Budget Advocate Bylaws, Budget Representatives serve until replaced or until they become ineligible by moving out of the Council's jurisdiction.

Presidents and Co-Chairs of Neighborhood Councils: Please send the names and e-mails of your Budget Representatives as they are elected or appointed to info@budgetadvocates.org.

The next Budget Advocate meetings will be on Saturday, February 19th at 9:30 am and Monday, March 7th at 7 pm. Meetings are open to all. The agenda and Zoom link are posted on our website www.budgetadvocates.org a few days prior to each meeting.

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