

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 19, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Meeting #14 Minutes**



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 9:42	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Absent	1	Ronee Reece	Present	7
Emilie Hill	Absent	1	David Hunter	Absent	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Excused	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present 9:57	3	Elice Hennessee	Absent	9
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Myrra Bolla	Absent	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present 9:38	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Excused	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present 10:20	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 9:35 am, with 11 members in attendance. A full quorum was reached at 9:57 am.
- II. Roll Call: See above for roll call.

Guest: Colter Carlisle (East Hollywood NC).

III. Minutes:

Jennifer moved to approve the minutes, as amended. Glenn seconded.  
MOTION PASSED, with 14 for and no abstentions.

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Announcements:

One Budget Advocate vacancy each remains in Regions 3 and 10, two each in Regions 5 and 6.

VI. NC Visits and Monthly NCBA Reports:

Reminder to Budget Advocates to post, or e-mail Élice to update NC attendance.

VII. New Council Files with possible budgetary impacts:

A. The google sheet has been added to the Budget Advocate website as a drop down under “Resources”. People should alert Glenn of new Council Files of citywide budget interest.

VIII. Departmental Reports/White Paper:

A. Update from the Editors: 16 reports have been submitted so far for editing. Additional people interested in helping edit should contact Liz so these can be turned around quickly and sent back to their committee for approval of any changes.

B. Updates on reports and meetings: A few meetings are still being set; anyone interested in participating in the meeting with the CAO’s office should e-mail Kay.

C. White Paper: Jack will prepare an initial draft. He will focus on concerns regarding the city’s ability to fund needed programs while avoiding another deficit and a return to a pre-pandemic state of overspending and cutbacks of needed services.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Outreach:

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1. Next meeting: February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.; an agenda will be posted on the Budget Advocates calendar.
2. Follow us on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) and like our posts @LABudgetAdvocates on FB and IG and @BudgetAdvocates on Twitter.
3. Town Hall with City Controller Candidates: All candidates have been confirmed for April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Kay has posted a Save-the-Date to Facebook and Instagram. The graphic is available to be circulated and included on NC websites, etc.
4. Town Hall on Mayor's Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget: This has been confirmed for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Jack will speak and one or more people will be invited from the Mayor's Budget Team or the CAO's Office.

C. Finance Committee: Lanira was absent so all financial matters were postponed to next meeting. Payments to vendors are now current except for the Mailroom.

D. Budget Day Planning: Budget Day will be Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 am, followed by Breakout Sessions by Region until 1 pm. The Save-the-Date sent out to NCs later this month will invite more people to participate in planning the event.

The meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> decided on a theme: "Which Way LA?" Glenn will e-mail a list of topic suggestions to all Budget Advocates and requested more. Speakers and topics will be discussed at the next meeting, date and time TBD.



The theme, the recommended time of 11:30 am to 1 pm for the Breakout Sessions, as well as approval to structure Budget Day according to last year's model, were approved BY ACCLAMATION.

E. NCBA Elections Ad-Hoc Committee: More volunteers are needed. Jennifer will set a meeting date in a couple days.

F. BA Attendance: Absences were reviewed by Executive Committee on February 12<sup>th</sup> and notifications were sent out to eight Budget Advocates to request improved attendance moving forward. Anyone requesting an excused absence should e-mail Jennifer and Glenn, copying Liz.

G. Review of the Budget Advocates' Mission & Goals: Budget Advocates discussed ideas on how to improve the effectiveness of the organization moving

forward. Liz will put together the results and send to Jennifer and Glenn for distribution.

H. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

1. BONC: Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm, and Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm. Glenn will attend the first meeting to speak for the Budget Advocates.

The Digital Meeting Policy may be voted on at one of the March meetings.

3. Town Hall with Controller Candidates: April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.
4. Town Hall on Mayor's Proposed Budget: April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
5. Budget Day: Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.
6. Congress of Neighborhoods: Saturday, September 24th. Kay is chairing the Programming Committee, which will hold its first meeting in March. Anyone is welcome to join.

- X. Items for Future Meeting Agendas: Requests may be sent to Jennifer and Glenn at any time, preferably at least a week before the next meeting.
- XI. Adjournment: Glenn adjourned the meeting at 11:14pm.

Next meeting, #15 is Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #14 (Feb. 19)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN  
Feb. 25, 2021