



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2024-25 - Meeting #15 AGENDA

Saturday, April 19, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89318608922>

Meeting ID: 893 1860 8922

(Zoom phone numbers at bottom of agenda)

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome**
- II. **Roll Call of Budget Advocates**
- III. **Minutes:** meeting #3 held on October 7, 2024 (pending); meeting #13 (special) held March 22, 2025; meeting #14 held April 7, 2025 - MOTION to approve (if distributed in advance of the meeting)
- IV. **Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction (5 minutes)**
- V. **Announcements**
 - A. Announcements from DONE (John Darnell)
 - B. Announcements from City Controller Kenneth Mejia
 1. Budget Info Session held 4/17/2025 - brief comments by attendees
 - Click here to [ask questions and be notified](#) of future sessions
 2. Create YOUR City of LA Budget [app link](#)
 - B. Announcements from Mayor Karen Bass
 1. State of the City Address 4/21/2025 at 12 noon (live streamed)
 - C. Announcements from Councilmember (and Budget and Finance Committee Chair) Katy Yaroslavsky
 1. Community Conversations on the City Budget 4/21 (virtual), 4/23 and 4/26/2025 - [details](#)
 - D. Announcements for Councilmember (and Budget and Finance Committee Vice-Chair) Bob Blumenfield
 1. Budget Priorities [Survey](#) 2025-26
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. Budget Advocates vacancies (Regions 5, 6, 8 and 10 with one or more) - Kay
 - B. Meeting with Mayor Bass first week May (date TBA). 12:30 - 2 p.m. - Mihran

- C. Budget Advocate business cards update - Alena and Jay
- D. Town Hall: "Thoughts on the Mayor's Proposed Budget" - Jack
 - 1. Reschedule to Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. due to Budget and Finance Committee conflict (below) - MOTION

VII. Special Items - Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget - [CF 25-0600](#)

- A. Mayor releases proposed Budget on April 21
- B. City Council Budget and Finance Committee begins consideration on Friday, April 25, 1:00 p.m. at Van Nuys City Hall and continues Monday, April 28, 4:00 p.m. at Los Angeles Hall. In-person public comment only on these two dates. [Initial agenda](#) with current schedule (may be updated after each day's session)
- C. Committee sessions continue with department presentations, etc. April 29 through May 16, 2025
- D. Full City Council public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m.
- E. **"NC Budget Advocacy" scheduled for April 28, 4:00 p.m.** (after Civilian Labor Partners)
 - 1. Arrange Budget Advocates presentation including:
 - a) Topics and/or departments to include
 - b) White Paper recommendations, including revenue opportunities and cost savings to present
 - c) Budget Advocates speakers and attendees
 - d) Handouts, including presentation of White Paper - authorize up to \$1,000 for printing (if necessary) - MOTION
 - e) Other presentation items

VIII. New Business

- A. Recent wildfires budget impacts - any new updates?
- B. Impact of any reduction of federal funding to Los Angeles - any updates?
- C. Other City Budget and Fiscal Updates
 - 1. Proposed increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax to 16% from 14% [CF 24-1456](#); Office of Finance [report](#) - Jack

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee (Glenn Bailey/Jay Handal) - next meeting 5/11/2025, 2 pm (however, reschedule due to Mother's Day)
- B. Finance Committee (Brian Allen)
 - 1. Monthly financial reports posted on [Financials webpage](#). Need balance of reports posted.
 - 2. Approve any outstanding monthly financial reports.
 - 3. Paid and pending invoices update, including Budget Day 2024
 - 4. Finalize DONE/NCBA MOU/Standard Operating Procedures for financials update - possible MOTION
 - 5. Contributions from NCs - report
- C. Outreach Committee (Mihran Kalaydjian)
 - 1. Social media postings and possible outreach video clips
 - 2. Regional Town Hall(s) update
- D. Training and Education (Barbara Ringuette)

- E. Bylaws Committee (Kay Hartman) (on hold)
- F. Ad Hoc Budget Day Planning Committee (Kay Hartman) - next meeting 4/25/2025, 4 pm
 - 1. Review of NC Budget Day [budget](#) (as updated or revised)
 - 2. Add line item for Outreach for \$1,000 - MOTION
- G. Ad Hoc Overview of City Budget Committee (Jack Humphreville)
- H. Ad Hoc Olympics Committee (Barbara Ringuette)

X. Informational Items

- A. Council File [24-0600](#) for FY 2024-2025 Budget and related documents
- B. Council File [24-0890](#) LAPD sworn and civilian hiring process
- C. Council File [24-0600-S37](#) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget / Reserve Fund Restoration / Budgetary Concerns; link to [CAO presentation](#)
- D. Mayor's [FY 2025-26 Budget Policy Letter](#) to Departments dated September 25, 2024
- E. Council File [24-0600-S111](#) - First Financial Status Report (FSR) FY 2024-2025
- F. Council File [24-1368](#) : Personnel-Focused Budget Reduction Exercise / City Debt Programs / Pension Obligation Bonds / Fees For Service / Quarterly Reports
- G. Council File [24-0600-S113](#) - Second Financial Status Report (FSR) FY 2024-2025
- H. Council File [CF 25-0046](#) - City Council [Motion](#) proposing a Fire Department bond measure for June 2026 Election
- I. Council File [CF 25-0243](#) Controller Revenue Forecast for Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2025-26 (released 3/3/2025)
- J. Council File [Council File 23-1027-S3](#) Charter Reform / Biennial Budget Cycle / Public Participation / Engagement Strategies
- K. Council File [24-0600-S114](#) Third Financial Status Report FY 2024-2025
- L. Any new Council Files? Please submit to Co-Chairs in advance of meeting

XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. April 21, 2025 - Mayor Bass releases proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget
- B. ~~BONC, Monday, April 21, 2025 1:00 p.m., City Hall - CANCELLED~~
- C. City Council Budget and Finance Committee budget meetings begin Friday, April 25, 2025
- D. NC Budget Advocates presentation to Budget and Finance Committee Monday, April 28, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
- E. NCBA "Thoughts of City Budget" Town Hall, Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 6:30 p.m. (if rescheduled, see above)
- F. Budget Advocates, Monday, May 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
- G. BONC, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- H. Budget Advocates, Saturday, May 17, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
- I. NC Budget Day, Saturday, June 21, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - [Save The Date](#)

XII. Announcements and Items for Future Meeting Agendas

- A. Email items to LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com

XIII. Adjournment

Topic: NC Budget Advocates Meeting (1st Monday/3rd Saturday)

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