



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

**May 21, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Special Meeting #21 Minutes**

| Board Members | Roll Call | Region | Board Members | Roll Call | Region |
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| Kevin Davis | Present | 1 | Barbara Ringuette | Present | 7 |
| Cindy Cleghorn | Present | 1 | David Hunter | Present | 7 |
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| Brian Allen | Present | 2 | Lynda Valencia | Present | 8 |
| Garry Fordyce | Excused | 2 | Samantha McBride | Excused | 8 |
| Scott Wright | Present | 2 | ----- | ----- | 8 |
| Glenn Bailey | Present | 3 | Elias Garcia | Present | 9 |
| David Uebersax | Present | 3 | ----- | ----- | 9 |
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| Howard Katchen | Present | 4 | Jennifer Goodie | Present | 10 |
| Brandon Pender | Present | 4 | ----- | ----- | 10 |
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| Jack Humphreville | Present | 5 | Jay Handal | Present | 11 |
| ----- | ----- | 5 | Kay Hartman | Present | 11 |
| ----- | ----- | 5 | Adriana de la Cruz | Excused | 11 |
| Ernesto Castro | Excused | 6 | Sheryl Akerblom | Present | 12 |
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- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The Special Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 1:09 p.m., with a full quorum in attendance.
- II. Roll Call: See above. No guests in attendance.
- III. Approval of minutes from meetings #18 Monday April 3rd, 2023, #19 Saturday April 15th, 2023, and #20 Monday May 1st, 2023 – Jay Handal moved to approve the minutes from meeting #18 on Monday, April 3, 2023, meeting #19 on Saturday, April 15, 2023, and meeting #20 on Monday, May 1, 2023. Jack Humphreville seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 12 for and 2 abstentions.
- IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction – None.
- V. Announcements
 - A. Announcements from DONE (John Darnell) – Not present.
 - B. Vacancies, seeking Budget Advocates for the following regions – One each in regions 1, 3, 7, and 8, two each in regions 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12

1. Reach out to Glenn, Kay, and Jennifer.
- C. Officer Elections are coming up soon. Please take a look at the job descriptions
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VI. Updates

- A. Budget Hearings – David Hunter, Barbara Ringuette, and Kay Hartman each gave a presentation on an aspect of the White Paper to the Budget and Finance committee. Budget Hearings have been completed and the City Council approved the budget on Friday, along with about 200 adjustments. Hard copies of the report were provided to committee members and a link is available on the website, as well as a video of the presentation. Reports are on 23-0600, listed as Budget Advocates.

VII. New Business

- A. Reimbursement to Kay Hartman for printing the Budget Hearings presentation in the amount of \$538.55
 1. [B&F Print Job.pdf](#)

Howard Katchen moved to reimburse Kay for the expense and Cindy Cleghorn seconded. MOTION PASSED, with 14 for and no abstentions.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Department meetings – Members must submit outstanding reports today to have them included in the published draft.
 1. [Budget Requests](#)
 2. [Spreadsheet](#)
 3. [White Paper](#)
 - a) Theme is Restart, Reform, Refocus... – The report is written, with the theme of “Restart, Reform, Refocus...” Kay and David are making final edits.
 - b) MOTION to approve white paper – Item postponed to next meeting.
- B. CF 11-1020-S3
 1. The ordinance was written by Elise and is still in committee. Several Neighborhood Councils have donated to the Budget Advocates and had their funding requests denied because the vendor was listed as “Budget Advocates,” instead of “budget advocacy.” The administrative code currently specifies “Budget Advocates,” which should qualify the group to receive donations, provided compliance with the rules. Neighborhood Councils may use the Funding Contribution Form to donate <https://clerk.lacity.gov/sites/g/files/wph1491/files/2023-04/Congress-Budget%20Advocacy%20Funding%20Contribution%20Form%20fillable%20rev041923.pdf>
 2. At the last BONC meeting, Commissioner Maggie Daret-Quiroz condemned the Budget Advocates for requesting additional funding and called for an investigation. This was in reference to Budget Advocates requesting to be re-instated on the Neighborhood Council contribution form. BONC recommended that DONE be asked for an investigative report. Kay Hartman will contact Ray Regalado, cc'ing Joy Atkinson and Len Shaffer, offering to write it.
 3. Man-Qin is working with Kristina Smith to bring the BTRC for the Mailroom into compliance to complete payments. The issue will be escalated to Diana, in Finance, as needed.
- C. Discussion with Hydee Feldstein Soto – No meeting has been scheduled.
- D. Discussion with Vanessa Serrano – No meeting has been scheduled. Kay is continuing to make contact.
- E. SB-411
 1. The bill was approved in the State Senate and has now moved on to State Assembly. It has not yet been assigned to a committee. Senator Portantino’s staff is considering further amendments to make it easier for members to opt into virtual meetings. Once the bill is set for hearings, comments may be submitted by pdf within the week prior. Select “Submit comments to all” on the website to be included in the queue.
 2. As the bill is currently, board members joining Neighborhood Council meetings virtually may vote, but not count for quorum, unless joining for reasons of illness, child care or

elder care, according to AB2449. SB-411 intends to allow virtual attendees to count for quorum.

3. Budget Advocates are invited to report if their Neighborhood Councils are holding hybrid meetings and if they are choosing to deliver reports virtually. Check individual agendas to see if this is an option.

F. Town Hall on the City budget

1. The event could not be scheduled this year, while still avoiding Budget Day and accommodating those involved with the Budget Hearings.

Glenn Bailey moved to schedule a Town Hall on the City budget for Saturday, April 27, 2024, a week after the budget's final release date. Barbara Ringuette seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 16 for and no abstentions.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee Jennifer Goodie & Kay Hartman, co-chairs – No report.
- B. Finance Committee Brian Allen, Treasurer – Brian reported communication with Man-Qin, in which she promised to send confirmation of the March and April numbers that day. Having not received the numbers, Brian will continue to be in touch and recommends not moving forward without DONE's confirmation.
 1. March 2023 Financial Report
 2. April 2023 Financial Report
- C. Outreach Samantha McBride, chair – Not present
- D. Bylaws Glenn Bailey, chair – Glenn will be calling a meeting. Members will be informed.
- E. Budget Day Jennifer Goodie & Kay Hartman, co-chairs
 1. Volunteers needed for committee
 - a) Mayor Bass is confirmed as a speaker, as well a Ray Regalado and Cole; Elizabeth Chao (LA Free Press) is confirmed as panel moderator. Other speakers are being finalized. Invitations and social media posts will go out this week. Kay Hartman will distribute graphics to be shared with Neighborhood Councils.
 - b) Budget Advocate members are needed to lead each of the seven regional breakout room sessions and additional volunteers are needed that day to resolve issues across breakout rooms. Volunteers are needed prior to Budget Day to troubleshoot the technology.
 2. Meetings are 2nd and 4th Saturdays
- F. Training and Education Barbara Ringuette, chair – Barbara is seeking someone with expertise in leading meetings, representing a group, in developing a curriculum for upcoming trainings. Contact Barbara at barbara.ringuette@labudgetadvocates.org for information and to discuss ideas.
- G. Ad Hoc Editing Kay Hartman, David Hunter, and Tess, co-chairs
 1. Everything is edited, except for several reports that were written as minutes. These will be completed soon.
- H. Ad Hoc Restructuring David Hunter, chair – No report.

X. Informational Items

- A. Controller Report Relative to Recommendations to more effectively Prepare the City of Los Angeles for Emergencies – [CF 22-1258](#)
- B. 1st Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S96](#)
- C. 2nd Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S99](#)
- D. [Controller's Revenue Forecast](#)
- E. 3rd Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S101](#)

XI. Upcoming Meetings and Event

- A. LANCC: Saturday, June 3, 2023 10:00 a.m.
- B. Budget Advocates: Monday, June 5, 2023 7:00 p.m.
- C. BONC: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 6:00 p.m.
- D. Budget Day: Saturday, June 17, 2023 9:30 a.m.
- E. BONC: Monday, June 19, 2023 1:00 p.m.

XII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas Send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com.

XIII. Adjournment Co-chair Jennifer Goodie adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Next meeting June 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate Special Meeting #21 (May 21)

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May 29, 2023