



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

March 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting #14 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	1	David Hunter	Present	7
Lionel Mares	Present	1	Connie Acosta	Absent	7
Brian Allen	Absent	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Scott Wright	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
David Uebersax	Present 7:15	3	-----	-----	9
Jamie York	Excused	3	-----	-----	9
Howard Katchen	Absent	4	Jennifer Goodie	Excused	10
Brandon Pender	Present 7:27	4	Skei Saulnier	Absent	10
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Jack Humphreville	Absent	5	Jay Handal	Present 7:21	11
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Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present	12
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- I. Welcome and Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Kay Hartman at 7:14 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – There were 13 members in attendance – see above. A quorum was reached at 7:15 p.m.
 - A. Also in attendance was Budget Representative Jennifer DeVore (Greater Wilshire NC).
- III. MOTION to approve minutes from meeting #10 from December 16, 2023, meeting #11 from January 20, 2024, meeting #12 from February 5, 2024, meeting #13 from February 17, 2024
 Motion by Cindy Cleghorn to approve the minutes from meeting #10 on December 16, 2023, meeting #11 on January 20, 2024, and meeting #12 on February 5, 2024, second by Sheryl Akerblom, passed with 10 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.
- IV. Public Comment – None
- V. Announcements
 - A. Announcements from DONE (John Darnell) – Not present
 - B. Mayor has appointed new BONC Harbor Area Commissioner: Doug Epperhart - [CF 24-1200-S7](#)

VI. New Business – None

VII. Old Business

- A. Vacancies (Cindy Cleghorn) - Seeking Budget Advocates for the following regions – One each in regions 4, 10 and 12, and two each in regions 5, 6, 8, and 9. Election(s) in progress - update
B. CF 11-1020-S3 (Budget Advocacy vs. Advocates) and NC Contributions

1. Latest DONE proposal

- a) Kay has emailed relevant department members to ask how their proposed solution could be finalized. She has not yet received a response. Glenn will pursue the matter with Vanessa at the BONC meeting.

“One solution is to add another category to state "**Neighborhood Council Budget Day in the amount of:**

“We can also include a statement in the form that explicitly conveys, 'By checking 'Neighborhood Council Budget Day,' you will be contributing to cover expenses associated with Budget Day, additional Budget workshops, and essential administrative needs.”

C. Update on the opening of new Council File 24-0600 for FY 2024-2025 Budget

1. The Council File typically opens in March. Efforts were made to have it opened earlier than usual to enable the public to add their comments regarding the budget and the White Paper.

D. Meeting with Mayor Bass

1. Kay has received no response to her initial request and will not pursue it until the White Paper is available.

E. Town Hall on the DONE Budget Proposal for FY 2024-2025

1. Looking unlikely

- a) Vanessa said they want to proceed with the event and are considering scheduling it for the end of March, or the beginning of April. Glenn asked that it be no later than that.

F. Town Hall on the Mayor's FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget.

1. CAO suggests this happens after the budget is presented to Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee, a date which is not known at this time

- a) City officials have not been coming forward to participate, so Budget Advocates are considering hosting the event, with the possible date of April 27. The CAO suggested the event be held once the budget is presented to the Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee, at a date which is not known at this time.

G. Town Hall or partner with another NC organization on a Town Hall on the subject of the Controller's audit of the LAPD's Air Support Division (helicopters) (CF 23-1422) - preferred month is March

H. Department Meetings – David Hunter reviewed the list and confirmed status of the meetings. More reports are needed.

1. 2024-2025 Department Budget Requests

2. We need to get the white paper out in February.

3. White Paper theme is "Who is Doing the Work?"

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Kay Hartman/Glenn Bailey)

1. The committee will meet next Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

B. Finance Committee (Brian Allen) – Not present

C. Outreach Committee (Jennifer Goodie) – Not present

D. Bylaws Committee (Cindy Cleghorn) – Now new information

E. Training and Education Committee (Kevin Davis)

1. The committee has held initial meetings.

F. Ad Hoc Editing Committee

1. The committee is editing reports.

G. Ad Hoc Budget Day Planning Committee with John Darnell - next meeting 3/21/2024 at 1:30 pm

1. The committee has met several times with John Darnell and will do so next on March 21, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Committee members are pursuing their designated responsibilities in preparation for Budget Day.

IX. Informational Items

- A. Controller Report Relative to Recommendations to more effectively Prepare the City of Los Angeles for Emergencies - CF 22-1258
- B. Controller's Revenue Forecast
- C. L.A. REPAIR Cohort 1 Program design and voting results. - CF 21-1187
- D. Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes
- E. Mayor's 2023-2024 Budget Summary
- F. First Financial Status Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (127 pages) - CF 23-0600-S110
- G. Mayor's Executive Directive #5 "Improving Customer Service" (MyLA311) issued October 30, 2023
- H. Mayor's 2024-2025 Budget Letter
- I. CAO's Second Financial Status Report (FSR) (86 pages) - CF 23-0600-S113
- J. Controller's Audit on LAPD Air Support Division (helicopters) - CF 23-1422 - Controller's webpage
- K. Human Resources Payroll Project delay - CF 20-0313-S10
- L. CF 23-1187 Updated Citywide Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts Policy
- M. Controller Mejia shared this link: "City of LA Staffing Vacancies by Department"
- N. CAO Letter on Fiscal Concerns and Prioritization of Critical Hiring - CF 23-0600-S115
- O. Controller Response to CAO Letter
- P. CAO Letter on Fiscal Concerns and Prioritization of Critical Hiring - CF 23-0600-S115 and Controller Response to CAO Letter - Jack Humphreville
- Q. Traci Park Budget Survey
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFYp5jK2BZPG1EmDUAh8txMkg4Bo9HQVUoNXxGC-VHGhdNmw/viewform>
- R. Controller Report: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023 - CF 24-0088
- S. Any new Council Files?

X. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. BONC Monday, March 4, 2024 6:00 p.m. Fire Station 87 Community Room located in Granada Hills
- B. Budget Advocates March 16, 2024 9:30 a.m.
- C. BONC March 18, 2024 1:00 p.m City Hall
- D. NC Budget Day Saturday, June 15, 2024

XI. Items for Future Meeting Agendas

- A. Email items to LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com

- XII. Adjournment – Co-Chair Kay Hartman adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Next meeting on March 16, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate Meeting #13 (March 3, 2024).

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March 9, 2024