

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
Saturday, January 16, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting #15 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
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Lanira Murphy	Absent	1	-----	-----	7
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Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Clint Birdsong	Absent	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	-----	-----	9
Pat Bates	Present	3	Leslie Gamero	Absent	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Absent	10
Brandon Pender	Present 10:37	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Excused	11
Julia Moser	Present	5	-----	-----	11
Daniel Perez	Present 9:42 – 10:50	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
Naira Harootunian	Absent	6	-----	-----	12
Margarita Lopez	Absent	6	Gina Martinez	Excused	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Liz Amsden at 9:35am, with a quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call.

Budget Reps present were: Kay Hartman (Palms NC), Punam Gohel (North Hills East NC), Cindy Cleghorn (Sunland-Tujunga NC) and Kevin Davis (Foothill Trails District NC). Public guests present included an anonymous call-in attendee.

2. Public Comment:

- Budget Reps: None
- Stakeholders: None

3. Minutes: Item postponed to next meeting.

4. Status on Payments: Item postponed to next meeting.

5. Financial Report: Item postponed to next meeting.
6. Outreach to the Departments: The Policies and Goals Committee will be reaching out to Departments in order to provide the Mayor and others with brief reports on each. Reports should be done by mid-February. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jack and Liz.
7. Town Halls: Julia is reaching out to speakers. Those interested in helping, or with speaker suggestions, should contact Julia.
8. Presentation to NCs: Julia is working on the presentation.
9. Budget Advocates Replacements: Jon moved to approve Punam Gohel as Budget Advocate for Region 1. Barbara seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 14 for, and 2 abstentions.

Jon moved to approve Kay Hartman as Budget Advocate for Region 11, effective in 48 hours, unless an objection is received from Budget Representatives in Region 11. Barbara seconded.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Open seats remain in Regions 1, 4,7, 9, and 12. Region 12 will be addressed next. Carol will check the Bylaws to confirm how to appoint nominees set for approval.
10. State of the City: Jack gave a brief report on the City's ongoing financial challenges.
11. Suggestions to increase revenue for the City of Los Angeles: A number of suggestions were made and noted with some discussion.
12. LAPD Committee Budget Factoid Posts: Prepared content submitted by Committees will go to Executive Committee for approval. Liz will write up the process and distribute to BAs. Committees must update their membership lists.
13. Committees and Papers: Committees are working on writing and reviewing papers.
14. CIS: None submitted.
15. Bylaws: Kay is added as Co-Chair for the committee and the cancelled meeting will be rescheduled.
16. New Business: The possibility of more federal funding for cities from the new administration will be discussed at the next meeting.
17. Adjournment: Jack moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 am. Jon seconded.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Monday, Monday, February 1st at 7 pm
Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs by January 24th

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #15 (January 16)

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January 24, 2021

NCBA APPROVED: February 1, 2021