

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025  
Saturday, April 15, 2017  
10:00 am



## Minutes

| Board Members      | Roll Call        | Region | Board Members      | Roll Call        | Region |
|--------------------|------------------|--------|--------------------|------------------|--------|
| Ivette Ale         | Absent           | 9      | Brigitte Kidd      | Present by Phone | 9      |
| Brian Allen        | Present          | 2      | Keith Kirkwood     | Absent           | 5      |
| Liz Amsden         | Absent           | 8      | Jon Liberman       | Present          | 11     |
| Julie Burg         | Absent           | 10     | Monica Massey      | Absent           | 12     |
| Kjiel Carlson      | Absent           | 10     | Michael Menjivar   | Absent           | 4      |
| Kevin Davis        | Absent           | 1      | William Morrison   | Absent           | 8      |
| Adrienne Edwards   | Absent           | 6      | Carol Newman       | Present          | 3      |
| Amy Foell          | Present by Phone | 7      | Christopher Perry  | Absent           | 9      |
| Cindy Wu Freeman   | Absent           | 2      | Ava Post           | Absent           | 6      |
| Craig Goldfarb     | Absent           | 12     | Rick Ramirez       | Present by Phone | 1      |
| Valaida Gory       | Absent           | 10     | Barbara Ringuette  | Absent           | 7      |
| Jay Handal         | Present          | 11     | Marcus Rodriguez   | Present by Phone | 7      |
| Jeanette Hopp      | Absent           | 4      | Danielle Sandoval  | Present by Phone | 12     |
| James Hornik       | Present          | 6      | Patrick Seamans    | Absent           | 5      |
| Jack Humphreville  | Present          | 5      | Lynda Valencia     | Absent           | 8      |
| Ann Job            | Absent           | 1      | Krisna Velasco     | Excused          | 2      |
| Howard Katchen     | Absent           | 4      | Joanne Yvanek-Garb | Absent           | 3      |
| Jacqueline Kennedy | Present          | 11     | Vacant Seat        |                  | 3      |

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Co-Chair Jay Handal.
2. **Roll Call** – There was not a quorum with only 12 board members present (see list above). Wayne McGee Budget Representative from Harbor City Neighborhood Council attended, and Mike Fong, DONE’s Director of Policy and Government Relations, was present by phone.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting #18 (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)** – No quorum, no vote.
5. **Treasurer’s Report and Motion to Approve** – Treasurer Howard Katchen was not present and no updated report had been circulated.
6. **Brief update on the White Paper/ Neighborhood Council support**  
The Mayor’s office advised that the CAO has the White Paper and is working on responses to everything.
7. **Discussion and motion to approve the Budget Advocates’ report on addressing the marijuana framework needed by the City with regards to its finances** – Danielle Sandoval  
No quorum so motion dropped. To date, only input has been from Liz. She will have her recommendations out today, for consideration at the next meeting. Jay suggested that Danielle concentrate on the costs to create a department, and enforcement.
8. **Assignments for attending/presenting at the Budget and Finance hearings on the Budget**  
The Mayor is presenting the budget on Thursday morning. The Mayor’s Budget and supplements to it are available on the CAO’s website – <http://cao.lacity.org/budget/index.htm>. Jay will post a Doodle once he receives the Budget and Finance Committee schedule. Jay will also confirm how the

Committee will be taking public comments and ask Paul Krikorian to allow Budget Advocates to speak to each department report.

**9. Update from committee on attracting and educating future Budget Representatives and Budget Advocates**

- a. Committee has most of the material they need and now need to put it together and have it printed. Jay estimates that 220 to 250 people will attend Budget Day in June.
- b. Jay will send out a Doodle to past and present Budget Advocates to put together a list of veteran/active Budget Advocates who are willing to mentor incoming Budget Advocates.

**10. Status of Budget Advocates' marketing campaign through CityWatch**

Brigette has a draft of the banner. Adrienne is writing an article on the White Paper and is requesting feedback on how to structure it. Jay would like to see an article to make people aware of the City's budget process and requesting stakeholders to make comments at the Budget and Finance Committee hearings, have a real impact on the process.

**11. Budget Day (Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>), task assignments, outreach, coverage of sessions, etc.**

The items that will need to be addressed are as follows:

- a. Planning – creating the agenda and inviting the guest speakers
- b. Topics – for speakers
- c. Outreach – flyers, distribution, standard letter, a press release about Budget Day (Jack and Carol)
- d. Logistics – collecting RSVPs (on Quickbase), sign-in sheets, assembling packets
- e. Training facilitators for breakout sessions – they need 12 volunteers, 2 per room, one to write pertinent details on the white board and one to coordinate voting
- f. Day of event – registration table, hire minute takers for each room (4 total)

**12. Housekeeping**

None

**13. New Business**

- a. Danielle advised that Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council received an NPG from HARBOR LIGHTS for LAPD for \$4,900 for equipment (folding table, binoculars, printer, flashlights, etc.). She is concerned about a City entity requesting Neighborhood Council funding for basic equipment that should be covered in their own budget. Jay suggested that Budget Advocates draft a motion asking the Mayor to have a directive that no City entity should ask Neighborhood Councils for money.
- b. VANC is considering a motion to set up a sub-committee to address the inequity of funds given to Neighborhood Councils.

**14. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the DONE offices in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom  
for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates