

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2017/18 – Meeting #20

Neighborhood Empowerment Office, City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Monday, May 7, 2018 – 7 pm

*** Due to the increasing difficulty of conducting meetings by phone, attendance in person is requested ***

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1. Call to order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Public Comment on items NOT on the agenda (max: 10 minutes/2 minutes per person).
4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #18 (April 2nd) and #19 (April 21st).
5. Treasurer's report & motion to approve.
 - (a) Report-back on funding from Neighborhood Councils
 - (b) Report-back on getting Man-Qin to be more responsive
6. Motion to approve an additional \$5,000 for Budget Day on an as-needed basis.
7. Status of election / replacement of Budget Advocates in Regions 3 and 5.
8. Status appointment of Budget Advocate Secretary for balance of FY 2017-18 term.
9. Status Budget Advocate attendance compliance
10. Report-back on letter to the Mayor concerning the Budget Advocates' exclusion from the City Council Chambers for the State-of-the-City address and confirming meetings with the Mayor and his budget team going forward.
11. Report-back on working with DONE on a presentation on the Budget Advocates to be included as a featured component of every DONE training for new NC board members.
12. Report-back on presentations to the Budget and Finance Committee.
13. Report-back on getting Neighborhood Councils to appoint Budget Representatives prior to Budget Day. Report back on distribution of flyers.
14. Budget Advocates' reports for Neighborhood Councils and Budget Representatives.
15. Discussion and assignment of responsibilities for Budget Day
 - (a) Press list update (Jack)
 - (b) Publicizing of Budget Day
 - (c) Status event portal for registration (Freddy)
 - (d) Working with Council District offices
 - (e) Logistics for set up and on the day
16. What visual assists should Budget Advocates develop moving forward?

17. Status CityWatch articles

- (a) On Budget Advocates' concerns about the Mayor's budget
- (b) On results of Budget Advocates' survey
- (c) By Budget Advocates on related and other issues (John)

18. Hot issues

- (a) Status of obtaining information on the RecycLA contracts and how to evaluate (Jack)
- (b) Status on tracking the \$35M income from the trash haulers (Jack / Brian)
- (c) The need for the City to fund comprehensive emergency planning and procedures before the next emergency
- (d) Discussion on Lean Six Sigma and how it could be the saving grace for Los Angeles (Diedra)

19. New business.

20. Adjournment.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Saturday, May 19th at 10 am at the West Los Angeles Municipal Building.

For future meetings:

1. Addressing not being included in Mayor’s presentation of the budget when lobbyists are
2. Upgrading Budget Advocates: planning for FY 2018-19
3. Plans for a Budget 101 training and information session for current and incoming Budget Representatives and Advocates.
4. Plan to schedule this year’s Budget 101 from the CAO’s office before BAs choose committees and schedule meetings with departments this fall
5. Status on scheduling a meeting between the Mayor and the Budget Advocates prior to the dissemination of the Mayor’s Budget Policy Letter to the Departments for FY 2019-20. [*to include advising Departments to respond to the Budget Advocates within 5 days of a request to meet and to schedule such meeting within 30 days*]
6. Motion to support the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance’s request to:
 - (a) appoint a Tree Oversight person with requisite environmental science credentials and experience to oversee the City’s trees;
 - (b) fund a tree inventory by qualified professionals to establish the number of trees plus their health and canopy from which a master tree plan can be created; and
 - (c) establish and fund an Urban Forest Management Plan for Los Angeles to oversee our trees for their well-being and replacement based on maintenance needs, the use of native species, maintaining ecological health, improvement of air quality, urban heat reduction, biodiversity, balancing the demands of developers against maintaining protected trees, and other pertinent aspects as well as safety for people and buildings and the mitigation of damages to sidewalks and roads.
7. Housekeeping.
 - (a) Discussion of executive position job duties
 - (b) Discussion of committee chairs and members’ obligations
 - (c) Procedure for obtaining approval of the Executive Committee before acting on behalf of the Budget Advocates
 - (d) Status parking cards