

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2017/18 – Meeting #19

1645 Corinth Ave #201, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – 10 am

*park in lot south of the Municipal Building and enter by ramp on west side of building

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Access Code: 519-656-825

*** People who will be arriving late are invited to call in en-route if and when safe to do so

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 Meeting #18 (April 2nd)
5. Treasurer's report & motion to approve.
6. Motion to amend amount of reimbursement due to Budget Advocate Board member, Jay Handal, (originally approved \$941.90 at Board meeting March 17, 2018, agenda item 5) to include additional reimbursement for sales tax of \$95.93; a total amended reimbursement amount of \$1,105.75.
7. Review of the revised Budget Advocates 1-page flyer, discussion on how to disseminate and possible funding motion.
8. Discussion and possible motion to develop and fund a Budget Advocate event web portal.
9. Update on election of replacement Budget Advocate in Region 5.
10. Nomination of Secretary to replace Lynda Valencia until the Budget Day elections.
11. Motion to draft a letter to the Mayor in complaint of the Budget Advocates exclusion from the Mayor's State-of-the-City speech, and requesting formalization of monthly meetings with the Mayor's budget staff in addition to a minimum of two meetings a year with the Mayor.
12. Proposal and possible motion to set up a Budget Advocate press conference to address the Mayor's State-of-the-City speech – what points the Budget Advocates support and where the City deserves improvement.
13. Update on obtaining the RecycLA contract and supporting documentation, review and evaluation, discussion and possible motion to draft a letter to the City Council on the Budget Advocates' recommendations on how best the City address the ongoing problems.
14. Report on the status of the Budget Advocate survey.
15. Report on developing a presentation on the Budget Advocates for DONE to include as a featured component of NC board member trainings.
16. Report on Revenue Enhancements presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee on May 3rd and possible motion to approve.

17. Assignment of Budget Advocates to cover each Department at the Budget and Finance Committee hearings in April/May.
18. Discussion of Budget Advocate presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee on May 3rd.
19. Discussion and assignment of responsibilities for Budget Day
 - (a) Reaching out to NCs to agendize appointment of Budget Reps
 - (b) Publicizing of Budget Day
 - (c) Working with Council District offices
 - (d) Press list update
 - (e) Logistics for set up, and on the day
20. Status CityWatch articles
21. Hot issues (if there is time)
 - (a) How to work with the City on funding comprehensive Emergency plans for the City in the event of earthquakes, floods, terrorist or disease/biological events.
 - (b) Discussion on what resilience is and how Budget Advocates can assist with the Mayor's initiative and expand it to encompass economic resilience.
 - (c) Calling on the City to develop comprehensive financial plans for the Olympics and World Cup soccer to include infrastructure, homelessness, traffic congestions/public transit and other related concerns.
22. New business.
23. Adjournment.

There will be a brief meeting of the Executive Committee immediately following this meeting. Attendance in person is preferable.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, May 7th at 7 pm in the DONE offices at City Hall.