



# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 20, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Meeting #19 Minutes**

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Punam Gohel	Present 9:48	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Absent	1	-----	-----	7
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Brian Allen	Present 9:34	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	-----	-----	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 9:34	4	Edmond Warren	Absent	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Present 9:37	5	Jay Handal	Present 9:36	11
Julia Moser	Present	5	Kay Hartman	Present	11
Daniel Perez	Present 9:50 – 10:15	5	Jon Liberman	Present 9:40	11
Ernesto Castro	Present 10:17	6	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
Naira Harootunian	Absent	6	-----	-----	12
Margarita Lopez	Present	6	Gina Martinez	Absent	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Liz Amsden at 9:31 am, with a quorum reached at 9:34 am. See above for Roll Call.

Also in attendance was Budget Representatives Ronee Lee Reece (Rampart Village NC). Sarah Ramsawack (North Hollywood North East NC), Annyssa Sanchez and Spanish-English interpreter Daniela Hernandez were also present.

2. Public Comment:
  - Budget Reps: None
  - Stakeholders: None
3. Minutes: Postponed to next meeting.

4. Treasurer's report / Financial Report: Postponed to next meeting
5. Bylaws: A revised Article IX (Grievances) was distributed to all Budget Advocates for the required first reading and will be posted on the BA website. It will be on the agenda for the next regular Budget Advocate meeting for discussion and vote.
6. Town Halls: Julia is working on confirming speakers.
7. State of the City: Jack gave a brief report on the City's ongoing financial challenges, projected shortfalls, and the expected effects of upcoming \$1.35 billion Federal stimulus payments.
8. Committees and Papers:  
Jay moved to approve the Committee Paper on the City Attorney. Jon and Jack seconded.  
MOTION PASSED, with 11 for, 7 opposed and 1 abstention.

All comments on the departmental reports should be sent to Liz ASAP. Please update her on the status of papers owed and meetings being arranged.

9. Budget Factoid Posts: A few have been received and Julia will be turning approved factoids into graphics and she will circulate a list of details to Budget Advocates. People should e-mail Julia with any ideas.
10. Budget Day: Tentative time of 10:00 am was set for the event on August 21.
11. Budget Advocate NC Assignments: Postponed to next meeting.
12. Outreach Presentation to NCs: Julia will be reaching out to Jennifer to develop a presentation. Jay will assist.
13. Budget Advocates Replacements: Notices were sent out to Neighborhood Councils in all areas except Region 12, which will be done next week. Those interested in helping should contact Carol.
14. Bylaws: The Article on elections will be the next one considered. The meeting scheduled for March 21 will be postponed to a date to be determined.
15. New Business:
  - The Budget Advocate special meeting to vote on the White Paper and reports was moved from March 28 to March 29.
  - The Co-chairs will follow up with DONE's General Manager concerning the Budget Advocate funding proposal, since Neighborhood Councils wishing to

contribute will need to have agendaized and submitted the payment request to the City Clerk by June 1.

-A public attendee stated an NEA told a Neighborhood Council they did not have to be involved with Budget Advocates; this will be followed up.

-All Budget Advocates should check their @budgetadvocates.org address to make sure it was forwarding correctly and advise Julia, copying Liz, if not.

-A City Planning 2013 expediting document being used as reference in a P&P Committee paper has been removed from the website; Budget Advocates were asked for input.

-Mayor Garcetti will be cutting climate mobilization aspects to save money in the budget. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

16. Adjournment: A Budget Advocate special meeting will now take place on Monday, March 29 at 7:00 pm.

Glenn moved to adjourn at 10:50 am. Jon seconded.  
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Monday, March 29 at 7 pm.  
Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs by March 29.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #19 (March 20)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN  
March 24, 2021

NCBA APPROVED: April 17, 2021