

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Monday, January 9, 2017

7:00 pm



## Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Ivette Ale	Present by Phone (7:19 pm)	9	Jacqueline Kennedy	Present by Phone	11
Brian Allen	Present	2	Brigitte Kidd	Present by Phone	9
Liz Amsden	Present by Phone	8	Keith Kirkwood	Present by Phone	5
Simone Best	Vacant	3	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Julie Burg	Present by Phone	10	Monica Massey	Present by Phone (7:34 pm)	12
Kjiel Carlson	On hiatus	10	Michael Menjivar	Absent	4
Kevin Davis	Present by Phone (7:24 pm)	1	William Morrison	Present	8
Adrienne Edwards	Present	6	Carol Newman	Present by Phone	3
Amy Foell	Present by Phone	7	Christopher Perry	Present by Phone (7:35 pm)	9
Cindy Wu Freeman	Absent	2	Ava Post	Present by Phone	6
Craig Goldfarb	Present by Phone	12	Rick Ramirez	Present by Phone	1
Valaida Gory	Excused	10	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Jay Handal	Present by Phone/Present (7:30/7:55 pm)	11	Marcus Rodriguez	Absent	7
Jeanette Hopp	Present (7:42 pm)	4	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
James Hornik	Present	6	Patrick Seamans	Present	5
Jack Humphreville	Present by Phone	5	Lynda Valencia	Present by Phone	8
Ann Job	Present (7:33 pm)	1	Krisna Velasco	Present (7:33pm)	2
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent	3

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Co-Vice Chair Jon Liberman.
2. **Roll Call:** A quorum of 21 board members was present at 7:10 pm (see list above).
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting #11 (December 17<sup>th</sup>):** Motion by **Howard Katchen** to approve the minutes from meeting #11, December 17<sup>th</sup> and second by **William Morrison**, and passed with 19 ayes, (Ale, Allen, Amsden, Burg, Edwards, Foell, Hornik, Humphreville, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kirkwood, Liberman, Morrison, Newman, Post, Ramirez, Sandoval, Valencia), 0 no, 3 abstention(s) (Goldfarb, Ringuette, Seamans) and 7 not yet present (Davis, Handal, Hopp, Job, Massey, Perry and Velasco).
5. **Status on a replacement BA for Region 3 (Simone Best having stepped down right after the last meeting):** Jay has reached out to Patty Bates and has not heard back from her as of yet.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Howard Katchen
  - a. Howard Katchen gave Two updates: 1.) Website Maintenance Kristina Smith was able to pay Oct., Nov. and Dec. and City Watch ran the card for \$1250 Howard Katchen will try to run it a few more times until they are paid \$5000 as agree and 2.) No word from DONE on request made for banks statements. Motion by **Howard Katchen** to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by **Jon Liberman**, and passed with 21 ayes, (Ale, Allen, Amsden, Burg, Edwards, Foell, Hornik, Humphreville, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kirkwood, Liberman, Morrison, Newman, Post,

Ringuette, Seamans, Ramirez, Sandoval, Valencia), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Goldfarb) and 7 not yet present (Davis, Handal, Hopp, Job, Massey, Perry and Velasco).

7. **Discussion item on a line item of \$10,000,000 added to the City's budget for the L.A. Justice Fund for illegal immigrants to pay attorneys. Would this be in addition to the growing deficit?**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
8. **Report and discussion on LAPD funding and priorities.** Tabled
9. **Draft amendment to Article XI, Section 1 (Compliance) of the NCBA Bylaws, and potential motion to approve (would be first of two votes).** Tabled by **William Morrison** has not had a chance to draft the amendments and will have them at the next meeting.
10. **Update on Regional Budget Day plans.** Discussion on logistics/plans/confirmed venues/parking, need to set format 1.) Brief overview of how budget affects people 2.) Then get regional issues/priorities from stakeholders i.e. density, traffic, crime, etc. closing parks on Sunday to save money, systemic problems, structural deficit 3.) Hold a mini candidate forum at each Regional Budget Day Location.
11. **Motion to approve \$350 for expenses for each Regional Budget Day. Motion to approve \$350 for expenses for each Regional Budget Day.** Motion by **Liz Amsden** to approve \$350 for expenses for each Regional Budget Day. Motion to amend the motion by **Howard Katchen**, second by **Danielle Sandoval** to approve up to \$350 for each regional day location Motion passed with 22 ayes, (Ale, Allen, Amsden, Burg, Davis, Edwards, Foell, Goldfarb, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kirkwood, Liberman, Massey, Morrison, Newman, Perry, Post, Ringuette, Seamans, Ramirez, Sandoval, Valencia), 0 no, 0 abstention(s) and 7 not yet present (Hopp, Job and Velasco).
12. **Motion to approve the revised preliminary White Paper. (a) outstanding reports (b) structural concerns.** Jay Handal wants to list all departments and ID those who did not submit.
13. **Status of meeting with LAHSA to discuss homelessness budget concerns.** Barbara Ringuette reported that the meeting was very well attended but, the LAHSA Program Director was not present. LAHSA staff feel they don't need multi-year budget because City & County will be around. They stonewalled on Goldstein article question ask by Jon Liberman. Patrick Seamans advised two LAHSA staff under investigation; Patrick to follow up on this & advise.
14. **Discussion and potential striking of a committee to address City's marijuana framework in regards to City finances.** Danielle Sandoval, Chair, appointed by Jay Handal, Committee will consist of Ava Post, Monica Massey, Rick Ramirez, Ivette Ale, Brandon Pender to address fiscal & application issues, draft report with recommendations to take to City, due by end of Jan.
15. **Review list of NCs which have NOT been visited by a current Budget Advocate and address why.** BAs to update online list by next meeting.
16. **Reports on material issues regarding connecting with Budget Reps, Neighborhood Councils and Alliances.** No reports given
17. **Outreach. (a) Newsletter status (b) Facebook (c) Getting links to NCBALA on websites for NCs, Councilmembers and Departments.** Jay Handal reports minimal response to newsletter and if we want to do a Facebook boost it can cost about \$1 a day or more depending on what we decide.
18. **Status of City Watch/Budget Advocates marketing campaign** Jay Handal will send e-mail requesting additional help
19. **Status report on Electeds' & Candidates' Survey.** Jay will follow up and will report on the status at the next meeting.
20. **Stakeholder Survey update. (a) Homelessness survey (b) Creating a click- on link that can be e-mailed which does not time out after the first use. (c) Adding Survey links to NCs/Councilmembers' offices/City Departments newsletters and websites (d) Successes**

**reaching outside the City system.** (a) Jay will research adding links, tweaks requested by Ann Job;  
(c) Jeanette to talk to Joanne

**21. Housekeeping – Speakerphone, filing cabinet, headshots.** No update

**22. New business.** Discussion on high cost of settlements affecting city budget and new laws excluding adults without kids from playgrounds.

**23. Adjournment.** 9:15pm

Danielle Sandoval  
Secretary for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates