

## Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2017/18 – Meeting #13

Neighborhood Empowerment Office, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Monday, January 8, 2018 – 7 pm

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\*\*\* 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 Meetings #11 (December 4<sup>th</sup>) and #12 (December 16<sup>th</sup>)
5. Treasurer's report & motion to approve.
6. Discussion on Budget Advocate absences and participation.
7. Bylaws Committee report.
  - (a) First reading of modified amendments to Article IV of the Budget Advocates' Bylaws.
  - (b) First reading of proposed amendments to Article III of the Budget Advocates' Bylaws.
8. Further discussion on and possible motion to approve a Grievance Portal for the NCBALA website.
9. Update on the White Paper.
  - (a) Review and discuss draft White Paper
  - (b) How/What to incorporate into Regional Budget Day
10. Discussion and possible vote on a motion to send a letter to the Mayor and City Hall copying all Neighborhood Councils and news outlets emphasizing in the strongest terms that the City needs to expedite the immediate licensing, even if on a temporary basis, of recreational marijuana sales in the City so as to capitalize on the approximately \$10 million in monthly revenues the cash-strapped City has been missing out on since January 1st.
11. Discussion and possible vote on a motion to call on the City to request California expedite changes to state cannabis regulations so that people aged 18 to 20 be allowed to work in the industry in the same way those of the same age can work in establishments providing alcohol.
12. Discussion and possible vote on a motion to send a letter to City Hall copying all Neighborhood Councils emphasizing in the strongest terms that a CAO with experience in long term planning and budgeting needs to be hired asap.
13. Discussion and possible vote on a motion to send a letter to City Hall copying all Neighborhood Councils emphasizing in the strongest terms that allocation of monies received by the City from SB1, Measure M, the Exclusive Trash Franchise fees, linkage fees, the sale of recreational

marijuana, and other taxes and fees tied to specific budgets be spent solely as intended and not diverted to the General Fund to cover the City's growing budget gap and increased salary and pension obligations.

14. Discussion and possible vote on a motion to request City and County address impact of homeless encampments on public safety and measures to be taken to protect lives and property moving forward.
15. Discussion and possible vote on a motion to call on City to address Sarah Ramsawack's concerns about tree stumps.
16. Discussion on FUSE recommendations (CF17-1311).
17. Working with Budget Representatives and Neighborhood Councils (Outreach)
  - (a) Addressing NCs that have not been visited by a BA / posted to the googledoc.
  - (b) Status website
  - (c) Status CityWatch articles
18. Regional Budget Day plans.
  - (a) Confirm surveys & cards have been printed in English & Spanish
  - (b) Are tablets for rent for each Regional Budget Day confirmed
  - (c) Confirmed all venues & times locked (Joanne, John, TBD 7/8, Chris, Jay, Danielle)
  - (d) Feeding the hordes: suggestions and how to pay
  - (e) Confirm speakers and format – what is needed, how are recordings played back?
  - (f) Confirm note-takers and what they need to focus on, all material to be sent in Word form to Jay cc: me, NO recordings accepted
  - (g) Confirm reps from all Council offices have been invited to at least one Regional Budget Day
  - (h) Save the date flyer and distribution – confirm sent to all NCs and Councilmembers requesting it be featured in their newsletters
19. Housekeeping.
  - (a) Appoint Budget Advocate to monitor the NCBALA website
  - (b) Appoint Budget Advocate to oversee and update Budget Rep google doc
20. Hot issues (if there is time)
  - (a) Homelessness
  - (b) Cannabis legislation
21. New business.
22. Adjournment.

All Budget Advocates who do not have pre-existing commitments are expected to participate in Regional Budget Days on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the DONE offices in City Hall.