

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Neighborhood Empowerment Office, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
February 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting**

**#15 Minutes**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Region</b>
Kevin Davis	Present/Phone	1	Connie Acosta	Present 7:03	7
John DiGregorio	Present/Phone	1	Tony Michaelis	Resigned	7
VACANT	-----	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Present/Phone	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Brian McCain	Present 7:11	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present/Phone 7:25	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	VACANT	-----	9
Jeanette Hopp	Present	4	Tracey Brown	Absent	10
Howard Katchen	Present/Phone 7:05	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present 7:09	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
Patrick Seamans	Absent	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11
Charles Taylor	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present 7:09	11
Ernesto Castro	Present	6	Melanie Labrecque	Absent	12
Nina Smith	Excused	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present/Phone 7:30	12
VACANT	-----	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present	12

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Carol Newman at 7:00 p.m. with a full Quorum reached by 7:05.
2. Roll Call: See above. In addition, Budget Representatives and stakeholders present were: Josh Nadal (Palms NC), Tina Chinakarn (Palms NC), Kay Hartman (Palms NC), Albert Farias (President, Voices NC – Region 9), and Steven Nieto

(Treasurer, Voices NC – Region). Visitor present was Brenda Rahm (sister of Dr. Sykes).

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #11, 12, 13 and 14 (Carol Newman and Nina Smith): Kay Hartman will help Carol Newman review unapproved minutes so they will be ready to approve at the next meeting.

5. Treasurer’s Report (Howard Katchen): Carol Newman moved to approve the report, Dr. Sykes seconded. One abstention, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED.

6. Vacancies in Regions 1, 6, 7 and 9 (Carol Newman): Discussion on the issue.

7. Selection of new Parliamentarian (Carol Newman): Appointment of Brian Allen as Parliamentarian for Region 7 by acclamation. First job must be to hold an election for Region 7. Being considered as Budget Advocates for Region 9: Nikita Jones-Houston (Treasurer, CANNDU NC) and Albert Farias (President, Voices NC – Region 9), who submitted himself as volunteer.

8. Vote on the White Paper Book (Carol Newman and Jack Humphreville): Carol Newman moved to approve the White Paper as is, in its entirety. Jon Liberman seconded. MOTION PASSED. Carol will e-mail the components of the White Paper to Tina Chinakarn and Jennifer Goodie with everything in color and they’ll put it together.

### Roll Call Vote on Item 8

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Yes	1	Connie Acosta	Yes	7
John DiGregorio	Yes	1	Tony Michaelis	-----	7
VACANT	-----	1	Barbara Ringuette	Yes	7
Brian Allen	Abstain	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Yes	8
Glenn Bailey	Abstain	2	Brian McCain	Yes	8
Garry Fordyce	Abstain	2	Jamie Tierina	Yes	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Yes	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Carol Newman	Yes	3	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Yes	3	VACANT	-----	9
Jeanette Hopp	Yes	4	Tracey Brown	Absent	10
Howard Katchen	Yes	4	Carol Derby-David	Yes	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	Jennifer Goodie	Yes	10
Jack Humphreville	Yes	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
Patrick Seamans	Absent	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11

Charles Taylor	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Yes	11
Ernesto Castro	Yes	6	Melanie Labrecque	Absent	12
Nina Smith	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Yes	12
VACANT	-----	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Yes	12

9. Budget Day (Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, and Committee):

a. Confirmed speakers: Susan Shelley and Jack Humphreville

b. Proposed Speakers:

- Mayor Garcetti – Jack Humphreville: Haven’t talked to Diana
- Nury Martinez – Jack Humphreville: Put in a call to Ackley Padilla but no response yet. Annual meeting with the Mayor may take place February 21 at 12:45 p.m., but will confirm.
- Rich Llewellyn and/or others from CAO’s office – Barbara Ringuette: Called, but no response yet.
- Jay Handal – Carol Newman: Called, but no response yet.
- L.A. Times reporters – Jack Humphreville: Called, but no response yet.
- Ron Galperin – Barbara Ringuette: Called, but no response yet.
- Paul Krekorian – Joanne Yvanek-Garb: Called, but no response yet.
- HHH/homeless speaker – Tracey Brown: Called, but no response yet.
- Any others?

a) Suggestions: Paul Koretz (Josh Nadel), All City Councilpeople (Brian McCain), Housing speaker (Connie Acosta), Mark Marbot, Housing (Jack Humphreville), Tommy Newman (Jack Humphreville), Bob Blumenfield (Joanne Yvanek-Garb), Meg Barkley (Barbara Ringuette), Councilman David Ryu (Garry Fordyce – Barbara Ringuette will contact), Pensions speaker (Josh Nadel and Jack Humphreville), David Crane or someone from Stanford (Jack Humphreville)

c. Current status

10. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval and Committee):

a. Getting save-the-dates out to NCs and their webmasters:

Danielle Sandoval sent save-the-dates out to webmasters a long time ago. She will send them to the committee for approval for distribution to Neighborhood Councils.

b. Thumb drives – (a) Purchase accomplished? No

(b) What should be on the thumb drives? Certainly the White Paper, everything else to be discussed.

Will be receiving files from Tina Chinakarn and Jennifer Goodie. Recommendation to include almost all files on the thumb drive.

c. How to distribute the White Paper: Postponed until the next meeting.

- How many hard copies
- Who gets hard copies, who gets electronic copies, and who is responsible for distributing them?

11. Bylaws Committee: Postponed until the next meeting.

12. Appointment of person responsible for the website (Carol Newman and Melanie Labrecque): Danielle Sandoval will meet with Christina and decide on a new template for the website. Outreach Committee will look at the website, decide what it needs, and tell the larger group about it. Content should be examined by all BAs and funneled to Danielle Sandoval.

13. CityWatch (Jack Humphreville, Carol Newman): No updates.

14. Update on BA visits to NCs – (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

15. Point person for each Council district (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

16. Outreach podcast project (Brandon Pender and Josh Nadal): Postponed until the next meeting.

17. Working with Budget Reps (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

a. Meeting with Budget Reps

18. Appointment of person responsible for the website (Carol Newman and Melanie Labrecque): See agenda item 12.

19. Housing Committee: Postponed until the next meeting.

20. People to attend alliances and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

21. Updates from NC alliances, NCs, and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

22. New business: A request will be submitted to the City Clerk to establish a council file number for the White Paper, using number 20-0600. (The notetaker's

minutes do not reflect who is going to do this.) The Budget Advocates will ask the NCs to submit CIS's on the White Paper.

23. Adjournment at 8:37 p.m.

**Next meeting – February 15, 2020**

**Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: Feb. 12, 2020**