



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting
September 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Meeting #6 Minutes
Board Retreat**

| Board Members | Roll Call | Region | Board Members | Roll Call | Region |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| Kevin Davis | Present 9:35 | 1 | Barbara Ringuette | Present | 7 |
| Cindy Cleghorn | Present | 1 | David Hunter | Present | 7 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 1 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 7 |
| Brian Allen | Excused | 2 | Lynda Valencia | Present | 8 |
| Garry Fordyce | Present 9:10 | 2 | Samantha McBride | Present | 8 |
| Scott Wright | Absent | 2 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 8 |
| Glenn Bailey | Present | 3 | Elias Garcia | Absent | 9 |
| David Uebersax | Present | 3 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 9 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 3 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 9 |
| Howard Katchen | Present 9:22 | 4 | Jennifer Goodie | Present | 10 |
| Brandon Pender | Present | 4 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 10 |
| Myrra Bolla | Present 9:30 | 4 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 10 |
| Jack Humphreville | Present | 5 | Jay Handal | Absent | 11 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 5 | Kay Hartman | Present | 11 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 5 | Adriana de la Cruz | Present | 11 |
| Ernesto Castro | Present | 6 | Sheryl Akerblom | Present | 12 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 6 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 12 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 6 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 12 |

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The Business Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 9:04am, with a full quorum in attendance.
- II. Roll Call: See above.
 Also in attendance were: Elena (Greater Valley Glen Council) and Budget Representatives Miran Kalaydjian (Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council), Leslie Campisi (Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council), and Ronnie Reece (Rampart Village Neighborhood Council).
- III. Approval of minutes from meeting:
 Adriana moved to approve the minutes from Meeting #4 on August 20, 2022, and Meeting #5 on August 29, 2022. Barbara seconded.
 MOTION PASSED, with 12 yes and 2 abstentions.

- IV. Public Comment: Adriana reminded the group to register for the Congress of Neighborhoods next Saturday.
- V. Vacancies: One vacancy each remains in regions 1, 3, 7, and 8 and two each in regions 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12. Glenn will begin work on those elections shortly. Members are asked to provide information on all Budget Representatives for each Neighborhood Council in their region.
- VI. Congress of Neighborhoods:
- A. Budget Advocates will not have a table but there will be a workshop at 11:00 on Hidden Costs in the City Budget. Liz Amsden and Jack Humphreville will be involved.
 - B. Visit the [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) webpage to register for the event on Saturday, September 24.
- VII. Future training sessions:
- A. Jacob Wexler Session #2: October 3rd, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
 1. Please note, we are starting one hour early to accommodate training. Jacob Wexler will hold his second training session on October 3, instead of today, as scheduled. The training will start at 6:00pm and will precede that evening's Business Meeting.
- VIII. Sign up for Departments: A Google sheet is linked in the agenda providing a list of all City departments. Members are asked to select which departments they'd like to interview before the next meeting. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ekQMeS2UjEIOq0r1OLqe0hxl1tJQ4Fa0sHbKV2mgHb4/edit#gid=0>
- IX. Council File 11-1020-S3 Update:
Glenn moved that Budget Advocates respond to the report and recommendations of the City Council Budget and Finance Committee, as posted to Council File 11-1020-S3. Garry seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 15 for and no abstentions.
- X. Committee Reports: Members are invited to submit responses to the letter prepared for the Budget and Finance Committee, The revised draft will be sent to members for comments.
- A. Executive Committee: [Proposal](#) to restructure the work of the Budget Advocates. Please review and be prepared for a future discussion tentatively scheduled for October 15.
 - B. Finance Committee:
 1. FY 2021-2022 End of Year Financial Report:
 - a) Status on receiving a closeout from DONE – Brian was not in attendance. A Financial Report will be presented at the next Board Meeting. Those interested in working on this should contact Brian about joining the Finance Committee. The End of Year Financial report was received from DONE in August, the first since the previous report received last November
 2. FY 2022-2023 Budget:
 - a) Finance Committee to create:
 - C. Outreach: Those interested in helping on the Outreach Committee should contact Samantha.
 - D. Bylaws: The committee will continue working through the Bylaws, as started last term. Contact Glenn to participate.
 - E. Budget Day:
 1. Motion to set Saturday June 17th, 2023 as the date for Budget Day
 - a) Get date on calendars
 - b) Send out Save the DateJennifer moved that Budget Day be set for Saturday, June 17, 2023.
MOTION PASSED, with 17 yes and no abstentions.
This date will be posted to City calendars and Save-the-Date notices will be distributed.
 - F. Training and Education: Please email Barbara to participate on the committee.
- XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events:
- A. BONC Monday, September 19th, 1:00pm
 - B. Congress of Neighborhoods Saturday, September 24, 2022

- C. Budget Advocates Monday October 3rd, 6:00pm
- D. Budget Advocates Saturday October 15th, 9:30am
- E. BONC Monday October 17th, 1:00pm – The October 4 meeting on the BONC calendar is marked as canceled.

- XII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas: Please send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com
- XIII. Budget Advocates Training: Barbara led a training for members following the Business Meeting.
- XIV. Adjournment: Jennifer adjourned the Business Meeting at 10:09am.

Next meeting October 3rd 6:00 pm

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #6 (September 17)
ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
September 24, 2022