

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET ADVOCATES MEETING #1
MEETING BETWEEN 2015—2016 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2016—2017
LOS ANGELES CITY HALL ROOM #1035
200 N. SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012
JUNE 27, 2015

On June 27, 2015, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBAs) held their first meeting in preparation for the 2016—2017 fiscal year in Los Angeles City Hall, immediately following the annual Neighborhood Council Budget Day. At this meeting, the elections of the officers were conducted.

At 12:45 PM, Ivan Spiegel of Venice called the meeting to order. The following is a list of the newly elected NCBAs for 2015—2016:

NAME	NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL	REGION	PRESENT
Mr. Kevin Davis	Foothill Trails District	1	YES
Mr. Juan Salas	Pacoima	1	YES
Co-Vice-Chair Krystee Clark	Sunland-Tujunga	1	YES
Ms. Krisna Velasco	Granada Hills South	2	YES
Parliamentarian Glenn Bailey	Northridge East	2	YES
Ms. Becky Leveque	Porter Ranch	2	YES
Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb	West Hills	3	YES
Mr. Harvey Goldberg	Tarzana	3	YES
Mr. C.R. Cochran	Reseda	3	NO
Ms. Jeanette Hopp	Van Nuys	4	YES
Treasurer Howard Katchen	Sherman Oaks	4	YES
Mr. Brandon Pender	Greater Toluca Lake	4	YES
Ms. Elvina Beck	Central Hollywood	5	YES
Dr. Patrick Seamans	Mid-City West	5	YES
Mr. Charles Lindenblatt	Mid-City West	5	YES
Assistant Secretary Linda Lee	Olympic Park	6	YES
Mr. Nelson Castillo	Westlake South	6	YES
Mr. Scott Bytof	Downtown Los Angeles	6	YES
Co-Vice-Chair Susan Reimers	Elysian Valley Riverside	7	YES
Ms. Barbara Ringuette	Silverlake	7	YES
Mr. Marcus Rodriguez	Los Feliz	7	YES
Ms. Liz Amsden	Historic Highland Park	8	YES
Ms. Fanny Ortiz	Boyle Heights	8	YES
Ms. Marisol Sanchez	Boyle Heights	8	YES
Ms. Margaret Peters	EC Southwest	9	YES
Ms. Veronica Torres-Matthews	Zapata-King	9	YES
Ms. Monica Hernandez	Zapata-King	9	YES
Mr. Brett Shears	EC North	10	YES
Secretary Erick Morales	Mid-City	10	YES
Ms. Ayana McCowen	EC Central	10	YES
Co-Chair Jay Handal	West Los Angeles	11	YES
Co-Chair Terrence Gomes	South Robertson	11	YES
Mr. Jon Liberman	South Robertson	11	YES
Ms. Joan Jacobs	Harbor Gateway North	12	YES
Mr. Hayes Thrower	Harbor City	12	NO
Ms. Danielle Sandoval	Central San Pedro	12	YES

ELECTION OF THE CO-CHAIRS

According to the Bylaws of the NCBAs, two Co-Chairs are elected at the first meeting of the year. Mr. Spiegel opened nominations for Co-Chair. Three members were nominated: Jay Handal of West Los Angeles, Liz Amsden of Historic Highland Park, and Terrence Gomes of South Robertson.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR CO-CHAIRS

After the vote, the following results were announced by Mr. Spiegel:

Jay Handal received 32 votes.

Liz Amsden received 15 votes.

Terrence Gomes received 21 votes.

Mr. Handal and Mr. Gomes will serve as the Co-Chairs of the NCBAs for the year.

ELECTION OF THE CO-VICE-CHAIR OF ADMINISTRATION

According to the Bylaws of the NCBAs, one Co-Vice-Chair of Administration is elected at the first meeting of the year. Mr. Spiegel opened nominations for Co-Vice-Chair of Administration. Two members were nominated: Susan Reimers of Elysian Valley Riverside and Brandon Pender of Greater Toluca Lake.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR CO-VICE-CHAIR OF ADMINISTRATION

After the vote, the following results were announced by Mr. Spiegel:

Susan Reimers received 25 votes.

Brandon Pender received 9 votes.

Ms. Reimers will serve as Co-Vice-Chair of Administration for the year.

ELECTION OF THE CO-VICE-CHAIR OF COMMUNICATIONS

According to the Bylaws of the NCBAs, one Co-Vice-Chair of Communications is elected at the first meeting of the year. Mr. Spiegel opened nominations for Co-Vice-Chair of Communications. Two members were nominated: Linda Lee of Olympic Park and Krystee Clark of Sunland-Tujunga.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR CO-VICE-CHAIR OF COMMUNICATIONS

After the vote, the following results were announced by Mr. Spiegel:

Linda Lee received 10 votes.

Krystee Clark received 25 votes.

Ms. Clark will serve as Co-Vice Chair of Communications for the year.

ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY

According to the Bylaws of the NCBAs, one Secretary and one Assistant Secretary are both elected at the first meeting of the year; in a contested election for Secretary, the candidate with the highest amount of votes becomes Secretary and the candidate with the second highest amount of votes becomes Assistant Secretary. Mr. Spiegel opened nominations for Secretary. Two candidates were nominated: Erick Morales of Mid-City and Linda Lee of Olympic Park.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mr. Morales agreed to serve as Secretary and Ms. Lee agreed to serve as Assistant Secretary, therefore a vote was not required. The NCBAs present voted to confirm both to their respective positions for the year.

ELECTION OF THE TREASURER

According to the Bylaws of the NCBA's, one Treasurer is elected at the first meeting of the year. Mr. Spiegel opened nominations for Treasurer. One candidate was nominated: Howard Katchen of Sherman Oaks.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR TREASURER

Without a contested election, the NCBA's present voted to confirm Mr. Katchen as Treasurer for the year.

ELECTION OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

According to the Bylaws of the NCBA's, one Parliamentarian is elected at the first meeting of the year. Mr. Spiegel opened nominations for Parliamentarian. One candidate was nominated: Glenn Bailey of Northridge East.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR PARLIAMENTARIAN

Without a contested election, the NCBA's present voted to confirm Mr. Bailey as Parliamentarian for the year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:00 PM, FY 2016—2017 NCBA's Co-Chair Jay Handal adjourned the meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ERICK M. MORALES

2015—2016 NCBA's SECRETARY

PRIORITIES OF INDIVIDUAL REGIONS

On June 27, 2015, six “break-out sessions” were hosted at the Neighborhood Council Budget Day to provide the newly elected NCBA's with the genuine priorities of neighborhood council leaders. The following comments were collected.

REGION 1 – NORTHWEST VALLEY

- Secession from the City of Los Angeles
- Street sweeping—posted signs and calendar
- Homelessness—Housing and sustainable development
- Projector for Van Nuys City Hall
- Licensing easier for pet owners
- City collection services more efficient
- Street services need to clean pine needle debris with vacuum. Clear sewers so streets don't flood after rain
- Address bark beetle issue.
- Regular watering of LA City trees, not Caltrans trees.
- Removal of dead trees.
- Revitalization of our parks and rivers (Proposition 1)
- Groundwater recharge

REGION 2 – NORTHWEST VALLEY

- Upgrade in City technology
- Training—make the City more efficient—management and training for all City departments
- Create incentives for early bill pay
- Code enforcement for illegal vending
- Survey priorities need to include shorter periods for police and fire response times.
- Public transportation stop areas and shade benches.
- Expand public transportation to the Valley with more buses and longer hours.
- Increase the number of designated bus lanes.
- Amend the municipal code to deal with illegal dumping.
- Encourage the formation of business improvement districts using City resources.
- More electric car charging stations.
- Sidewalk weeds and trimming City-owned trees.
- Create system for monthly taxpaying.
- Consolidate between Rapid and Metro.
- Encourage grey water use in residential areas.
- Need to improve services for reporting stray animals.
- Adjust hours for City employees to meet the time of service needed.
- Raise the limit of how many pets one can adopt.
- Reverse 311 system that alerts homeowners of street sweeping and has geographic alerts.

REGION 3 – SOUTHWEST VALLEY

UNAVAILABLE

REGION 4 – SOUTHEAST VALLEY

UNAVAILABLE

REGIONS 5 AND 6 – CENTRAL

- Homelessness
- Traffic safety and street lights
- Infrastructure
- Affordable housing
- AirBNB and short-term housing—occupancy levy tax
- Improper use of single family housing (parties)
- Ellis Act Reform
- Construction
- Overdevelopment
- Noise/traffic related to overdevelopment
- Parking
- Elected officials ignoring resident concerns
- Lowering of property taxes for people on SSDI
- Balancing entertainment and resident interests
- Communication network for NCBAs

REGION 7 AND 8 – EAST AND NORTH EAST

- land use
- land use coalitions with NCs sharing local concerns, networking, amplifying
- development
- maintaining historic-cultural elements
- homelessness
- infrastructure
- sidewalks, tree trimming
- clean-ups, removing graffiti
- stimulating local business – job creation
- small business development/address mayor’s program – financing trainings should actually help in accessing funding and loans
- sustainable energy
- affordable housing
- change discussion on affordable housing to preserving existing & adapting available buildings
- transit development
- better response to community requests – was this City Council, DONE or both?
- billboard accountability
- DOT – revising & updating standards
- bike lanes
- incentives for board members – minimum reimburse expenses, possible stipend
- DONE – outreach
- pressure City’s Personnel department to get people hired expeditiously
- encourage Councilmembers to visit each NC in their district
- Councilmember reps to attend all meetings
- look at NCs partnering with higher ed institutions for mutual learning/benefit, tie into their civic programs
- circulate information on: most effective process of attending meetings at city hall, finding if they will accept comments, how to find relevant council file #s, finding City Council & committee agendas and other ways of submitting comments

- encourage Council to schedule some night meetings
- upgrade IT system
- identify security issues

REGION 9 – SOUTH 2

UNAVAILABLE

REGION 10 – SOUTH 1

UNAVAILABLE

REGION 11 – WEST

- Transportation
- Homelessness
- Regional Budget Breakdown
- Community Input in Affordable Housing and Development
- Street Services
- TOD—Transit Oriented Development
- Metrics
- Land use
- Large projects and mitigation
- Enforcement of City codes
- Cost of “doing business” vs. fines
- Stabilize economy
- Future projections
- Continuous building vs. lack of business
- More input on bike lanes—move to side streets and off of major throughfares.
- Parking
- Environment and sustainability—natural resources.
- Wildlife preservation.

REGION 12 – HARBOR

- Transportation
- Homelessness
- Affordable Housing
- Jobs
- Small Business Contracts
- Staffing and Opening Jail in San Pedro
- Re-opening the San Pedro Courthouse
- Animal Control Support
- Accountability at the Port of Los Angeles
- Alleys and freeways: Clean up public dumping in right of ways.
- Trim trees that block streetlights.
- Stop spending public funds on criminalizing the homeless and the poor.