



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2025-26 - Meeting #13 AGENDA

Monday, January 5, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89318608922>

Meeting ID: 893 1860 8922

(Zoom phone numbers at bottom of agenda)

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
- II. Roll Call of Budget Advocates**
 - A. Announcement of any new Budget Advocates vacancies or members
 - B. Budget Advocates [meeting attendance](#) during 2024-2026 term
- III. Minutes:** meeting #12 held December 13, 2025 - Cindy
MOTION to approve (if posted on [webpage](#) and/or distributed in advance of the meeting)
- IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction (5 minutes)**
- V. Announcements**
 - A. Announcement regarding NCBA Google Group email authorized use and protocols
 - B. Announcements from DONE (John Darnell)
 1. DONE's Budget 101 session ("Empowering Communities: Understanding Neighborhood Councils' Role in City Budget Advocacy") will be held Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom and DONE will host. [Register](#) to receive the Zoom link.
 - a) Please announce Save The Date to NCs in your Region.
 - C. Announcements from Mayor Karen Bass
 1. Department budget packages submitted by November 21, 2025 and posted on Mayor's [Budget Resources webpage](#)
 - D. Announcements from City Controller Kenneth Mejia
 - E. Announcements from Budget and Finance Committee Chair Katy Yaroslavsky or other Committee members
 1. Request for \$20,000 in discretionary funds for Budget Day - [draft letter](#)
 2. Committee generally meets first and third Tuesdays at 2:00 pm
- VI. Old and Continuing Business**

- A. Budget Advocates vacancies (Regions 3, 5(2), 8(2) and 10(3) with one or more); nominations and elections (Regions 3 and 8) update - Kay
- B. Civic University Session #2 may focus on City Budget(?); date is still TBA. Mike Bonin of the Pat Brown Institute has been contacted regarding the possible participation of and/or input from the Budget Advocates. Update - Kay

VII. New Business

- A. Requesting each NC to contribute (at least) \$500 to “Budget Day” launching in January? NCBA Executive Committee will also discuss.
- B. Council District 5 asked: “What has gone by the wayside given the [NC funding] cuts?” - survey update - Kay

VIII. City of Los Angeles Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Updates ([CF 25-0600](#))

- 1. [Fiscal Emergency: CF 25-0600-S36](#) Resolution declaring a State of Emergency based on fiscal circumstances resulting from decreased revenue and increased liabilities for Fiscal Year 2025-26 - Jack
- 2. City's Budget and Finance Advisory Committee ([CF 25-0314](#)) held first [meeting 11/24/2025](#); [news article](#); next meeting 1/12/2026; [subscribe to receive agendas](#) - update
- 3. Impact of any reduction of federal funding to Los Angeles and fiscal impact of federal immigration enforcement - any new updates?
- 4. Other City Budget and Fiscal Updates, including new Council Files

IX. Continuing Business

- A. Departmental Teams scheduling and holding meetings - Barbara
 - 1. Departmental Teams spreadsheet - [view sign ups and meetings scheduled/held to date](#)
 - 2. Reports submitted to date/distribution to Budget Advocates in advance of approval date
 - 3. Reports scheduled for approval at January 17, 2026 meeting:
 - a) Animal Services
 - b)
- B. White Paper Theme - Submit Suggestions by 1/15/2026
 - 1. “How Deep Is the Hole?” - Kay
 - 2.
- C. Sign up for NCBA Standing Committees; [Google Form](#) emailed 7/26/2025 : Bylaws; Finance; Outreach; Training and Education and NCBA Ad Hoc Committees: Budget Day Planning; Overview of City Budget; Olympics; Charter Reform; Impact of Immigration Enforcement - [view sign ups to date](#) - Glenn
- D. [Charter Reform Commission](#), as it relates to the City Budget - any updates . [NCBA presentation](#) given on 9/13/2025. Budget Advocates have recommended seven reforms (see [2025 White Paper](#)). Article: [“City Budget and Finances are Not a Priority for the Charter Reform Commission” 7/24/2025](#) [Upcoming Commission meetings](#) Sign up to [receive updates here](#) Meeting recordings also posted on [FairRepLA YouTube channel](#)
 - 1. Help shape the future of LA - take a [survey](#) (and enter to win \$50 gift card)
 - 2. Neighborhood Council presentations scheduled for January 21, 2026

X. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee (Glenn Bailey/Jay Handal) - next meeting 1/11/2026, 2 pm
- B. Finance Committee (Brian Allen)
 - 1. Budget Advocates Monthly Financial Statements as of 12/12/2025 - Brian
 - a) To be posted on [Financials webpage](#)
 - 2. DONE "Contribution and Expense Statement - Budget Advocacy" as of October 31, 2025 - (emailed 11/14/2025); net balance \$48,315.10.
 - 3. [Contributions from NCs](#) to "Neighborhood Council Budget Day" during Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 (and previous FYs) and reconciliation with DONE's records
- C. Outreach Committee (Mihran Kalaydjian)
- D. Training and Education Committee (Barbara Ringuette) (see above)
- E. Bylaws Committee (Kay Hartman)
- F. Ad Hoc Budget Day Planning Committee (TBD)
 - 1. Initial meeting with DONE held 12/4/2025; next scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - 2. [Draft Budget Day Budget](#)
- G. Ad Hoc Overview of City Budget Committee (Jack Humphreville)
- H. Ad Hoc Olympics Committee (Barbara Ringuette)
- I. Ad Hoc Charter Reform Committee (Melanie Labrecque and Doug Epperhart)
- J. Ad Hoc Impact of Immigration Enforcement Committee (Lionel Mares)
 - 1. Impacts on City Budget and any related Council Files

XI. Informational Items

- A. Council File [25-0600](#) for FY 2025-2026 Budget and related documents
- B. Council File [25-0600-S43](#) Functional Consolidation of Departments / Aging / Community Investment for Families ([report back, 144 pages](#)) / Economic and Workforce Development / Youth
- C. Council File [25-0029](#) City Reserve Fund Balance / City expenses / Major International Events / Existing tax Revenue Sources / Revenue Generation Opportunities (see item VI.B3 above)
- D. Council File [19-1353-S3](#) Five-Year Capital and Technology Improvement Plan Book / 2025-26 to 2029-30 - [CAO report](#)
- E. Council File [25-0029](#) City Reserve Fund Balance / City expenses / Major International Events / Existing tax Revenue Sources / Revenue Generation Opportunities [NOTE: approved by City Council on 9/16/2025]
- F. Council File [25-1023](#) Multi-Year Strategy / Modernize / Legal Service Delivery Model / Long-term Cost Containment / Improve Caseload Management / Measurable Accountability [NOTE: approved by City Council on 9/19/2025]
- G. Council File [25-0885](#) Impacted City Projects, Programs, and Services / H.R. 1 / One Big Beautiful Bill Act / Reduced Grant Funding
- H. Council File [15-1207-S1](#) and [S3](#) (revenue bonds) Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion Project at an estimated cost of \$2.62 billion
- I. Council File [CF 25-0600-S126](#) First Financial Status Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

J. Council File [25-0600-S129](#) Second Financial Status Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

K. Any new Council Files? Please submit to Co-Chairs in advance of meeting

XII. Upcoming Meetings and Events

A. ~~CANCELLED: City Council Budget and Finance Committee, Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 2:00 p.m.~~

B. BONC, Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 6:00 p.m., City Hall

C. Budget and Finance Advisory Committee, Monday, January 12, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

D. Budget Advocates meeting, Saturday, January 17, 2026, 9:30 a.m

E. City Council Budget and Finance Committee, Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

F. DONE's Budget 101 session ("Empowering Communities: Understanding Neighborhood Councils' Role in City Budget Advocacy") Thursday, January 29, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

G. Budget and Finance Advisory Committee, Friday, February 6, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

H. NC Budget Day, Saturday, June 27, 2026 - SAVE THE DATE

XIII. Announcements and Items for Future Meeting Agendas

A. Email requested agenda items to LABudgetAdvocates@gmail.com, with a copy to the NCBA Co-Chairs, at least four days prior to the meeting date; include "AGENDA ITEM" in the Subject Line and the Council File number (if applicable) and the link(s) to any supporting documentation.

XIV. Adjournment

Topic: NC Budget Advocates Meeting (1st Monday/3rd Saturday)

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