



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2025-26 - Meeting #18 AGENDA
Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 9:30 a.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
 1. Resignations: Elvis Diaz (Region 9) and Connor Webb (Region 11)
 - B. Budget Advocates [meeting attendance](#) during 2024-2026 term
- III. Minutes:** [meeting #17 held March 2, 2026](#) (emailed) - 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 and Brief Updates**
 - A. Announcements from DONE (John Darnell)
 - B. Announcements from Mayor Karen Bass
 1. Department budget packages were submitted by November 21, 2025 and are posted on Mayor's [Budget Resources webpage](#)
 - C. Announcements from City Controller Kenneth Mejia
 1. Charter Reform Commission proposal to eliminate City Controller's office
 - D. Announcements from Budget and Finance Committee Chair Katy Yaroslavsky or other Committee members
 1. Committee generally meets first and third Tuesdays at 2:00 pm
 - E. Announcements from Budget and Finance Advisory Committee Chair Ron Galperin
 1. Regular meetings will usually be scheduled for first Fridays at 1:00 p.m.; [subscribe to receive agendas](#)
 2. Invitation for Budget Advocates presentation

F. Budget Advocates vacancies (Regions 1, 5(2), 8, 9, 10(3) and 12 with one or more) update - Kay

G. Use of Google Group email address: NCBA protocols must be followed

VI. City of Los Angeles Fiscal Years 2025-2026 ([CF 25-0600](#)) and 2026-2027 Updates

1. Third (Mid-Year) Financial Status Report / Fiscal Year 2025-26 - [CF 25-0600-S133](#)
2. [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
3. "Thoughts on Proposed City Budget" Town Hall to be held on Sunday, April 26, 2026 after the April 20, 2026 release of the Mayor's proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget. City Council Budget and Finance Committee may begin its consideration on or about April 27, 2026.
4. Impact of any reduction of federal funding to Los Angeles and fiscal impact of federal immigration enforcement - any new updates?
5. Other City Budget and Fiscal Updates, including new Council Files

VII. Continuing Business

A. White Paper Departmental Teams meetings, reports and editors - Barbara

1. Departmental Teams spreadsheet - [view sign ups and meetings scheduled/held to date](#)

Review and approval of Department reports
Departments: See link to view [reports received to date \(edited and unedited\)](#)

2. White Paper Introduction drafts:

- a) ["We Gotta Get Off Off this Merry-Go-Round – We Just Gotta"](#) by Garry Fordyce
- b) ["Los Angeles City Budget Merry-Go-Round: Round and Round It Goes, Where It Stops Nobody Knows"](#) by Howard Katchen
- c) Howards version of the white paper intro , as edited. [Introduction - KH from HK and GF.docx](#)

3. White Paper Cover for review and approval

4. Approval of White paper as approved in items above

B. [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. Recent Commission votes - update

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. 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
- B. Executive Committee (Glenn Bailey/Jay Handal) - next meeting 3/8/2026, 2 pm
- C. Finance Committee (Treasurer)
 - 1. Budget Advocates Monthly Financial Statements (posted on [Financials
webpage](#))
 - 2. DONE "Contribution and Expense Statement - Budget Advocacy" as of
February 28, 2026; net balance \$ __, __. __
 - 3. Review any balance discrepancies between Treasurer and DONE reports
 - 4. [Contributions from NCs](#) to "Neighborhood Council Budget Day" during
Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 (and previous FYs) need to be
reconciled with DONE's records
- D. Outreach Committee (Mihran Kalaydjian)
- E. Training and Education Committee (Barbara Ringuette) (see above)
- F. Bylaws Committee (Kay Hartman) - First Reading at next NCBA meeting
- G. Ad Hoc Budget Day Planning Committee (Kay Hartman) - next meeting 3/29/2026,
12:30 pm
 - 1. Next meeting with DONE scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2026, 3:00 pm
 - 2. [Budget Day Budget](#) (approved 2/2/2026)
- H. Ad Hoc Overview of City Budget Committee (Jack Humphreville)
- I. Ad Hoc Olympics Committee (Barbara Ringuette)
- J. Ad Hoc Charter Reform Committee (Melanie Labrecque and Doug Epperhart)
- K. Ad Hoc Impact of Immigration Enforcement Committee (TBD)
 - 1. Impacts on City Budget and any related Council Files

IX. 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

X. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. Budget and Finance Advisory Committee, Friday, April 3(?), 2026, 1:00 p.m.
- B. Budget Advocates meeting, Monday, April 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m
- C. City Council Budget and Finance Committee, Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
- D. Budget Advocates meeting, Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
- E. Mayor releases Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget, Monday, April 20, 2026
- F. City Council Budget and Finance Committee, Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
- G. “Thoughts on Proposed City Budget” Town Hall, Sunday, April 26, 2026, TBD p.m.
- H. NC Budget Day, Saturday, June 27, 2026 - SAVE THE DATE

XI. 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.

XII. Adjournment

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

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