



The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (the "NCBA") are authorized to act under the Los Angeles City Charter (the "Charter") Section 909 which provides that "each Neighborhood Council may present to the Mayor and Council an annual list of priorities for the City budget." The Neighborhood Councils have given their proxy to the NCBA (via their Budget Representatives and the Budget Advocates) to speak on their behalf to the electorate of the City of Los Angeles. This proxy will not limit or inhibit the individual Neighborhood Councils from expressing their individual thoughts or comments or opinions on various budgetary concerns that fall within the activities authorized under the Charter.

## Join Us

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates have unparalleled access to and a real say in Los Angeles' city government.

Budget Advocates learn about government and about how the City Departments work. Many of our recommendations over the years have been implemented, in whole or in part, benefiting City stakeholders.

*Budget Advocates must be Budget Representatives, appointed by their Neighborhood Council, but do not have to be board members.*

Knowledge is power and working as a Budget Advocate gives you an amazing opportunity to broaden horizons and develop skills.

Only elected Budget Advocates can vote at meetings, but we welcome everyone to work with us, on short term projects or year-round.

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## Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates



**Budget Advocates explore, research, study, seek input, prepare and present the concerns and interests of our communities as they relate to revenue collection and the allocation of City funds, the City budget and the efficiency of our City government, its finances and financial obligations.**

**We present these findings and recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, Neighborhood Councils, and stakeholders. We welcome your collaboration.**

## How are Budget Advocates selected?

Each Neighborhood Council elects or appoints two Budget Representatives who then elect three Budget Advocates per Region to represent the Region's interests at the City level.

In even-numbered years elections for all 36 Budget Advocate positions are held at Budget Day. Replacements for vacated positions are elected online by the Region's Budget Representatives.



## How long is a Budget Advocate's term?

Budget Advocates serve from their election on Budget Day of even-numbered years for a period of approximately two years. Replacements serve until the next Budget Day election. There are no term limits.

## What do Budget Advocates do?

- Research City Department budgets and services.
- Interview Department managers and personnel; help prepare reports and recommendations about City Departments.
- Help create and present the annual Budget Advocate White Paper as well as reports on other issues of importance to City residents.
- Take the initiative on other projects relating to the City's budget and the services it is supposed to provide Los Angeles stakeholders.
- Liaise with their Region's Budget Representatives and become the voice for those Neighborhood Councils' issues and concerns.
- Solicit input on concerns at Neighborhood Council meetings, and report on the Budget Advocates' activities.
- Attend Budget Advocate meetings twice a month.
- Help produce next year's Budget Day and other community events.



## Do you need any special skills or experience?

What you need is an interest in what Budget Advocates do and a passion to improve the City. Everyone's experience of living and working in Los Angeles is a valid base to help improve our quality of life. You will learn from other Budget Advocates and from the work you take on.

We welcome curiosity and talents of every kind to help us research and communicate fiscal concerns and service needs in our communities to our elected officials.

If you care about the City and will commit to our mission, get your Neighborhood Council to name you as one of their two Budget Representatives.

