

Introduction  
NBCA City Council Presentation  
April 11, 2012

Honorable Council President Wesson, Honorable Councilmembers and Staff.

My name is Heinrich Keifer and I am honored to come before you to be part of today's Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate Presentation. Like last year, many of this year's 29 Budget Advocates have met with the various departments, bureaus, and labor groups representing the city's management, prime workforce and labor unions.

As you may already know, the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates were elected by the Representatives from 95 Neighborhood Councils on October 29 at the Mayor's Budget Day.

The Budget Advocates have met, discussed our history of involvement in the budget process, once again deciding to establish specific committees to focus on specific departments and issues. Out of our meetings with many departments and bureaus, the Mayor's office, the CAO, and many other key people, and after additional research which included examples of what has been done in other cities, we have compiled what we believe to be a list of 21 solid "budget and management" recommendations that can and should be implemented

Our intent today is not to go through the entire 33 pages of our white paper, but rather, focus in on only three of our summary of recommendations that may be found on pages 4 and 5 of the white paper.

We will be covering Recommendation # 2, Developing a Five-Year Strategic Operational and Financial Plan, Recommendation # 3, Controlling Employee Costs, and Recommendation # 7, Performance-Based Budgeting.

After the presentation we look forward to open dialog.

Our first presenter will be Jack Humphreville of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council who will discuss the need for a "Live Within Its Means" charter amendment.

The next presenter will be Ed Novy from the Sunland Tujunga neighborhood Council who will be discussing Controlling Employee Costs.

The third speaker will be Joanne Yvanek-Garb of the West Hills Neighborhood Council who will discuss Performance Based Budgeting.

And finally, Vera del Pozo from the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council will discuss selected findings of the Mayor's Budget Survey.

Afterwards, we are ready to answer any questions of the City Council.

-Heinrich Keifer