



Congress of Neighborhoods

Rising Together Through
Challenging Times

Saturday, September 26, 2020

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EVENT OVERVIEW

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OPENING SESSION

Welcome & Introductions
Featured Speakers

MAIN TOPICS

- All Vote-By-Mail Neighborhood Council Elections
- Equality - In Status, Rights, & Opportunity
- The TRUE City Budget
- Outreach During a Pandemic

ADDITIONAL CONTENT:

Acknowledgements
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99 Neighborhood Councils
In Memoriam

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7 NETWORKING TOPICS:

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- The TRUE City Budget
- Outreach During a Pandemic
- Sustainability
- Homelessness
- City Programs for Neighborhood Councils

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



CONGRESS PLANNING COMMITTEE

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BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS (BONC)



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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ALLIANCES

ARC - Alliance of River Communities

HANC - Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

LANCC - Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

SLAANC - South Los Angeles Area Neighborhood Councils

VANC - Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

WRAC - Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

DWP Committee - DWP Memorandum of Understanding

PlanCheckNC - Land Use & Planning Education

NCSA - Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

LGBTQ+ Alliance

WVHNAH - West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness

NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance

NC Budget Advocates



THANK YOU

TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS THAT VOTED TO SUPPORT THE 2020 CONGRESS

Olympic Park NC

Winnetka NC

Northridge East NC

Neighborhood Council Valley Village

Encino NC

Lake Balboa NC

Del Rey NC

North Hills West NC

Central Hollywood NC

Palms NC

Northridge South NC

Empowerment Congress North Area NC

Greater Wilshire NC

*THANK YOU TO THE NC's THAT CONTRIBUTED AFTER 9/22/2020





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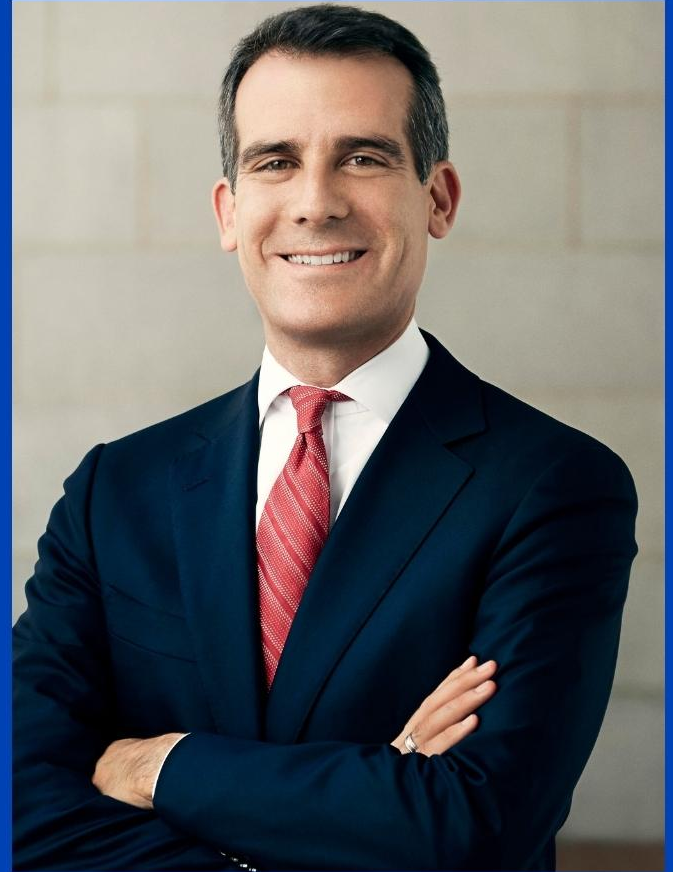
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
42ND MAYOR

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MAYOR'S VIDEO

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MAIN TOPICS 1

ALL VOTE-BY-MAIL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MODERATOR: GLENN BAILEY

FEATURED SPEAKER:

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, LA CITY CLERK



CITY CLERK HOLLY L. WOLCOTT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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MAIN TOPIC 2

EQUALITY - IN STATUS, RIGHTS, & OPPORTUNITY

MODERATOR: JOY ATKINSON,
BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMISSIONERS



Equality - In Status, Rights, & Opportunity



JOY ATKINSON

BONC Commissioner



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Equity Officer



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MAIN TOPIC 3

THE TRUE CITY BUDGET

MODERATOR:

JACK HUMPHREVILLE

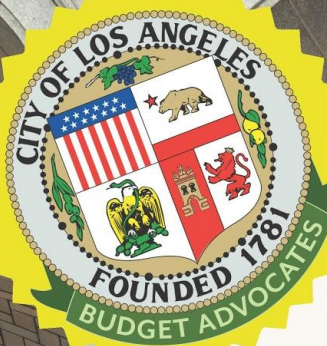
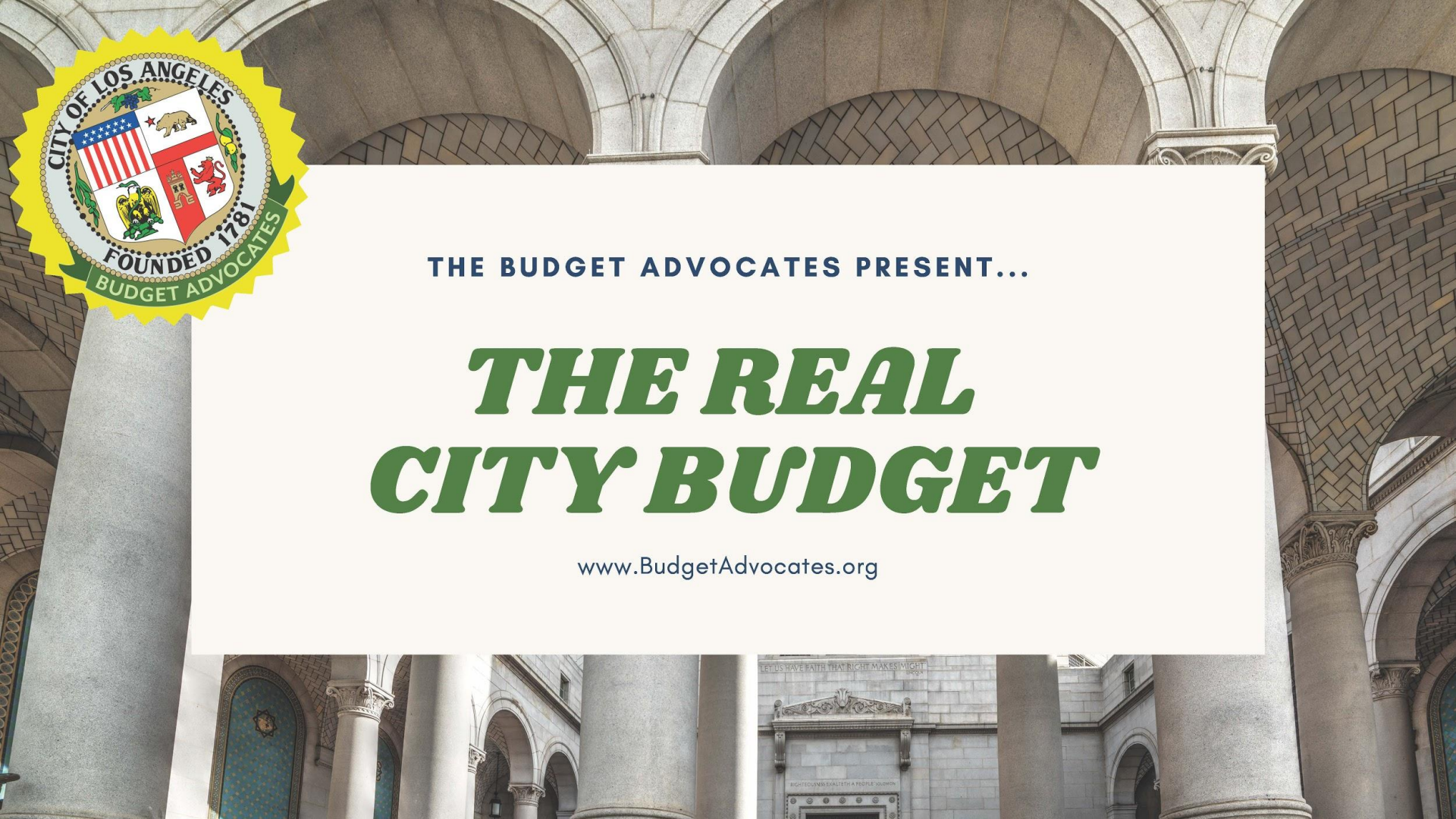
GUESTS: LIZ AMSDEN, JOHN
DIGREGORIO, & JAY HANDAL



CITY CONTROLLER RON GALPERIN VIDEO

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THE BUDGET ADVOCATES PRESENT...

THE REAL CITY BUDGET

www.BudgetAdvocates.org



Why did the City declare a state of financial emergency?

A BRIEF OVERVIEW...

- Budget Deficit of \$400 million this year
- Covid-19 Impact on the 7 Economically Sensitive Taxes
- Structural Deficit of over \$750 million over the next four years
- City Hall approved unsustainable labor agreements
- Includes gap of \$228 million next year
- Reserve Fund below minimum levels

Budget Deficits and the need to Balance the Budget

WHAT THE IMPACT IS FOR YOU...

- Furloughs and layoffs
- Service Deficit
 - Public safety
 - Environment
 - Homeless
 - Affordable housing
 - Streets and sidewalks
 - Parks / Toilets
 - Street lights
 - Urban forest
- Increases in fees





Issues Facing the Budget

- Fiscal Integrity / Budget Deficits
- Impact of Covid 19 on City's Seven Economically Sensitive Taxes
- Structural Deficit
- Labor Agreements
- Layoffs & Furloughs
- Service Deficits
- Pension Liability - \$15 Billion
- Infrastructure - \$10 Billion Liability
- Reserve Fund
- Intergenerational Theft
- Others

Solutions

SOME IDEAS...

- Multigenerational
- Radical Transparency
- Pension commission
- Office of Transparency and Accountability
- Multiyear budgeting
- Open and transparent labor negotiations
- Elections
- Ballot measures



The Budget Advocates

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



REPRESENT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Each NC has 2 Budget Representatives who come together to elect 3 Budget Advocates for each of the 12 Regions of the City, making 36 Budget Advocates from all over Los Angeles

PROVIDE RESOURCES

Update NCs about Budget news and information as well as serve as a knowledge base to answer questions about the Budget and give honest answers

ADVOCATE

Speak up about the issues you care about to the elected officials who have the power to do something about them

The Structural Defecit

AN ANALYSIS

FYE June 30,	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Cumulative
Revenue (CAO)	6,570	6,687	6,963	7,174	7,400	7,630	
Increase		118	276	211	226	230	
% Increase		1.8%	4.1%	3.0%	3.1%	3.1%	
Budget Surplus (CAO)		-	(228)	(228)	(163)	(146)	(765)
Raises			-	85	170	265	520
Infrastructure		-	250	250	250	250	1,000
Pensions (6.25%)		-	500	500	500	500	2,000
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Subtotal		-	750	835	920	1,015	3,520
Structural Deficit			(978)	(1,063)	(1,083)	(1,161)	(4,285)



THANK YOU!

Go to www.BudgetAdvocates.org to learn more
and find out how to get involved

PURPOSE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS:

*"To promote more citizen participation in government
and make government more responsive to local needs."*

– Los Angeles City Charter, Article IX –



MAIN TOPIC 4

OUTREACH DURING A PANDEMIC

MODERATOR: ADRIANA DE LA CRUZ

GUEST SPEAKER: ANN-MARIE HOLMAN,
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER



Upcoming Outreach Webinars

**Wednesday
Sept 30**

**Thursday
Oct 22**

**Thursday
Oct 29**

**Video Production
for NCs**

**Social Media +
Digital Outreach**

**PR + Media
Relations for NCs**

RSVP: <http://tiny.cc/NCEvents>

Feedback Opportunities for NCs

**Tuesday
October 6**

**discuss draft
NC Social Media Policy
with the Board of
Neighborhood
Commissioners**

**Thursday
October 8**

**2021 Vote-By-Mail NC
Elections presentation
by City Clerk + DONE at
HENPAR Committee**

2021 NC Elections

Nov 2020 - Jun 2021

be a candidate

be an outreach partner

Learn more:

EmpowerLA@LAcity.org

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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- MOU between NCs & LADWP
- Early Notification regarding land use applications
- Community Impact Statements regarding issues in our community
- "Seat at the Table" with 5 minutes at City Council hearing/meetings
- L.A. City Budget Representation through NC Budget Advocates
- Regional and Citywide NC Alliances

NC's have made major contributions and impacts in improving the quality of life in our communities. There is much yet to be done and we can do it by working together, which is the purpose of our Congress of Neighborhoods: to share successes, ideas, experiences and learn from each other.





99 Neighborhood Councils



Arleta
Arts District Little Tokyo
Arroyo Seco
Atwater Village
Bel Air-Beverly Crest
Boyle Heights
CANNDU
Canoga Park
Central Alameda
Central Hollywood
Central San Pedro
Chatsworth

Coastal San Pedro
Del Rey
Downtown Los Angeles
Eagle Rock
East Hollywood
Echo Park
Elysian Valley Riverside
Empowerment Congress
Central Area
Empowerment Congress
North Area

Empowerment Congress
Southeast Area
Empowerment Congress
Southwest Area
Empowerment Congress
West Area
Encino
Foothill Trails District
Glassell Park
Granada Hills North
Greater Cypress Park
Greater Toluca Lake



99 Neighborhood Councils



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| Greater Valley Glen | Lake Balboa | North Hollywood West |
| Greater Wilshire | Lincoln Heights | North Westwood |
| Harbor City | Los Feliz | Northridge East |
| Harbor Gateway North | MacArthur Park | Northridge South |
| Harber Gateway South | Mar Vista | Northridge West |
| Hermon | Mid City | Northwest San Pedro |
| Historical Cultural North | Mid City West | Olympic Park |
| Historic Highland Park | Mission Hills | P.I.C.O. |
| Hollywood Hills West | NoHo | Pacoima |
| Hollywood Studio District | North Hills East | Palms |
| Hollywood United | North Hills West | Panorama City |
| LA-32 | North Hollywood North East | Park Mesa Heights |



99 Neighborhood Councils



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| Pico Union | Tarzana | Westlake South |
| Porter Ranch | United Neighborhoods | Westside |
| Rampart Village | Valley Village | Westwood |
| Reseda | Van Nuys | Wilmington |
| Sherman Oaks | Venice | Wilshire Center-Koreatown |
| Silver Lake | Voices | Winnetka |
| South Central | Watts | Woodland Hills-Warner
Center |
| South Robertson | West Adams | Zapata-King |
| Studio City | Westchester/Playa | |
| Sun Valley Area | West Hills | |
| Sunland-Tujunga | West Los Angeles | |
| Sylmar | Sawtelle | |
| | Westlake North | |

IN MEMORIAM



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

The Congress of Neighborhoods honors the passing of Neighborhood Council Leaders and individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Neighborhood Council system and their communities.





IN MEMORIAM 2020



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& SoCAL Prep
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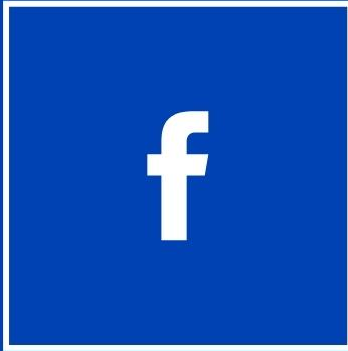
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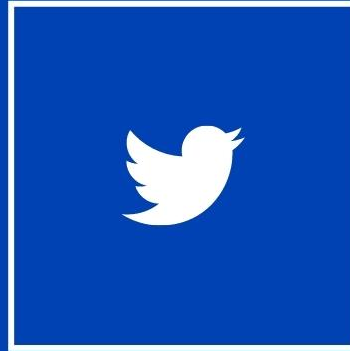
Panorama City NC
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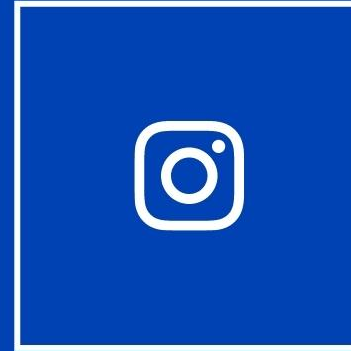
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TRANSITION TO NETWORKING SESSIONS



Homelessness



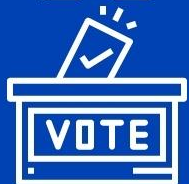
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Sustainability



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Your Dedication and Commitment is Key to the Success of your Community



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