

Title: NCBA's Budget Proposal-City of Los Angeles-2018-19	Item No.
Meeting Date: April 03, 2018	
Agendized By: Government Affairs-City Services Committee	
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Committee Vote (if appropriate):3-0	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? Yes ___ No <u>X</u>	
Additional documents attached? Yes <u>X</u> No ___	

**RECOMMENDATION: Motion:** “The Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa (NCWP) hereby supports the works of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper (Who’s In Charge?) and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council File 18-0600.”

**BACKGROUND:**

In an ongoing effort to assist the Mayor and City Council in achieving sustainable long-term financial integrity for the City of Los Angeles, the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA's) have presented this year’s White Paper on the forthcoming City budget. Titled “Who’s in Charge? (Patterned after a March 2, 2018 Los Angeles Times editorial), this year’s recommendations cover a variety of City departments and examines a fractured organizational structure, which limits-if not eliminates-accountability to the citizenry. Additionally, this year’s report decries the fact that during last fiscal year, not one of the suggestions put forth by the NCBA group saw the light of day.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Los Angeles continues to face serious financial challenges despite an improving (some would say robust) economy over the last eight (8) years. The City budget has had, and continues to have, a massive structural deficit (“the Structural Deficit”) in which projected expenses continue to far exceed projected revenues year after year. This Structural Deficit persists despite increases in General Fund revenues of 31%-in excess of \$1.4 billion-over the last six years. Next year, the budget gap is forecasted to be almost \$100 million, despite an *increase* in revenues of \$100 million.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

For the next fiscal year, there is not expected to be a direct fiscal impact upon the operating budget of the NCWP.

Unless the City comes to grips with the continued Structural Deficits, it is quite likely that City services will be cut in order to fund mandated liabilities, including the City’s underfunded pension obligations. The cuts would be dramatic in the cases of Public Safety, road and sidewalk repair and improvements along with other infrastructure demands.

**ATTACHMENTS:** “Who’s In Charge?” White Paper submitted by the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates for the fiscal year 2018-2019

**MOTION:**

That the Neighborhood Council: The Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa (NCWP) hereby supports the works of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council File 18-0600