

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates  
**Date Submitted:** 02/14/2023 02:21 PM  
**Council File No:** 23-1200-S6  
**Comments for Public Posting:** The LA Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates would like to set the record straight regarding an inaccuracy in the resume attached to CF 23-1200-S6 (Josh Nadel / Board of Neighborhood Commissioners / Commission Appointment) - Josh Nadel has never been a Budget Advocate. Please see the attached pdf for our full official statement.



February 6th, 2023

Honorable Mayor Bass  
Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
Honorable Members of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

**RE: Appointment of Josh Nadel to Board of Neighborhood Commissioners  
CF 23-1200-S6**

Page 4 of the Mayor's Report on Council File 23-1200-S6 dated February 2nd, 2023 contains a resume for Josh Nadel that represents that he is or was a "Budget Advocate." The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates would like to set the record straight that Mr. Nadel is not currently a Budget Advocate, nor has he ever been a Budget Advocate. This is not the first time that we have had to address these fabulistic claims from Mr. Nadel. In 2019 Mr. Nadel was making reports at meetings within the Neighborhood Council system and representing himself as a Budget Advocate and was told that he needed to cease doing so as it was inappropriate. In the Budget Advocates report on the General Services FY 2020-21 budget requests Mr. Nadel identified himself as a Budget Advocate and was again reminded that he was not a Budget Advocate and the report was corrected. More recently, in the September 6th, 2022 Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting Mr. Nadel referenced leaving the Budget Advocates and was reminded again that he was never elected as a Budget Advocate.

Beyond this, we feel that Mr. Nadel has exhibited behavior that is unsuitable for a Commissioner representing the Neighborhood Council System. Mr. Nadel ran for a position as a Region 11 Budget Advocate in the 2020 Budget Advocate Elections and lost. In response to not winning his election, Mr. Nadel filed multiple grievances and sent a six page letter to the LA County District Attorney alleging racism, fraud, corruption, election rigging, and illegal conspiracy by the Budget Advocates, specifically targeting Budget Advocates' leadership, going so far as to call them a "cartel". In this letter Mr. Nadel also identifies the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate assigned to the Budget Advocates as a "DONE compliance monitor", which demonstrates an alarming misunderstanding of the role of the NEAs and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in the Neighborhood Council System. It should also be noted that upon losing his election, Mr. Nadel became so disruptive and threatening in Budget Advocates

meetings such that we could no longer conduct business and had to change the way we managed our meetings to severely restrict the flow of discussion and formalize meeting participation.

Furthermore, the Budget Advocates feel strongly that all appointments to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners should be vetted by the Neighborhood Councils and Alliances from the region(s) that the appointee represents. We urge the Mayor to withdraw this nomination until the affected Neighborhood Councils have a chance to weigh in on this appointment and the information provided by the appointee can be fully vetted.

This letter was approved by the Budget Advocates at a regularly scheduled meeting on February 6th, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to request that item (5) of the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee agenda for February 15, 2023 be tabled until his qualifications can be reviewed in depth and people who have concerns about this appointment can give input. I have given great thought to whether I should weigh in but I feel strongly that what I have to say is important for the future of the Neighborhood Council system. I do not believe that someone who falsely accuses elected officials of fraud in public meetings, in a letter to the District Attorney and to various other elected officials across the City is suitable for this position. Josh is certainly welcome to his opinions but the type of vendetta he pursued during the summer and fall of 2021 is more indicative of a conspiracy theorist than of a representative of the Mayor on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Josh is a very personable young man until he is thwarted and, again, I feel that someone of his volatile personality is unsuited for such a position. This is especially important at a time when the City is facing so many challenges, including conflicts in the streets and at City Hall itself. I am not saying to deny him the opportunity for consideration, just that others be allowed to weigh in, and due attention is given to their words before the appointment is consummated. Thank you for your attention to this.