



Motion to approve \$4,500 for 2016 NC Election budget

Agenda Item: GB012116-7
Date: 21 January 2016
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Full Proposal

Every two years, the Neighborhood Councils throughout Los Angeles host elections for members of the community to run for open seats as well as vote for the members of their community to represent them as board members.

Board seats are for four-year terms with no limits to how many times an individual can run. The election will take place at the annual SoRo Festival on Sunday, June 5, 2016.

The following rough costs are to outreach for candidates as well as voters. It is important that we employ as many outreach opportunities to find quality candidates willing to put in the time and energy needed to serve their community. The total includes \$1000 for online advertising from the separate budget Outreach line item.

2016 Election Motion Item	Cost
Candidate recruitment event(s)	\$ 100
Election day food for poll workers	\$ 300
Advertising (Facebook, etc.) for candidates and voters	\$ 1,300
Venue costs (tent, tarp)	\$ 400
Printing - toner/paper for flyers, handouts, etc.	\$ 400
Day-of-Election Signs for SoRo Fest	\$ 500
Yard Signs To be placed throughout the community to outreach to candidates as well as voters	\$ 1,500
	\$ 4,500

In order to ensure that all of our election expenses can be paid in a timely manner we are recommending that we increase our expenditures on the P-card this quarter by \$4,500.

Proposed Motion

- I. To approve the 2016 Election budget of \$4,500 to be used for outreach for candidates and voters as well as for day-of election costs.
- II. To increase the amount on the P-card expenditures for this quarter by \$4,500 to cover all expenses for the 2016 elections.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For:

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$4500
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Elections are an important task performed every two years to ensure new voices from quality candidates are added to the work we do in the community.

We as a board have voted to spend \$3,500 on our elections. This motion just provides more detail as we head in to the election cycle.

Arguments against:

Election costs are almost 10% of our total annual allocation and perhaps the money could be spent in a way that stakeholders feel would benefit the entire community.

Sample Motion from 2016 NC Election