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Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates ~~et al.~~ Communication from  
Neighborhood Council  
Budget Advocates

**General Fund Revenue Producing Ideas etc.**

**Other Cities, States, Nations**

- Congestion Fee for selected areas of the City during rush hours – utilize license plate reader, auto pay for a reduced charge (London)
- A Non-Resident Tax for secondary residences (New York City)
- Sin taxes: cigarettes, recreational Marijuana (Denver), medicinal Marijuana (California, cities, counties), sugar, sodas (San Francisco, Philadelphia, many nations), coffee (Pennsylvania)
- Naming rights for selected City assets (many)
- Voluntary Paramedic Assessment Fee/Emergency Medical Assessment Fee - Insurance Policies (Emergency Medical Services Membership Program - Burbank, Corona)

**Reimbursement for Services Provided**

- Fee policy for EMT and Ambulance services
- Reimbursement of expenses related to the Northridge EQ from the state and federal governments including project costs to reimburse DWP, Public Works trust fund, special funds, Sanitation, Rec&Parks
- Illegal dumping fines – raise to County levels
- Bi-annual departmental fee review to assure full cost recovery for services provided
- Overhead charges for non-General Fund Departments
- Quality of life violations (paving front yards, over height fences, etc.); fines for violations to cover the expense of additional code enforcement officers in HCIDLA and Building & Safety Departments.

**Development/Planning Related**

- Linkage Fee – applied to new market rate development over 10,000 square feet in a non-residential building, 6 or more units, with specific exclusions; proposed fee of \$5 per square foot commercial and \$1 per square foot residential to fund construction of new affordable housing or permanent supportive housing or for rehabilitation and preservation of existing affordable units.
- Alternative revenue sources for Affordable Housing Trust Fund -Los Angeles is the only large city in the nation that does not have its own local source for permanent funding of affordable housing. Linkage fee could provide that revenue source.
- Development Impact Fee for sharing the costs of thoroughfare improvements (bridges, medians, public right of way, etc.) tied to capital improvement programs and based on cumulative impacts of pending and recently approved projects.
- Surplus land leases to qualified developers – In progress
- Planning Department fee increases to fund the update of the General Plan and Community Plans

- Short term rentals – Study and weigh hidden costs of (1) the quality of life in our neighborhoods, (2) supporting an economy where providers of services do not pay into Social Security, Medicare, Workmen’s Compensation, etc. (3) replacing converted RSO units and removing affordable housing from existing housing stock.

#### **Accounting Related**

- Discretionary Fund money available to Council Districts to be returned to the General Fund
- Incentives for early payment of fines and taxes
- Voluntary contributions to City Departments (Library, Rec and Parks, etc.) via property tax bill
- Inspector General will modify accounting procedures re vacant positions to allow for increased revenue from state and federal sources

#### **Additional**

- Solar energy units on rooftops and vacant land for income from DWP and other providers
- Franchise fee for ride-sharing services in line with current taxi fees
- Billboard tax – In progress