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Brief Summary: WHEAREAS the City Controller, the Commission of Revenue Enhancement (CORE), the Inspector General and the NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET ADVOCATES have already reviewed and estimated the presence of tens of millions or many hundreds or millions of uncollected dollars

West Hills Neighborhood Council recommends that the new City Controller continue to investigate the collection process and the costs and benefits of a Centralized Collection System.

Additional Information: Documentation and description of the parameters of their findings may be found in:

1. The City Controller estimated 271 million in old Accounts Receivable (AR).
2. The CORE estimated \$ 451 million in old AR.
3. The Inspector General estimated \$ 79 million in current AR and \$ 10 to \$ 20 million in increased collections, each year.
4. The NC Budget Advocates found ways to increase collections by over \$ 100 million per year



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**FINAL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 13, 2013**

**Shomrei Torah Synagogue, Hirsch Hall**  
**7353 Valley Circle Boulevard, West Hills, CA 91304**

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Eric Augusztiny, Solomon Bash, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Robert Brostoff, Margerhy Brown, Michael Castro, Carolyn Greenwood, John Hogue, Ruwan Kotuwelle, Elliot Maggin, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert (arrived late), Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Daniel Wiseman, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Ed Young and Jacquie Young

**Absent:** Bonnie Klea, Franchon Lyons and Walter Perfect

Government Relations: Government Relations Co-Chair Dr. Daniel Wiseman advised that there are nine items on the Budget Advocates' white paper that he is bringing before the Board. Dr. Wiseman spoke about the NCs' budgets being reduced again and that the councils would have to pay the City Clerk for their elections. Dr. Wiseman also spoke about how reductions of DONE's budget has harmed its ability to assist the NCs. He moved that the Board vote on three of the Budget Advocates recommendations:

- 1 – Restoration of the annual allocation of all 95 NCs to \$50,000 per year. Motion passed (21) (1) (0)
- 2 – Support funds necessary to hold the all scheduled NC elections in 2014. Motion passed (22) (0) (0)
- 3 – Acceptance of the DONE Budget as proposed by GM Crayce Liu. Motion passed (20) (0) (2)

Due to time constraints, Dr. Wiseman made only one additional motion, regarding the proposal that the City centralize the billing of all departments. Dr. Wiseman moved that we “recommend that the new City Controller continue to investigate the collection process and the costs and benefits of a centralized collection system for the City of Los Angeles.” Motion passed (2) (0) (2).

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