



Budget Update

What's a Strong Budget?

\$485 million or more in choices that don't cut parks, neighborhood services and the city workers who provide them.

We have solutions that add up to real money and concrete recommendations to the city council to adopt our budget—not the mayor's. These are conservative numbers based on SEIU's research:

1. **\$106 million in collectible debt** owed the city (total debt \$447 million)
2. **\$40 million from bringing engineering and tree-trimming contracts in-house** and demanding tough oversight and review
3. **\$24 million from implementing 10% cuts on contractors**
4. **\$97.3 million from banks**—canceling toxic debt and making banks pay their fair share on foreclosed properties
5. **\$285 million from full implementation of the "Better Way for LA" agreement**

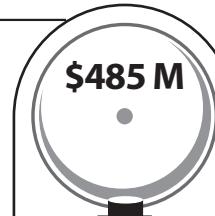


"We know our city better than the consultants who cost taxpayers millions every year. We know every sewer line, every utility line."

– Environmental Engineering Associate II Nady Maechling

A Strong Budget for LA

Total Identified Savings: \$552.3 M



What are the Building Blocks to a Strong Budget?

- Trim expensive outsourcing of services
- Collect the millions owed by deadbeat debtors
- Implement city worker solutions including early retirement
- Make smart finance fixes
- Demand big banks cancel toxic lending deals
- Cut public safety costs



LA City Workers Must Lead the Way to a Strong Budget

We must keep the heat on to get the real work done: a strong budget that will keep us working and city services running.

What it will take to make that happen:

- **Public action:** Like our mayor’s mansion red carpet, putting the boot on Prestige parking, and our “Price is Wrong” contracting action
- **Meetings with City Council:** Councilmembers listen to city workers
- **Going door to door** in Los Angeles neighborhoods talking to concerned residents and business owners
- **Visiting parks and recreation centers** to let the public know what they could lose
- **Talking to Neighborhood Councils** about our strong budget

This fiscal crisis is real. We know we’ve done our part by deferring raises and approving ERIP when we voted for a Better Way for LA last year. But the City Council isn’t going to stand up to the Mayor without us.



“At the downtown art walk I told gallery owners, artists and patrons that the street services, sanitation and cultural affairs workers who made the event possible were getting laid off, and they didn’t like that. Many of them signed my petition to city council opposing the layoffs. It was empowering.”

--Recycling Engineer Gerald Harris

It’s Time to Act!

Can your co-workers count on you to help?

“After my testimony to City Council about why furloughs make things worse, Councilmember Rosendahl immediately pulled me out of the audience. He wants to see this issue resolved as soon as possible and will assist any way he can.”
– Transportation Engineer Michael Hunt

Contact your Bargaining Team member, Steward or Worksite Organizer. Or call the Member Action Center at (877) 721-4YOU [4968] to fight for a strong budget without cuts.

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April 20: Deadline for Mayor to release his budget

April-May: City Council budget deliberations start

May-June: City Council votes to approve new budget

June 1: Deadline for City Council to adopt new budget

