



A coalition led by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles

The People’s Participatory Budget Pledge

Participatory budgeting is essential to democratic governance and especially important to centering those communities that have been historically marginalized and disenfranchised. Voter suppression, lack of grassroots community outreach and mobilization, and distrust of government have all contributed to a lack of racial equity in local and state budgeting processes. This has only been compounded by the failure of elected officials to effectively outreach to their constituents, further demonstrating their inability to connect with community members and grassroots leaders. The people know what their communities need most. Any budgeting process must be led by the people.

By taking this pledge, I commit to holding a participatory budgeting process each budget cycle I hold elected office. To the best of my ability — and within my relevant sphere of influence — I pledge to:

- *Hold at least one participatory budgeting session per budget cycle*
- *Empower constituent input to meaningfully impact how public money is spent*
- *Prioritize the voices and needs of underserved people, specifically BIPOC communities*

The People’s Participatory Budget Pledge is authored by The People’s Budget LA, a coalition convened by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. The coalition includes community organizations, faith leaders, parents, teachers, students, nonprofit leaders, and individuals from across Los Angeles. If you need guidance, please reach out at people@peoplesbudgetla.com.

Agreed to by:

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Candidate For: _____ (Office/District)

Date: _____

To Sign The Pledge:

Email your signed copy of the pledge to people@peoplesbudgetla.com. Emails must come from the official campaign web domain. If you do not have a website, please include a photo of the candidate signing the pledge. Once received, we will add your name to our website. This is not an endorsement. People’s Budget LA Coalition does not endorse candidates. This is simply a public acknowledgment that you have signed this pledge. Share your pledge photos on social media using #PeoplesBudgetLA and #ParticipatoryBudgetPledge