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CALIFORNIA

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**Arleta Neighborhood Council**

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Arleta, CA 91331  
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**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)**  
**- General Board Meeting Agenda – Approved**  
**Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Location of meeting:** Osborne Neighborhood Church, Fellowship Hall,  
13501 Osborne St., Arleta, CA 91331

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- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. President's Report**
- III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept.,**
- IV. General Public Comments** on Items **Not Listed on Agenda** - California State Law (the Brown Act) requires PUBLIC COMMENT to be a **NON-DISCUSSION PERIOD (Two minutes /per Speaker)**.  
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**Board Business**

- I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **General Board meeting of July 15, 2025** .**  
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)
- II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of outstanding monthly **financial documents** prepared by the Treasurer, including July 2025 MER's report.**  
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)
- III. • Reports from **Representatives : CD-6 City Councilmember, Imelda Padilla's office.****  
**from other City, County or State Agencies.**  
**• Report from **Budget Advocates.****
- IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to **fill the following open ANC Board positions:****
  - A.) **Renter Representative**** (1) - *(this seat will be up for election in 2027.)*
  - B.) **Alternate Representative**** - (1) - At Large Rep. (for a total of 3)
- V. a. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to create an **ANC Bylaws Committee****  
**b. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to appoint a **Chair** to the **ANC Bylaws Committee.****
- VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available **ANC Committee Seats:****
  - A.) - **ANC Bylaws Committee**** Members
  - B.) - **Outreach Committee**** Members
  - C.) - **Community Improvement Committee**** Members
  - D.) - **Animal Welfare Committee**** Members

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## VII. Committee Reports

## VIII. Announcements:

- Note: "Congress of Neighborhoods" is an event held at City Hall, Currently planned for a date in September. Board members, consider attending this event..
- Other announcements –

## IX. Adjournment

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**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)**  
**- General Board Meeting MINUTES – Approved**  
**Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Location of meeting:** Osborne Neighborhood Church, Fellowship Hall,  
13501 Osborne St., Arleta, CA 91331

- I. Called to Order** by Board President, Ray Duran at 6:38 pm,  
**Roll Call,**  
**Present:** Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos Gary Gallon, Dave Hunt,  
Jose Pumay, Robert Yaffe, Christianna Hartwell arrived at 6:58 p.m. (we have quorum)  
**Absent:** Moises Bazan, “Jeo” Escobar, Stelian Martinez, Ronald Pacheco.  
**Pledge of Allegiance led by** Burton Hunter
- II. President’s Report** Congratulations to those who won the NC election. This is the last regular Board meeting of this NC fiscal year. With disruptions in our city, lets work together to benefit our city; perhaps by joining a Neighborhood Watch group.
- III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept.**  
*- None available -*
- IV. General Public Comments** on Items **Not Listed on Agenda** - California State Law (the Brown Act) requires PUBLIC COMMENT to be a **NON-DISCUSSION PERIOD (Two minutes /per Speaker)**.  
( - none at this point of the meeting.) **Ricardo Benitez** (was given opportunity to give General Public comment later in the meeting) He is from Sylmar. He commented about some issues in Sylmar and how they relate to us in Arleta. He announced that the will be running for the State Assembly for this 43<sup>rd</sup> District. He is mindful that we are in need to change legislation.

**Board Business**

- I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **General Board meeting of May 20, 2025** .**  
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)  
Motioned by – Jaime Gallo 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Gary Gallon  
The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 5 absent.  
*- No questions or discussion -*
- II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved.**  
**May 2025 ANC M.E.R.s** , (monthly expenditure reports)  
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)  
Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Jaime Gallo  
The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 5 absent.  
*- Jesse explained the MERS amounts.*
- III. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve the **ANC 2025-2026 Budget** , (for any changes necessary or if City Clerk’s NC allotment has changed, based on the approved L.A. City ’25-’26 Budget.)**  
Motioned by – Burton Hunter 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Jaime Gallo  
The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 5 absent.  
*Board Member Christianna Hartwell arrived -*
- IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on recommendations to the ANC Board regarding sending a **Community Impact Statement (CIS)** on **Council file: 20-1376-S5**, Traci Park’s and Imelda Padilla’s motion that supports changes to LA Municipal Code 41.18 – regarding obstruction of public sidewalks and other designated public right of way spaces.**  
Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Gary Gallon  
The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 4 absent.

Discussion on Item 4 – CIS:

**Jesse Ramos** is in favor of sending a letter Supporting this Council file; however, in our CIS we state our wishes to for the City Council to remove Section D.

**Ray Duran** – comments concerning the Mayor’s suggestion for residents and NC’s to do the clean-up.

**Dave Hunt** – Anyone can submit individual letters to the city officials. Let’s stand together.

**Ricardo Benitez** – He said that Monica Rodriguez is doing a good job in Sylmar. RV’s moved. Change some legislation.

**Ray Duran** – Need to enforce the laws – instead of putting short-term band aids on problems.

**Marcella Quintanilla**– regarding CD-7’s progress with moving RV’s–Those are now moving to Arleta!

Her motive is executing encampment “clean-ups” to get people inside, and off the streets. Neighboring Council Districts should be working together for solutions; not by making problems for neighbors.

**Dave Hunt, Robert Yaffe, Jaime Gallo**

*(General Public Comment from **Ricardo Benitez** was inserted here. See item 4 in section 1 of minutes)*

V. Reports from **Representatives** :

● **CD-6 City Councilmember, Imelda Padilla’s office.**

**Marcella Quintanilla** - Osborne & Woodman (der Wienerschnitzel property): They spoke to owner; The vacant property will get fenced-in. MY LA-311 app – She acknowledged experiencing lots of problems with it herself. Others have complained. This is a brand new system, not reworking the old one. Testing the weaknesses and working the “kinks” out. L.A.’s Mayor has a new Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement. They will definitely be addressing this issue,

**Loyce, Ray** – regarding illegal parking. **Jaime Gallo, Robert Yaffe, Jesse Ramos.**

**Marcella** – The police will be back on to a regular schedule next week.

The “Welcome To Arleta” sign: They would like to have our Community Improvement Committee people support their office’s efforts and work with them to push this and to help set-up an installation date & advertise to make it a well-attended community event.

**Jaime Gallo, Loyce** – The sign is at Graffiti Busters. Make an appointment to see it. Suggest perhaps inviting Tony Cardenas to the installation event (since he, as a Congressman initiated this sign replacement).

● **from other City, County or State Agencies.**

**Marisol Sanchez** Field Rep for– **State Assembly District 43** (Celeste Rodriguez) State Farm and other insurance companies being investigated regarding wild fire payments.

Regarding ICE raids, she suggested putting up signage in doorways of businesses to keep ICE officers out. The “Rapid Response Network” hotline # is (888) 624-4762. They are trained to recognize ICE officers.

re: Homelessness – in CD-7 (Monica Rodriguez’s district of Sylmar) As the gentleman said earlier, they had RV’s move out of an area heavily congested with them. They then installed brightly-colored K-Rails along that street to keep them from coming back.

**Marcela Quintanilla** responded that she knows that those RV’s just got told to leave, but now they have come into Arleta. The K-Rail installation was for the sake of providing bicycle lanes along that route.

Comments from **Christianna H., Robert Yaffe, Ray Duran** – “Lawbreakers – If elected politicians and officials on all state, county & city levels don’t believe in following the law – (then nothing will get a long-term resolve). **Jesse R.**, State has control in lots of areas. Please ask the Assembly woman to advocate for state take-over of mental health control and of homeless issues.

**Burton H., Jose Pumay**- It was good here until 1960’s, 70’s & 80’s. After that political policies began to decline. Lawlessness is now prevalent here.

**Loyce** – commented on increases in gas tax. State pushing for electrical cars with not enough infrastructure to charge them. Plus a “Low Carbon Tax”! Also – “stop the train!”

**Jaime Gallo** – He came here as an immigrant himself to create a better life. Left his country because there, the laws were not respected. Now again here – the laws are not being enforced.

**Marisol Sanchez** – Reiterated topics from her notes and asked if the whole Board was in agreement that these topics should be brought up to our Assembly woman. We agreed.

- Report from **Budget Advocates.** – none -

**VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve to fill the following open ANC Board positions:**  
 A.) **Renter Representative** (1) - *(this seat will be up for election in 2027.)*  
 B.) **Alternate Representatives** - (1) - At Large Rep. (for a total of 3) ALT-3 of 3  
 – none -

**VII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available ANC Committee Seats:**  
 A.) **Outreach Committee** - Members  
 B.) **Community Improvement Committee** - Members  
 C.) **Animal Welfare Committee** - Members  
 – none -

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**Jesse R., (CIC), .**

**Robert Yaffe** (Outreach)– a question from him prompted the report from Christianna.

**Christianna** (Animal Welfare)- We had a booth at the Woodley Park Pet Fair. It went well. We are looking at August or September (after it cools down) for holding a Pet Fair here in Arleta

**IX. Announcements:**

- **“Budget Day”** at downtown City Hall is this coming **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** .  
**Breakfast 7:30 – 8:45 am; Program 9:00 am – 12:30 pm**, downtown at Los Angeles City Hall Council Chambers – If you wish to attend, please register for this event via Eventbrite at least 72 hours in advance of the event (That would be before Wednesday, TOMORROW morning). You will have the opportunity to share the concerns and issues of your neighborhood in the Regional Breakout Sessions so the Budget Advocates may bring them to the attention of city leadership. (The event is FREE, but please Register at the following Event Brite site. Paste this web address into your top browser bar, then click on **Get tickets:** )  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neighborhood-council-budget-day-2025-tickets-1362112558329?aff=oddttdtcreate=oddttdtcreate>

Note: “Congress of Neighborhoods” is a separate event held at City Hall. This event is now only in the planning stages.

- Other announcements – Dave Hunt – A Valley-wide event this coming Saturday night at Birmingham High School stadium. 2 local churches will holding programs for kids this summer – no charge. The one at this church will be 5 weekdays in July.

**X. Adjournment at \_\_8:24 p.m.\_\_**

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**- General Board Meeting Notetaking Minutes –AMENDED by NEA - draft**  
**Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Location of meeting:** Osborne Neighborhood Church, Fellowship Hall,  
13501 Osborne St., Arleta, CA 91331

**I. Welcoming remarks:**

**a.** Call to order by \_\_Raymond Duran\_ at \_6:35 p.m.\_

Flag salute led by \_\_Burton Hunter\_\_

Roll Call:

**Present:** Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, “Geo” Escobar, Dave Hunt, Robert Yaffe, Ronald Pacheco (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

**Absent:** Moises Bazan, Christianna Hartwell (out of state), Jose Pumay.

**Resigned:** Antonio “Tony” Lemos, Stelian Martinez.

**b.** Recognition of outgoing Board

Raymond: Thanks to all outgoing Board (though many are new back.)

**II. Seating of the new Arleta Neighborhood Council Board**

**BONC North S.F. Valley Commissioner Keren Waters, DONE NEA Jose Galdamez**

**a.** Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath

**administered by \_ Commissioner Keren Waters\_**

*(At this point we had not yet achieved Board Member quorum (8) so we **went to Item 7 -- →***

*--> (at 7:25 we had acquired quorum, so came back to resume from this portion of the Agenda)*

**III. Election of executive officers: This portion was led by our newly appointed NEA Jose Galdamez.**

**a.** Discussion and/or possible action to appoint **President. Any nominees?**

Motioned by – \_Burton Hunter to re-elect **Raymond Duran** to the office of **ANC President** \_ .

This motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_Jaime Gallo\_. - *No other applicants* -

The Motion \_ was **AFFIRMED unanimously** with, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ abstained.

comments from Ray Duran has been in this Valley and this community for a long time. wants to see it get better. , Burton Hunter- A good guy for this job. , and others.

**b.** Discussion and/or possible action to appoint **Vice President**

Motioned by – \_Raymond Duran to re-elect **Jaime Gallo** to the office of **ANC Vice President**\_

2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_-\_\_\_\_\_. - *No other applicants* -

The Motion \_ was **AFFIRMED unanimously** with, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ abstained

comments from Jaime Gallo – Will try to do the best for Arleta; with still a lot of work to do

**c.** Discussion and/or possible action to appoint **Secretary**

Motioned by – \_Raymond Duran to re-elect **Burton Hunter** to the office of **ANC Secretray**\_

2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_Jesse Ramos\_\_ - *No other applicants* -

The Motion \_ was **AFFIRMED unanimously** with, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ abstained

Burton Hunter – Enjoy serving the Arleta community through this Board, and thereby affect the City. It’s a lot of work; but it is worth it.

comments from Ray – Burt puts out a lot of effort. Dave Hunt – He brings things together. Jaime Gallo

Keren Waters – She was 1<sup>st</sup> introduced to ANC through Burton at VANC meetings.



**d. Discussion and/or possible action to appoint Treasurer**

Motioned by – \_Raymond Duran to re-appoint **Jesse Ramos** to the office of **ANC Treasurer**\_ .

2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_Geo Escobar\_. - *No other applicants* -

The Motion\_ **PASSED unanimously** with \_7\_ yes, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_0\_ abstained  
comments from: Jesse Ramos, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Gary Gallon.

/ (Ronald Pacheco arrived which acquired Board quorum; at 7:25 we went back to resume Board Business with Agenda Item # 3 ) →

→(We returned to this point in the Agenda at 7:42 p.m.)

**IV. Election of financial officers**

**a. Discussion and/or possible action for designation of up to two (2) Bank Card Holders**

Motioned by – \_Robert Yaffe to appoint **Jesse Ramos**, (1)

Motioned by - \_ Burton Hunter to appoint **Raymond Duran** (2) - *No other applicants* –  
Voting on both of them together

The Motion \_Passed\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_0\_ abstained

(Comment: There is a short finances class for everyone on the Board, but Financial Officers additionally have a Mandatory 2-hour financial course to complete.)

**b. Discussion and/or possible action for designation of Second Signer**

Motioned by – \_Ray to appoint **Raymond Duran**\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_Jaime Gallo\_ - *No other applicants* -

The Motion \_Passed\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_0\_ abstained

Ray – This responsibility when approval is needed of what has been documented before submission.

**c. Discussion and/or possible action for designation of Alternate Signer**

Motioned by – \_Ray to appoint **Burton Hunter**\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_ - *No other applicants* -

The Motion \_Passed\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_0\_ abstained

Robert Yaffe volunteered himself to be available for this responsibility, but withdrew his nomination when Burt was nominated by Ray Duran. (Ray explained the reason being that Burt is a logical choice, because he is usually accessible and convenient for him to do this at times when it is necessary.)

**V. Committees**

**a. Discussion and possible action to appoint a board member as Chair of the Outreach Committee**

Motioned by – \_\_\_\_\_ Geo \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_

The Motion \_Carried\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_\_\_ abstained

(**Geo Escobar** nominated by Jaime Gallo, but Geo declined the position of Chair)

**Robert Yaffe** nominated by Geo Escobar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse Ramos. **Robert ELECTED upon vote.**

**b. Discussion and possible action to appoint up to 3 board members and stakeholders to the Outreach Committee as members.**

Motioned by – \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_

The Motion \_Passed\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_\_\_ abstained

**Geo Escobar** – self-nominated. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaime Gallo.

**Ronald Pacheco** – self-nominated. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaime Gallo

**c. Discussion and possible action to appoint a board member as Chair of the Community Improvement Committee.**

Motioned by – \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_

The Nomination \_Carried\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_\_\_ abstained

**Jesse Ramos** – nominated by Ray Duran. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Hunt

d. Discussion and possible action to appoint **up to 3 board members and stakeholders to the Community Improvement Committee as members.**

Motioned by – \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominations \_\_\_ Carried \_\_\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_\_\_ abstained

**Jaime Gallo** self nominated 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Hunt

**Dave Hunt** – nominated by Jaime Gallo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Duran

e. Discussion and possible action to appoint a **board member as Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee.**

Motioned by – \_Robert Yaffe to appoint **Christianna Hartwell** as **Chair**\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_

The Nomination \_\_\_ Carried \_\_\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_\_\_ abstained

f. Discussion and possible action to appoint **up to 3 board members and stakeholders to the Animal Welfare Committee as members.**

Motioned by – \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominations \_\_\_ Carried \_\_\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_\_\_ abstained

**Christianna Hartwell** nominated by Robert Yaffe

**Robert Yaffe** self -nominated

**Loyce Lacson** – self-nominated as a Stakeholder

**Jaime Gallo** – self-nominated

## VI. **Funding Item –**

Discussion and possible action to approve the **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Administrative Budget Packet** for Arleta Neighborhood Council.

( ***This Agenda item is NOT REQUIRED. It is still covered by the vote we took in June*** ).

## VII. **Presentations:**

a. Neighborhood Council General Board **Orientation**

i. **Facilitated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment staff**

**At 7:44 p.m. Jose Galdamez**

Recommended that we complete the Survey of NC accomplishments through the year.. This is due by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NC Election Survey – Feedback** – What can be improved. How to increase candidate & voter engagement.

**National Night Out (NNO) on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Connect with neighbors.**

**Submit NC Budget Packet.** *We did this submission in June, so we're OK)*

**Reach-Out to Jose with questions & for help.**

**Pay attention to AB 467 & SB 707** pertinent to **Virtual Meetings** (applies to NC's)

SB411 is sunseting in January of 2026 so some steps need to be taken.

**Jesse Ramos** – Comments from BONC Commissioners - They may not want to be critical of the City Council, because they are beholden to them.

Burt commented.

**Q. Jaime Gallo** – Problems with Cornerstone training site. Funding – the current version is not user friendly. The whole thing can be a bit confusing.

**Q. Loyce Lacson** – Question about rollovers. **A.** ALL unspent funds DO get rolled over to this year.



**Q.** Jesse Ramos – Budget **A.** Keren Waters – BONC Commissioners did request \$37K for this year (Last year they requested restoration to \$47K) However – As of now, the NC's were set to \$25 K for this fiscal year.

She encourages us to go out and advocate for continued for City Services, so that we don't have to pay for those kinds of service out of our own NC Budget pocket.

**Keren Waters** BONC is fighting back against the City pay-outs of \$8 Million in lawsuits payments.

She is also individually pushing-back against that. (*That's a big chunk of \$, unnecessarily dolled-out.*)

Regarding the Censure and Removal Process She is chair on the Ad-Hoc Committee for that. (They are now doing things to try to streamline the ability of NC's to do this.)

July 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m – Attend if you want to be heard in North Valley for Charter Reform.

**Empower LA Awards** – to be given out at Congress of Neighborhoods. Submissions by Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Epperhart's comments on "Term Limits" & on "Removal"

Comments from **Robert Yaffee, Ray Duran, Jesse Ramos** regarding "Youth Seats"

7:25 p.m.

**VIII. Discussion and possible action to make Appointments to vacant Board Seats.**

Motioned by – \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_\_\_

The Motion \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ yes, \_\_\_\_ no, \_\_\_\_ ineligible, \_\_\_\_ absent, \_\_\_\_ abstained

- ***We'll do this at the end of the meeting*** - -

**IX. President's Report**

D.O.N.E. has re-distributed the assignments of Neighborhood Empowerment Advocates (NEA's), with their assignments consolidated into neighboring geographical areas.

**Introduction** of our newly re-appointed **NEA, Jose Galdamez.**

+**Comments from Jose Galdamez.** *This done earlier in the meeting. No other President's Reports.*

**X. • Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept.,**

- (None present) -

**• Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners (B.O.N.C.), North Valley – Keren Waters**

*(She introduced herself and made her comments at the beginning of the meeting & other comments during See notes under Board Business, Item # VII - Presentation.)*

**XI. General Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda - California State Law (the Brown Act)** requires PUBLIC COMMENT to be a **NON-DISCUSSION PERIOD (Two minutes /per Speaker).**

*Please fill out a Speaker Card and submit it to the Chair of the meeting. You will be called in order.*

[ *allowed to speak now, so questions can be asked of this METRO rep during this time:* **METRO – Raymond Acevedo** A Community Meeting will be the Community Leadership Council will be at Church On The Way, Cornerstone building

**Q. Jesse Ramos** – Is a parking study being conducted?

**A.** – A separate parking study meeting is being held.

Construction completion anticipated to be in 2031.

(Now GPC begins – as a Non-Discussion Period)

**Matthew Vasquez** – Light poles on the street (Terra Bella to Osborne) 30 street lights are out. Reported in April, but still out. He also reported what looks to be a theft of electricity.

**Dave Hunt** – AB-84 Regarding Charter Schools. It's a power-grab by the state. Parents should be able to choose alternate schooling. Contact your State Senator and State Representatives.

SB 549 (or 547?) – Pressing to build low income / affordable housing in wild fire burned-out areas This long "waiting game" on issuing re-building permits for burned-out residents is a tactic to get them to sell to these developers. Contact you Assembly and State Senators.

**Loyce Lacson** – "Coffee With A Cop" Fliers on the table. 9:00 – 10:30 am

**Jesse Ramos** – Oppose Senate Bill 79 – Allows building of multi-housing units (without providing parking) within ½ mile of transit routes

**Marcella Quintanilla** – She DID receive feedback from some on CF. 25-0436 – the proposal to develop public space along Canterbury: What they want is a bicycle path and walking path (they prefer NOT to make it “Open Spaces”). Asking nurseries along that corridor to trim back shrub growth that extends out over the walking space.

The stretch they are talking about on Canterbury is all the way from Filmore (at settling ponds) to Tonopah on the south, (adjacent to that wash) (the whole stretch)

East San Fernando Valley Dept. of METRO Transit is seeking to review/ apply to taking over the beautification adjacent to the METRO route.

Street Lighting repair – is back-logged 8 months

**Burton Hunter** commented that he heard a report that the City is not hiring nor training enough electricians to go out and do these jobs. Report said that home owners and businesses who have Solar Panel systems installed cannot even get the required City Electricians to come out and turn on the features of their already-installed Solar systems which allow them to sell excess generated electricity back to the power grid.

**Keren Waters** – Can they find who the buyers of the copper wire are and fine them?

**Dave Hunt** – Incentivize former buyers of copper wire by asking them to work with law enforcement to target the thieves who are trying to sell it to them.

**Ray Duran** – This is a huge, hidden “Black Market” business.

## **Board Business**

### **I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **General Board meeting of June 17, 2025** .**

(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

Motioned by – \_\_\_Robert Yaffe+\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_Jaime Gallo\_\_\_

The Motion **Carried** with \_7\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_\_\_abstained  
- no discussion -

### **II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of outstanding monthly **Financial Documents** prepared by the Treasurer.**

(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

Motioned by – \_\_\_Burton Hunter\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_Robert Yaffe\_\_\_

The Motion **Carried** with \_7\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_3\_ absent, \_\_\_abstained

**Jesse Ramos** – Balance given, We will update our budget when the roll-over finally occurs.

### **III. Possible Motion/Discussion and possible recommendations from the ANC Board regarding the **Department of Water and Power parcels along Canterbury Avenue** and their proposed conversion to a public park(s) and “open space”. **Council File 25-0746** - Relative to the impact on Arleta neighborhoods.**

Motioned by – \_\_\_Burton Hunter\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_Dave Hunt\_\_\_

The Motion **(not for a vote)** with \_\_\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_\_\_ absent, \_\_\_abstained

If we have “open space” or park space under power wires; There is possible problems with electromagnetic output from the wires into a space where you are encouraging people to gather; somebody will eventually sue the City. The bigger problem is, the way it has been with the City not dealing with controlling homeless encampments, they’ll begin to go to this cleared area and start growing encampments there. Until the City controls it, then I’m afraid that what will happen is that this city-wide problem will grow out of control. It will no longer be an issue several blocks away; It will have invited the problem to be right next door. Also vendors moving in & claiming the territory.

**Marcella Comment** – What they are wanting to mainly do is to ask the tenants on these properties (nurseries & gardens) to maintain these routes better & more often.

**Ray** – Under DWP Power lines – Others can lease this property for use (& bring income to the City)

**Jaime** – He heard on TV, that Imelda (our Council Representative) is proposing this, but she didn't come to ANC first to mention the project nor to discuss any preferences or concerns about the proposal.

**Marcella** – They are not thinking of any “open space” under the power lines , but only a re-done walk and bikeway that is a pleasant space. “What does the community want to see?” is the conversation we want to have with you.

**Ray** – **The major concern is enforcement** to keep it from becoming a problem within our community ( by maintaining it as a safe and pleasant addition.)

**Q.) Dave Hunt** – Who are you dealing with under the transmission lines?

**A).** DWP is maintaining the whole of the property on 2x /per year.

**Jesse Ramos** – He doesn't trust the City of LA (nor certain stakeholders who consistently disobey the law with fireworks. They're lawless)

Build Beautification – but enforce homelessness / street vendors, and build a nice, sturdy fence.

**IV.** Possible Motion/Discussion and possible recommendations to the ANC Board regarding **illegal fireworks** and the enforcement of both state and local penalties -Relative to amending **Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 57.5608.1.2** or related municipal code on the subject.

Motioned by – \_\_\_Jaime Gallo\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_Jesse Ramos\_\_\_

The Motion \_\_\_-(**Not for a Vote**)-\_\_\_with \_\_\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_\_\_ absent, \_\_\_abstained

**Jesse Ramos** – No mention of monetary penalty for possession of or lighting up fireworks in the City's Municipal Code. The State has some; but minimal consequences.

**Loyce Lacson** – Individuals should be writing a letter to our Council Woman about this. Possibly offer reward incentive to those who turn-in violators. Disgusting how this issue is not being addressed.

**Jaime Gallo** – Police can't enforce without seeing the violation themselves. We need to have enforcement of the law. Things have to change.

**Dave Hunt** – Comment about representative having left the meeting.

**JoAnn Gallon** – In Riverside they are using drones to document crimes and to issue tickets.

**V.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on recommendations to the ANC Board regarding sending a **Community Impact Statement (CIS)** on **City Council Motion 15-0989-S47**. This motion lifts city permits, oversight and requirements for “Olympic-related” development projects.

(At our Board meeting, a copy of the proposed CIS is available to view at the check-in table.)

Motioned by – \_\_\_Jaime Gallo\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_Burton Hunter\_\_\_

The Motion **Passed** with 7 yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, 3 absent, \_\_\_abstained

**Burt** commented. allowing unfettered building with no oversight. If once allowed, this won't stop when the Olympics are over.

**Jaime Gallo** – This City is notorious for allowing reckless building.

**Jesse Ramos** – Move to strike the words “affordable housing & public transit” from the text of this CIS.

**Keren Waters** – Work with John Lee to address this. Council person or Legislative Representative are the ones who get Council Files. She encourages us to implore higher ranking officials to stand with us.: we need the more powerful voices in order to get our issues heard..

**Ray** – CD-12 is big & wealthy.

**Keren** – re-iterated her reply & made further comments on this discussion.

**VI.** Possible Motion/ Discussion/ Vote to approve a grant of **\$2000. to Happy House**. This will assist in providing supplies for this special program that provides **free classes & tutoring** for the youth program at Mission Station.

Motioned by – \_\_\_Jaime Gallo\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_Jesse Ramos\_\_\_

The Motion **Passed** with 6 yes, 1 no, \_\_\_ ineligible, 3 absent, \_\_\_abstained

Comments from **Loyce, Burt, Robert Yaffe**



**XII. ~~Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available ANC Committee Seats:~~**

- ~~A.) Outreach Committee~~ ~~Members~~
- ~~B.) Community Improvement Committee~~ ~~Members~~
- ~~C.) Animal Welfare Committee~~ ~~Members~~

*(This item was covered in section 6 of special opening Business)*

**XIII. Committee Reports**

**CIC – Jaime Gallo** – Graffiti Busters official reported to him on the Arleta Gateway sign. Paperwork was brought; now working on plans with Building & Safety. Construction costs have gone up. Mr. Cassado (or Castano?) was contacted. He mentioned installed boulders are now part of the design (to prevent homeless from gathering). May cost more.

**Loyce** – Call Graffiti Busters and make an appointment to go see the sign.

**XIV. Announcements:**

- Note: “Congress of Neighborhoods” is an annual NC event held at City Hall. It is currently planned for a date in September. This event is now only in the planning stages.

- Other announcements –

**Dave Hunt** – This church is holding a free children’s program the following week:,M.-F., July 21-25, . 9am – 12:30 p.m. You can tell from some of the decorations.

**XV. Adjournment at 9:49 p.m.**

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