



## ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Arleta Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

President Raymond Duran called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance** – led by President Raymond Duran.

**Roll Call: Board Members Present:** Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Margaret Shoemaker, Loyce Lacson, Jose Pumay, Gary Gallon, Jesse Ramos, Burton Hunter, Joshua Duran, Jesse Torres, Mary Oberg, Jesus Torres (arrived 7:23 p.m.). Kenneth Nguyen (arrived 7:30 p.m.)  
**Board Members Absent Excused:** Barbara Berumen, Adrian Carrillo.

President Raymond Duran welcomed all attendees. City, State, and County representatives will be speaking under Public Comment. He asked everyone to keep their comments to two minutes.

**III. General Public Comment** – Alex Garcia spoke on behalf of Council District 6 – he provided updates for the community and stated that the budget cuts to L.A.P.D. are not in response to the civil unrest “Black Lives Matters.” He said that Councilwoman Martinez and Herb Wesson introduced a motion to provide unarmed response to “non-violent” calls. Instead of police, unarmed trained professionals will be responding to these calls.

Art Garcia spoke on behalf of State Assembly District 39 – he stated that the number of COVID-19 cases in Arleta is 351. He said they are still serving constituents and offered assistance to anyone finding it difficult in getting through to E.D.D. He stated that the Department of Motor Vehicles (D.M.V.) is open now for appointments. He added that the D.M.V. also has a virtual office available for such services as renewing registration, renewing driver’s license, filing for non-op, etc.

Jessica Orellano spoke on behalf of County Supervisor Kuehl – she announced a free drive-through food distribution at El Cariso Park in Sylmar and free food for children under the age of

18 at County libraries. She encouraged everyone to complete the Census and spoke about the Public Health Department checking on compliance from restaurants.

Gibson Nyambura (Empower L.A.) spoke about ZOOM meetings and how Empower L.A. is working to improve the meeting experience.

Stakeholders for a Fire Works Free L.A. spoke about concerns about illegal fireworks in our community. Fireworks are illegal yet are being set off every night affecting people with P.T.S.D., terrifying animals, and disturbing the peace for many of our community members. There is a petition on the website fireworksfreeela.com. and everyone is encouraged to sign it. The petition is also on “NEXT DOOR.”

Stakeholders expressed concern about the City’s plan to defund the police. One stakeholder said he would like to see a Town Hall meeting.

Caroline Menjivar is the East Valley representative from the mayor’s office. She gave a number to report out of compliant businesses – 1-888-700-9995. She spoke about “Slow Streets L.A.” and that the Chief Housing Officer will be speaking on housing on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The mayor will be driving through Arleta on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board Business**

#### **I. ANC Minutes dated May 26, 2020.**

**Motion 1/Seconded/Carried** – Jaime Gallo – Move to approve the ANC General Board Meeting Minutes dated May 26, 2020. (Second by Loyce Lacson). The motion passed unanimously

#### **II. Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2020.**

**Motion 2/Seconded/Carried** – Mary Oberg – Move to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (M.E.R.) for the month of May 2020. (Second by Burton Hunter) The motion passed unanimously.

#### **III. ANC 2020-2021 Budget.**

**Motion 3/Seconded/Carried** – Jaime Gallo – Move to approve the **ANC 2020-2021 Budget**. (Second by Jose Pumay) The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Motion 4/Seconded/Carried** – Loyce Lacson – move to approve a **letter of opposition** to remove the Los Angeles Police from the Los Angeles Unified School District (L.A.U.S.D.). (Second by Jose Pumay). The motion passed unanimously.

President Raymond Dura responded to the Council District 6 statement that the police budget cuts were not a result of the “BLACK LIVES MATTERS” protest. He read the actual motion presented to L.A. City Council which stated that **it is in response to the civil unrest**. Alex from Council District 6 responded that he was misunderstood.

Jesse Ramos stated that City Planning will be voting on the Restaurant Beverage issue on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**XVI. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.