

Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
- General Board Meeting MINUTES – DRAFT
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 43rd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 21st** .
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.

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate & may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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