

Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
In-person General Board Meeting *DRAFT Minutes*
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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

I. Call to Order by Ray Duran at 6:43pm,

Roll Call:

Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, “Jeo” Escobar, Gary Gallon, Dave Hunt, Robert Yaffe, Christianna Hartwell (*arrived at 6:54*)

Absent: Moisis Bazan, Ronald Pacheco

Pledge of Allegiance led by Burton Hunter

II. President’s Report

Trying to recruit for our NC Board; keep it fun & we’ll get more applicants.

III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept. - none present -

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).**

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

A comment time will be provided during board business items that **are Listed on the Agenda**,

Jesse Ramos – Tell your State legislators to Vote No on **AB 2624** (“Stop Nick Shirley Act”). Please vote **NO** on this bill. Squashes freedom of speech by intimidation.

Also **No on Senate Bill 560** Changes the level of punishable fraud in Welfare, Public Institutions and public Social Services from current fraud limit set if over \$950. to set a new limit of \$25,000 before this kind of fraud can be prosecuted as a crime.

Loyce L. Ballot for street light assessment **\$156 /year** added **tax to maintain street lighting** for one single-family home. (Higher property tax that will probably also get raised annually, once it initially gets approved.)

[please note: the very next day church received a ballot and notification for \$823.67 added annual fee just for this street lighting maintenance service.]

Burton Hunter – To reiterate: to encourage your representatives to **vote NO on AB 2624** (nicknamed: “Stop Nick Shirley Act”) It is an intimidation to prevent “whistle-blowers” from openly exposing fraud.

Also, A federal Americans With Disabilities Act ADA requirement issued in 2024 for government entities to come into compliance by the end of April 2026 was JUST revealed to us 2 weeks ago by the LA City ADA Compliance Officer. This would have left us (now only) 6 days to come into compliance. This has to do with added website and on-line ADA accessibility rules. Our North Valley **BONC** (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) representative, **Keren Waters** represented

BONC and NC's by protesting heavily against this short-notice by our City ADA Officer. Also, they provided no instructions on what to do to implement these new rules. Due to her intervention the deadline has now been extended to April of 2027.

Dave Hunt – Reinterate No on AB 2624. Contact. State Assembly member and Senate member.

AB 2017 – To Create a state holiday for celebrating the end of Ramadan. Vote No on this bill.

For political action groups at local level – Check out “Flashpoint Charter” to be more involved on a local level. See Dave for more info.

David Van Deventer – The National Health Foundation Recuperative Care Center at Woodman & Nordhoff – helped him as an interim housing system. Stability has been created for him in this program. Helped him to realign his moral compass. Terminated his probation here in LA County through help from this facility. It's an on-going support system. Has given him structure in his life.

Audrey Banks – “Vote Adam Miller for Mayor” campaign. Adam has been a non-profit leader in the area. Very involved at various levels. Main message is we have we have an innovative way to address the homelessness crisis here in LA. Automate LAPD administrative services, so that additional officers can be out on the street. This will create better public safety.

Board Business

- I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the ANC Minutes for the prior Regular, General Board meeting of March 17, 2026.**
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in-table.)
Motioned by – Gary Gallon 2nd by – Jaime Gallo
The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 1 abstained
Discussion: -none-
- II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of outstanding monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer, including March 2026 MER's reports.**
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in-table.)
Motioned by – Jesse Ramos 2nd by – Robert Yaffe
The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained
Discussion:
Jesse: Fiscal year ends July 1. Our balance should carry us through the end of this fiscal year.
- III. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to spend up to \$300 to put-on a local Dog Walk / ANC outreach event, Saturday, June 20th at a local park (exact location pending where we can reserve a park space).**
Motioned by – Christianna Hartwell 2nd by – Jaime Gallo
The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained
Discussion: Raymond Duran Idea came up recently with another NC having one in the South Valley.
Plan for this now – build on this. Motivate people. If need more, additional funding, we'll have to get more approval.
Christianna – What \$300 to be spent on? Maybe provide a T-shirt?
Jesse Ramos – We have some outreach items on hand.
Savanna -Stakeholder, Post it on line and fliers. Ideas for the making the event more interesting.

Raymond – Motion to amend this vote for up to \$500., 2nd by Christianna H. Just to make sure we can get this done without holding a special meeting. We don't have to spend it all, but have it pre- approved it if needed..

Dave hunt – suggest stick with \$300.

M: Christianna 2nd: Jaime Gallo Motion to raise to \$500. Passed. 8 Yes, 2 Absent.

The original Motion to hold the event Passed. 8 Yes, 2 Absent.

IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to grant a request of up to \$1,500 for Happy House (the school tutoring program for student Cadets from Mission Division Police Division.)

Motioned by – Burton Hunter 2nd by – Robert Yaffee

The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 1 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion:

Loyce: Happy House is a program to tutor the cadets at Mission Station in their regular school work. Lady who volunteers to do the tutoring has had really good improvement on testing at schools. Brought up the kids' grade levels. We've supported this program before. 2 previous cadets who have become LAPD programs. Cadet program is open to all kids. The Cadet program puts out really respectful kids; willing to pitch-in and help.

Dave Hunt: Is this an after-school event for the tutoring? A.) Yes

Geovani – Not same group that we're sponsoring with other donations?. What about the 5K Foot Pursuit Run? Does this amount to "double-dipping" into our ANC resources?

A.) No. Other donations we make go to support the working of the Mission Div. Cadet program.

This is an entirely different entity that helps tutor the kids to improve in their regular school work.

Jesse Ramos - Yes we can do this within our budget.

V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to re-approve printing the re-designed Arleta Neighborhood Council outreach flier in a bi-lingual format.

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2nd by – Jaime Gallo

The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion: **Ray Duran: Amend this motion to reflect – "spending up to \$4,000".** Will serve 2 purposes. Outreach and with helpful tips to the whole community.

Robert Yaffee prefers the refrigerator magnets over a big flier.

Refrigerator magnets only go to those who come to events. Item is going to be a postcard format that we can distribute to the whole community..

Loyce – We don't currently know if any remaining NC funds will be rolled-over into our next budget..

Ray Duran - Might as well spend it now for something that will serve as a net-benefit to reach out to our community.

Jaime Gallo – We should try to help this community as much as we can. If we can help the community to know how to be involved to report issues themselves, we should try to help with that every opportunity we can get. Helps them feel like they are contributing more to our community life.

Comment: Bi-lingual? we have many ethnic populations represented here.

Christianna –We have a large population of Hispanic in this community, so bilingual in Spanish as well as English is a good choice.

VI. ● Reports from **Representatives: CD-6 City Councilmember – Imelda Padilla’s office. (10 minutes)** - no CD-6 representative present [Marcella emailed that she is sick]- From the **Office of the Mayor, Karen Bass - Genesis Discua** genesis.discua@lacity.org Genesis is the new Mayor’s rep in this area. Covers 12 NC’s (2 Council Districts). A New, first draft of the Mayor’s proposed budget has been posted. Public Comment on Budget is going to ONLY be open to “in-person-” comment. NC budgets are the same as last year. It is difficult to see the big picture of what is happening in the city
 A Street light initiative. Been losing entertainment business to other states (see Pilot Program). Housing has been sped-up Waving fees and reducing waiting times for permits.
 Homicides in LA down. Programs to increase police force.
 Hired more mental health intervention services employees.
 Homeless population has been brought down by 18%.
 LAUSD teachers strike averted.
 Street lights – initiative for 60,000 solar lights to be installed. Should lessen the copper wire theft.
 Current backlog of 32,000 street lights needing service.
 Pilot program- incentive for film industry to charge them less to park vehicles when filming.
Jesse use available hospitals – for housing homeless.
 Difficult to not see the housing being built.
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Christianna – fiber optics stolen as well as copper wire.
Jaime Gallo – RE-stolen Mayor should institute more drastic consequences to address this.
Raymond Duran - City Council has created a condition that promotes crime instead of addressing issues directly. **Stakeholder** - In their neighborhood, homeless took over the house.

Question A.)– The Mayor lives in the Getty House. She may not be the best person to address this set of issues.

Ray: But the Mayor can help enforce the “culture”. (Enforce the laws – ALL the laws.) Disregard for enforcing small laws “trickles-down” to encouraging disregard for ALL laws.
Stakeholder – Parking enforcement. Trash pick-up blocked every Friday.
Joanne – Police hands are tied. But because the police are limited of what they can do.
Burton – Tax-payer monies for basic City services being paid-out to address non-taxpayer issues.

Jesse Ramos – Homeless Industrial complex is too big of a program that it won’t go away. Lots of politics go on, yes; – but she is a public servant.

Loyce L– recently a large amount of money found. What will happen with it? (A.) It will probably go back into the General Fund).

Dave Hunt – Taxes are not going down. Building permits should be expedited. Big issue in election campaign for Mayor is going to be Building permits.

- VII. ● Presentation and reports from the office of LA METRO. (10 minutes) -none-
- VIII. ● Reports from **other City, County or State Agencies.** -none -
- Report from **Budget Advocates.** -none-

- IX.** 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.)
 - Home/Condo Owner Rep.** (1) – (this seat will be up for election in 2027.)
 - Senior Representative** (1) – (this seat will be up for election in 2029.)
 - At Large Representative** (1) – (this seat will be up for election in 2027.)
 - B.) **Alternate Representatives -** (3) – At Large Rep. (for a total of 3.)

Motioned by – Raymond Duran ___ 2nd by – Christianna Hartwell ___

Vote on Moises Moreno application to the ANC Board.

The Motion ___ Passed ___ with 8 ___ yes, 0 ___ no, 0 ___ ineligible, 2 ___ absent, 0 ___ abstained

Application by: Moises Moreno – for Home/ Condo representative seat on the ANC Board..

Discussion: “Tell us about yourself and why you want to be a member of this Board.”

He has lived in Arleta since 2014. Bought his 1st house here. Wants to be able to help out in ways for people who can’t speak for themselves.

Works for Spectrum cable installation / repair. He speaks both English and Spanish.

Gary Gallon – *Can he join with us for events when he has the time to attend? A.) If enough notice, he can schedule his time to be a part.*

Burton Hunter – *Do you have connections in other parts of the city? A.) Works in many different parts of the San Fernando Valley area & in Simi Valley; so he sees a lot going on in defferent areas.*

Moises Voted-IN for Home / Condo owner representative ANC Board Seat.

- X.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available ANC Committee Seats

A.) **Outreach Committee** Members

B.) **Community Improvement Committee (CIC)** Members

C.) **Animal Welfare Committee** Members

- *No applications to Committee positions -*

Discussion: Moises will wait & see about applying for a committee position.

- XI.** Committee Reports

CIC Jesse R. – Still looking into Permit Parking Districts.

Animal Welfare Christianna H.-May 16th an Inter-NC meeting for Animal Welfare committees.

Outreach Robert Y.– Adam Miller (running for Mayor).

Bylaws – Burton H. Haven’t yet heard back from DONE, BONC about their approval of / or if they made changes to our amended ANC Bylaws submission.

- XII.** Announcements: Neighborhood Council **Budget Day** at LA City Hall, **Saturday June 27th.**

Dave Hunt – Register to vote and encourage neighbors and families to vote.

Loyce – Howard Jarvis sponsored item obtained enough signatures to make the ballot.

- XIII.** **Adjournment at ___ 8:32 pm**

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