

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)**  
**Gen. Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

- I. Call to Order, by \_\_\_ANC Board President, Raymond Duran\_\_\_ at \_\_\_6:41 p.m.\_\_\_**  
**Roll Call Board members PRESENT:** Raymond Duran, Burton Hunter, “Geo” Escobar, Gary Gallon, Christiana Hartwell, Jose Pumay, Robert Yaffe (8),  
Jesse Ramos arrived at 6:49 p.m.  
**Board member ABSENT :** Jaime Gallo, Jesus “Jesse” Torres  
**(Official Board Business Meeting didn’t take place because Board quorum (9) was not reached.)**
- II. President’s Report – none**
- III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer – no SLO nor Fire Dept.**  
**Report from Government Officials**
- **Luz Rivas**, State Assembly Member for our 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative district, introduced herself. She stated that she has a team in Sacramento and one regional team here in the area. Education is a big issue with her. She co-authored and presented Senate Bill 411 (giving NC’s the right to meet virtually by following certain guidelines.)  
Assembly District 43 is getting funding. L.A. Council District 6 notifies her of gaps in funding for local projects. Luz Rivas can advocate for funding to fill-in the gaps.  
Funding for 1<sup>st</sup> year at a community college is free towards a Bachelor’s Degree.  
Questions about.): highway conditions; SB 411; local skateboard park – timetable for beginning work on it. A.) Funding was approved in last year’s budget. She will follow-up on this project;  
Q.) Tonopah Tunnel closure under I-5 & 170 freeways; What is the least that can be done to keep homeless individuals off the streets; SB 1 – bringing down voting threshold from 2/3 majority to 55%) for property tax increases – circumventing the premises of Prop. 13.  
A.) Tonopah issue, check with CD-6. Homeless issues – March 5<sup>th</sup> voting ballot – Governor has a plan to introduce a Legislative Amendment that will help cover mental health service facilities for unhoused individuals in need of such services.
  - **Imelda Padilla’s Office – CD-6 Marcela Quintanilla** –The “Welcome to Arleta” sign – funding was secured. Project should be moving ahead soon.; sidewalks, bus shelters; For Woodman corridor between Roscoe & Branford, sidewalks will be installed. Report if see overgrown trees on City property right-of-ways. Streets: The Arleta/Branford intersection project should be complete in the Fall of 2024; Cannot install “speed humps” on major street thoroughfares.  
Tues Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm Open House at Laurel Canyon Office.  
Q.) Ray Duran: for 3-5 consecutive years at Canterbury & Hoyt homeless issues.  
A.) Council person Imelda Padilla has hired a team to address homelessness.  
Q.) Geo: palm frond issues? Any new tree planting happening?  
A.) More funding coming for trimming only low-growing branches (that impede foot or vehicle traffic). General tree trimming is the responsibility of Urban Forestry Division.  
Q.) Jesse Ramos – Tonopah Tunnel closure issue.
  - **Rebecca & Christopher Hernandez** from CD-6 office. Team leaders addressing homeless encampments. Report about what their team will be focusing on. Another outreach team will be formed that will focus on substance abuse. Team members, who will be seen in blue uniforms will go out beginning in January to connect with homeless individuals.

(continued: Rebecca & Christopher Hernandez)

A group, New Direction More Care Plus – with the Dept of Sanitation be able to assist in certain situations. other subjects: Health Commission, RV's, tents, mattresses. The CD-6 office can provide a phone number to call if you notice a vehicle that should be marked & ticketed or towed.

Q.'s from Ray Duran, Burton Hunter & Robert Yaffe. Statement “job well done” from stakeholder.

**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)**.

● **Lionel Mares** – introduced himself as one of the new Budget Advocates. Some lobbying being done to the City Attorney's office. Suggest NC's give their own feedback to BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) and to the City Attorney. Budget Advocates are setting appointments with the D.O.N.E. Interim General Manager. Announcement that Luz Rivas will be running for the federal Congressional seat of Tony Cardenas (who is stepping down from running for reelection to that post after his term ends.)

● **Loyce Lacson** – update She serves on CPAB Community Police Advisory Board which meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. With car thefts up, Senior Lead officer is helping residents by giving a free “Club” device for locking the car steering wheel. To request one, you must supply vehicle make & model & year, License #, and name of who vehicle is registered to. SWAT Team did a bust at an illegal gambling establishment at Woodman & Osborne (south side). Officers on the scene also found a “flop room” for people to do drugs.

**Announcements - none**

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**Meeting Adjournment at 7:58 pm**

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