

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)- General Board Meeting Agenda – DRAFT**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**I. Call to Order by \_\_Raymond Duran\_\_ at \_\_6:39 p.m.\_\_**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Moises B. Bazan, “Jeo” Escobar, Gary Gallon, Robert Yaffe, (Christianna Hartwell arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

**Absent:** Dave Hunt, Stelian Martinez, Ronald Pacheco, Jose Pumay

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by \_\_Burton Hunter\_\_

**II. President’s Report:** NC Elections – Deadline to apply for a ballot to vote for NC election is May 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Happy Birthday Jaime Gallo !

**III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept.**

**LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Tracy Ware** – Schedule conflicts and other issues have kept her away from attending our meetings. She is here tonight.

Seeing good, positive changes. Following arrests, police are now able to get multiple charges filed against suspects, so it’s not now always merely a “catch & release” with only the so-easily-dismissed misdemeanor charges being filed on them, as it was in the past.

In Arleta – Still seeing theft from vehicles & catalytic converter thefts.

Areas 67 & 77 is where they are having an up-tick in problems during the middle of the night. Will try to get additional patrol cars assigned to that area to dissuade the thieves..

Thefts are up from last year. Working with RV taskforce thru CD-6.

- Problems at vacant Der Wienerschnitzel on Woodman and Osborne. Jack-In-The-Box, next door has submitted a complaint: citing safety for workers & keeping customers away.

- At Canterbury and Van Nuys, the DWP property is a continuing problem area they hope to address. It’s a mess, with numerous complaints received. But immediately after an encampment clean-up there, installing ‘preventative landscaping’ may be necessary to curb the homeless from moving right back.

- With summer months coming, expect more parties with loud, disruptive conditions. Call-in EARLY (sooner) when an issue begins to develop, because it takes time (1<sup>st</sup>) for a call to get through. Then (2<sup>nd</sup>) for a patrol car to first get through with their list of emergency calls, before being able to respond to annoyance reports; so it may take hours to see an officer show up to address a loud party.

Q’s: Raymond D., Jaime G., Burton H. Loyce L. re: a vacant house attracts homeless moving in.

Jesse R. – issue near Devonshire & Woodman.

We need to allow **Marcela Quintanilla – CD-6 Field Deputy** for Arleta and part of Panorama City to address us now, as she needs to leave for another meeting.

- Care +Plus, Canterbury & Hoyt. • DWP is upgrading their fencing. With space now to be used for overnight storing heavy equipment, they are possibly going to have an overnight security guard.

- Appeal made to Luz Rivas, Congressional representative in Washington DC. for federal funding for a program to cover & secure the under-side of bridges to prevent make-shift construction of encampments under those structures. • Sidewalk projects. • Pocket Park maintenance.

**Jesse Ramos:** When NC files CIS’s, the City Council doesn’t register them with a Council File to address State issues; so the City Council doesn’t even consider those concerns on our behalf.

**Mario Hernandez (our NEA)** said, Our jurisdiction as a NC is ONLY as an advisory to the City Council. If we want something done, address it to the City Council.

**Raymond, Joanne Gallon** – re: encampments near Roscoe & Community, up to Branford.

- **Marcela** – Recommend only put out trash cans the night before pick-up. • Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is Mental Health Day.

Regarding issues on Woodman, between Osborne & Nordhoff – one person owns the whole property.

**Loyce** –Can the owner of those properties be threatened by the City under “eminent domain” (or face charges for the properties not being maintained)?

- 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.*

**Mark Ragan** – Beautify LA. Public charity to help homeless to get off streets plus host art & gardening & other kinds of events. Want to solicit our NC to possibly partner with them / support them in the future.

**Q. posed:** **A.** Yes, they are a 501-C3.

**Sebastian Duarte-Figueroa** – New York Life - He grew up in this area, moved away, but just moved back to this community. Wants to find ways to help with things. Has a degree in communications.

## **Board Business**

- I.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **General Board meeting of March 18, 2025** –General Board Meeting  
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)  
Motedioned by – Robert Yaffe 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Gary Gallon  
The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 4 absent.  
- no discussion -
- II.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer which have not yet been approved.  
**A.) March 2024 ANC M.E.R.s**, (monthly expenditure reports)  
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)  
Motedioned by – Jesse Ramos 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Robert Yaffe  
The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 4 absent.  
- no discussion -
- III.** Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on recommendation to the ANC Board regarding a **Community Impact Statement (CIS) on State Senate Bill 607** -Relative to not requiring discussion of alternative plans for a building project. Plus removes established regulations by a municipality’s general plan through their Planning Department. Plus allows low-cost housing projects to be built on “underutilized land”, irrespective of a municipalities existing land use and zoning regulations.  
Motedioned by – Burton Hunter 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Jesse Ramos  
The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 4 absent.
- Jesse** – Explanation. This will be going to City Council as well.
- Owen Evans** – (regarding allowing building housing without vehicle parking): Consider the deep culture of Valley’s love for cars that this community has. These measures don’t serve us well.
- Loyce Lacson**. • **James** (stakeholder) – President Trump plans to bring back manufacturing; however, then if “under-utilized” factory-zones areas are re-zones and used for housing, then manufacturing will have no place to come back to get established. Our communities will lose, not gain.
- Joanne Gallon** – Apartments without sufficient parking for the # of residents in it. Hard to find parking spots in their own facility when they return from being out. They complained, but were told that many residents are “seniors”, who don’t need to drive; so that what is available should be enough.
- Jaime Gallo** – ordinances have been passed allowing converting garages into ADU’s. So homes now have more residents with no parking on the property, so now all parking is on the street; NOT enough parking spaces for everyone in the neighborhood.

IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on recommendation to ANC Board regarding a newly-revised **Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Assembly Bill 342** – Relative to **the impact of City of Los Angeles neighborhoods with the creation of “entertainment zones” and “hospitality zones” and allowing the serving of alcohol and open consumption of alcohol until 4:00 a.m. within those zones.**

Motioned by – \_\_Robert Yaffe\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_”Jeo” Escobar\_\_

The Motion \_\_Passed\_ with \_5\_ yes, \_3\_ no, \_0\_ ineligible, \_4\_ absent.

**Jesse Ramos** – comments.

**Owen Evans** – Many problems noted. How do we deal with those? I hope we can look for solutions.

**Jesse Ramos** – If the city needs more money – perhaps that’s because loss of income from manufacturing that has left the Valley. Bring back manufacturing to generate revenue for the area. This bill is NOT a good way to supposedly increase tax revenue.

**Raymond D.** – We need law & order. Our legislators have a mind-set which we can’t understand the sensibility of their reasoning. Lawmakers are hurting us (not helping).

**Christianna H.** – Nightlife in this city is boring.

**Jesse R. & others** – We are not New York City and we don’t have the “walk around” & public transit infrastructure for drunks to not have to drive home “under the influence”

**Moises B.** – The point is that they want more money; not thinking about how it effects the community.

**Jaime G.** – We want solutions – but this isn’t one of them. We get taxed to death to our own expense.

**Sebastian D.F.** – We need transparency in our city budget.

**James** – This will cause more problems than any benefit.

**Raymond D.** – Goes to work at those hours that the bars will be letting out. Driving for work would now become a hazard.

V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve a NPG submitted from “**LAIT911**” in the amount of **\$ 1,890.** for the purposes of obtaining personal protective equipment for volunteer licensed EMTs and firefighters here in the City of Los Angeles.

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

The Motion \_\_Passed\_ with \_7\_ yes, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ ineligible, \_4\_ absent, \_1\_ abstain.

Questions about what they do or don’t have the ability to do. Burton read the portion of the minutes from last month’s (April) meeting to reiterate where the LAIT911 representative Jonathan Martinez described the details of who they are and what they do; giving us some background before considering an NPG for them.

• Jaime Gallo, Loyce L., Joanne G., Raymond D., Burton H.

VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve a NPG in the amount of **\$1,200.** submitted by the **National Health Foundation- Arleta (NHF)** for the purpose of purchasing hams or turkeys & other food items to be given away at a local Arleta Community food distribution on April 17<sup>th</sup> from the location of their facility in Arleta.

Motioned by – \_\_Robert Yaffe\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_”Jeo” Escobar\_\_

The Motion \_\_Passed\_ with \_8\_ yes, \_0\_ no, \_0\_ ineligible, \_4\_ absent.

**Chad Monk**, from NHF stated that each NHF facility is encouraged to work within their respective community to help families in need. If approved, this may be used to reimburse them for food items already bought for the food give-away that happens in a few days. However, he will gladly include or ANC logo on the next food give-away program that they host (perhaps in November)

• **Our NEA – Mario Hernandez** spoke up and noted that we needed to have a physical, paper copy of the NPG available in the room before this item can be considered at the meeting. It’s not currently here. Item tabled to come back to later in the meeting; until after Burton went to his office and printed out a couple of copies of NHF’s submitted NPG request.

“Jeo” E. – community clean-ups.

- VII. ● Reports from **Representatives : CD-6 City Councilmember, Imelda Padilla’s office.**  
(This agenda item from Marcela Quintanilla happened earlier in the meeting this month due to her pressed schedule tonight.)

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

**Marisol Sanchez from State Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez’s office.**

Marisol will advise the Assembly woman of our vote on Bill 607.

Arleta DMV will open at 7 am for Real I.D.’s Their office will help with appointments for Real ID.

April 25, 8 am- noon, Clean Up Sheldon On & Off ramps .

April 23 will host an E-Waste at Kaiser -Panorama City. 9:00 am – 1:30 p.m.

Cal Trans maintenance request

**Jesse R.** – Homeless expenses

**Robert Y** – Have State Legislature to address our City Mayor to step-up and fix homelessness.

**“Geo” E.** – Unemployment Office is a state agency. Employees there were rude and work real slowly in helping people. Chaos in those offices.

**Marisol** – They are going to meet with EDD and DMV offices.

her email contact is [marisol.sanchez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:marisol.sanchez@asm.ca.gov)

**Katherine Castrejon** Area Rep. from **State Senator Menjivar’s office.**

REAL ID deadline DMV opening an hour earlier (at 7 am) and staying open an hour later.

Earth Day clean-up, S.F. Valley Pride event at Van Nuys Civic Center (on Van Nuys Blvd.)

She will be soon going on “maternity leave”.

● Report from **Budget Advocates.**

- none present-

- VIII. 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

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

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

- none -

- IX. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available **ANC Committee Seats (Stakeholder committee participants ONLY.** Each committee is at maximum for ANC Board members):

A.) **Outreach Committee** - Members

B.) **Community Improvement Committee** - Members

C.) **Animal Welfare Committee** - Members

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

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

- none -

- X. **Committee Reports**

**Outreach** – event at Branford Park went well

**Community Improvement** – Contact City Council to establish Council File #’s for CIS’s

**Animal Welfare** - - no report -

## **XI. Announcements:**

- ANC Board Elections –
  - Register as a stakeholder in order to receive a mail-in ballot for voting in the Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC) election. **Ballot application period began on March 14<sup>th</sup> and closes on May 5<sup>th</sup>.** You may vote **once for each open seat** running in Arleta NC's election. However, if you also meet the criteria as a stakeholder in another NC's district election, you may also register for a ballot to vote in that NC's election process.

Go to the website <https://clerk.lacity.gov/clerk-services/elections/neighborhood-council-elections> and click on **Register to Vote**. You will either need to create an account with an email address and password IF you are filling out your application for a ballot on-line (or have already have already created an account in this system.). If you are filling out a paper ballot you can submit that along with a copy of your valid photo-ID with birthdate, and a proof of being a stakeholder in Arleta.

- Other announcements –

Loyce L. presented our Board President Ray Duran a plaque from LAPD showing appreciation to our Board for our help

- Tomorrow night (Wed.) Community Police (C-PAB) meeting 6:30 p.m. at Mission Station community room. Best parking suggestion in FACEY medical facility lot against wall nearest the police station.
- This Thursday at 6 p.m. Neighborhood Watch (& Lookie-Loo's neighbor's group) meeting at Branford Park. in small meeting room on office side of the main Recreation Center building

## **XII. Adjournment at \_\_\_\_9:14 pm\_\_**

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

ANC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available to be seen at our Board meetings and our website [www.arletanc.org](http://www.arletanc.org)