

Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
- General Board Meeting Notetaking Minutes –AMENDED by NEA - APPROVED
Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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

I. Welcoming remarks:

a. Call to order by __Raymond Duran_ at _6:35 p.m._

Flag salute led by __Burton Hunter__

Roll Call:

Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, “Geo” Escobar, Dave Hunt, Robert Yaffe, Ronald Pacheco (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

Absent: Moises Bazan, Christianna Hartwell (out of state), Jose Pumay.

Resigned: Antonio “Tony” Lemos, Stelian Martinez.

b. Recognition of outgoing Board

Raymond: Thanks to all outgoing Board (though many are new back.)

II. Seating of the new Arleta Neighborhood Council Board

BONC North S.F. Valley Commissioner Keren Waters, DONE NEA Jose Galdamez

a. Neighborhood Council Board Member **Oath**

administered by _ Commissioner Keren Waters_

*(At this point we had not yet achieved Board Member quorum (8) so we **went to Item 7 -- →***

--> (at 7:25 we had acquired quorum, so came back to resume from this portion of the Agenda)

III. Election of executive officers: This portion was led by our newly appointed NEA Jose Galdamez.

a. Discussion and/or possible action to appoint **President. Any nominees?**

Motioned by – _Burton Hunter to re-elect **Raymond Duran** to the office of **ANC President** _ .

This motion 2nd by – __Jaime Gallo_. - *No other applicants* -

The Motion _was **AFFIRMED unanimously** with, _0_ no, _0_ abstained.

comments from Ray Duran has been in this Valley and this community for a long time. wants to see it get better. , Burton Hunter- A good guy for this job. , and others.

b. Discussion and/or possible action to appoint **Vice President**

Motioned by – _Raymond Duran to re-elect **Jaime Gallo** to the office of **ANC Vice President**_

2nd by – _-_____. - *No other applicants* -

The Motion _ was **AFFIRMED unanimously** with, _0_ no, _0_ abstained

comments from Jaime Gallo – Will try to do the best for Arleta; with still a lot of work to do

c. Discussion and/or possible action to appoint **Secretary**

Motioned by – _Raymond Duran to re-elect **Burton Hunter** to the office of **ANC Secretray**_

2nd by – __Jesse Ramos__ - *No other applicants* -

The Motion _ was **AFFIRMED unanimously** with, _0_ no, _0_ abstained

Burton Hunter – Enjoy serving the Arleta community through this Board, and thereby affect the City. It’s a lot of work; but it is worth it.

comments from Ray – Burt puts out a lot of effort. Dave Hunt – He brings things together. Jaime Gallo

Keren Waters – She was 1st introduced to ANC through Burton at VANC meetings.

d. Discussion and/or possible action to appoint Treasurer

Motioned by – _Raymond Duran to re-appoint **Jesse Ramos** to the office of **ANC Treasurer** .

2nd by – _Geo Escobar_. - *No other applicants* -

The Motion_ PASSED **unanimously** with _7_ yes, _0_ no, _0_ ineligible, _3_ absent, _0_ abstained
comments from: Jesse Ramos, Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Gary Gallon.

/ (Ronald Pacheco arrived which acquired Board quorum; at 7:25 we went back to resume Board Business with Agenda Item # 3) →

→(We returned to this point in the Agenda at 7:42 p.m.)

IV. Election of financial officers

a. Discussion and/or possible action for designation of up to two (2) Bank Card Holders

Motioned by – _Robert Yaffe to appoint **Jesse Ramos**, (1)

Motioned by - _ Burton Hunter to appoint **Raymond Duran** (2) - *No other applicants* –
Voting on both of them together

The Motion _Passed_ with _7_ yes, _0_ no, _0_ ineligible, _3_ absent, _0_ abstained

(Comment: There is a short finances class for everyone on the Board, but Financial Officers additionally have a Mandatory 2-hour financial course to complete.)

b. Discussion and/or possible action for designation of Second Signer

Motioned by – _Ray to appoint **Raymond Duran** 2nd by – _Jaime Gallo_ - *No other applicants* -

The Motion _Passed_ with _7_ yes, _0_ no, _0_ ineligible, _3_ absent, _0_ abstained

Ray – This responsibility when approval is needed of what has been documented before submission.

c. Discussion and/or possible action for designation of Alternate Signer

Motioned by – _Ray to appoint **Burton Hunter** 2nd by – _____ - *No other applicants* -

The Motion _Passed_ with _7_ yes, _0_ no, _0_ ineligible, _3_ absent, _0_ abstained

Robert Yaffe volunteered himself to be available for this responsibility, but withdrew his nomination when Burt was nominated by Ray Duran. (Ray explained the reason being that Burt is a logical choice, because he is usually accessible and convenient for him to do this at times when it is necessary.)

V. Committees

a. Discussion and possible action to appoint a board member as Chair of the Outreach Committee

Motioned by – _____ Geo _____ 2nd by – _____

The Motion _Carried_ with _7_ yes, ____ no, ____ ineligible, _3_ absent, ____ abstained

(**Geo Escobar** nominated by Jaime Gallo, but Geo declined the position of Chair)

Robert Yaffe nominated by Geo Escobar, 2nd by Jesse Ramos. **Robert ELECTED upon vote.**

b. Discussion and possible action to appoint up to 3 board members and stakeholders to the Outreach Committee as members.

Motioned by – _____ 2nd by – _____

The Motion _Passed_ with _7_ yes, ____ no, ____ ineligible, _3_ absent, ____ abstained

Geo Escobar – self-nominated. 2nd by Jaime Gallo.

Ronald Pacheco – self-nominated. 2nd by Jaime Gallo

c. Discussion and possible action to appoint a board member as Chair of the Community Improvement Committee.

Motioned by – _____ 2nd by – _____

The Nomination _Carried_ with _7_ yes, ____ no, ____ ineligible, _3_ absent, ____ abstained

Jesse Ramos – nominated by Ray Duran. 2nd by Dave Hunt

d. Discussion and possible action to appoint **up to 3 board members and stakeholders to the Community Improvement Committee as members.**

Motioned by – _____ 2nd by – _____

The Nominations ___ Carried___ with _7_ yes, ___ no, ___ ineligible, _3_ absent, ___ abstained

Jaime Gallo self nominated 2nd by Dave Hunt

Dave Hunt – nominated by Jaime Gallo, 2nd by Ray Duran

e. Discussion and possible action to appoint a **board member as Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee.**

Motioned by – _Robert Yaffe to appoint **Christianna Hartwell** as **Chair**_ 2nd by – _____

The Nomination___ Carried___ with _7_ yes, ___ no, ___ ineligible, _3_ absent, ___ abstained

f. Discussion and possible action to appoint **up to 3 board members and stakeholders to the Animal Welfare Committee as members.**

Motioned by – _____ 2nd by – _____

The Nominations ___ Carried___ with _7_ yes, ___ no, ___ ineligible, _3_ absent, ___ abstained

Christianna Hartwell nominated by Robert Yaffe

Robert Yaffe self -nominated

Loyce Lacson – self-nominated as a Stakeholder

Jaime Gallo – self-nominated

VI. Funding Item –

Discussion and possible action to approve the **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Administrative Budget Packet** for Arleta Neighborhood Council.

(***This Agenda item is NOT REQUIRED. It is still covered by the vote we took in June***).

VII. Presentations:

a. Neighborhood Council General Board **Orientation**

i. **Facilitated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment staff**

At 7:44 p.m. Jose Galdamez

Recommended that we complete the Survey of NC accomplishments through the year.. This is due by July 31st.

NC Election Survey – Feedback – What can be improved. How to increase candidate & voter engagement.

National Night Out (NNO) on August 5th. Connect with neighbors.

Submit NC Budget Packet. *We did this submission in June, so we're OK)*

Reach-Out to Jose with questions & for help.

Pay attention to AB 467 & SB 707 pertinent to **Virtual Meetings** (applies to NC's)

SB411 is sunseting in January of 2026 so some steps need to be taken.

Jesse Ramos – Comments from BONC Commissioners - They may not want to be critical of the City Council, because they are beholden to them.

Burt commented.

Q. Jaime Gallo – Problems with Cornerstone training site. Funding – the current version is not user friendly. The whole thing can be a bit confusing.

Q. Loyce Lacson – Question about rollovers. **A.** ALL unspent funds DO get rolled over to this year.

Q. Jesse Ramos – Budget **A.** Keren Waters – BONC Commissioners did request \$37K for this year (Last year they requested restoration to \$47K) However – As of now, the NC’s were set to \$25 K for this fiscal year.

She encourages us to go out and advocate for continued for City Services, so that we don’t have to pay for those kinds of service out of our own NC Budget pocket.

Keren Waters BONC is fighting back against the City pay-outs of \$8 Million in lawsuits payments.

She is also individually pushing-back against that. (*That’s a big chunk of \$, unnecessarily dolled-out.*)

Regarding the Censure and Removal Process She is chair on the Ad-Hoc Committee for that. (They are now doing things to try to streamline the ability of NC’s to do this.)

July 31st, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m – Attend if you want to be heard in North Valley for Charter Reform.

Empower LA Awards – to be given out at Congress of Neighborhoods. Submissions by Aug. 31st.

Commissioner Epperhart’s comments on “Term Limits” & on “Removal”

Comments from **Robert Yaffee, Ray Duran, Jesse Ramos** regarding “Youth Seats”

7:25 p.m.

VIII. Discussion and possible action to make Appointments to vacant Board Seats.

Motioned by – _____ 2nd by – _____

The Motion _____ with ____ yes, ____ no, ____ ineligible, ____ absent, ____ abstained

- -We’ll do this at the end of the meeting - -

IX. President’s Report

D.O.N.E. has re-distributed the assignments of Neighborhood Empowerment Advocates (NEA’s), with their assignments consolidated into neighboring geographical areas.

Introduction of our newly re-appointed **NEA, Jose Galdamez.**

+Comments from Jose Galdamez. *This done earlier in the meeting. No other President’s Reports.*

X. • Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept.,

- (None present) -

• Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners (B.O.N.C.), North Valley – Keren Waters

(She introduced herself and made her comments at the beginning of the meeting & other comments during See notes under Board Business, Item # VII - Presentation.)

XI. 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.

[allowed to speak now, so questions can be asked of this METRO rep during this time: METRO – Raymond Acevedo A Community Meeting will be the Community Leadership Council will be at Church On The Way, Cornerstone building

Q. Jesse Ramos – Is a parking study being conducted?

A. – A separate parking study meeting is being held.

Construction completion anticipated to be in 2031.

(Now GPC begins – as a Non-Discussion Period)

Matthew Vasquez – Light poles on the street (Terra Bella to Osborne) 30 street lights are out. Reported in April, but still out. He also reported what looks to be a theft of electricity.

Dave Hunt – AB-84 Regarding Charter Schools. It’s a power-grab by the state. Parents should be able to choose alternate schooling. Contact your State Senator and State Representatives.

SB 549 (or 547?) – Pressing to build low income / affordable housing in wild fire burned-out areas This long “waiting game” on issuing re-building permits for burned-out residents is a tactic to get them to sell to these developers. Contact you Assembly and State Senators.

Loyce Lacson – “Coffee With A Cop” Fliers on the table. 9:00 – 10:30 am

Jesse Ramos – Oppose Senate Bill 79 – Allows building of multi-housing units (without providing parking) within ½ mile of transit routes

Marcella Quintanilla – She DID receive feedback from some on CF. 25-0436 – the proposal to develop public space along Canterbury: What they want is a bicycle path and walking path (they prefer NOT to make it “Open Spaces”). Asking nurseries along that corridor to trim back shrub growth that extends out over the walking space.

The stretch they are talking about on Canterbury is all the way from Filmore (at settling ponds) to Tonopah on the south, (adjacent to that wash) (the whole stretch)

East San Fernando Valley Dept. of METRO Transit is seeking to review/ apply to taking over the beautification adjacent to the METRO route.

Street Lighting repair – is back-logged 8 months

Burton Hunter commented that he heard a report that the City is not hiring nor training enough electricians to go out and do these jobs. Report said that home owners and businesses who have Solar Panel systems installed cannot even get the required City Electricians to come out and turn on the features of their already-installed Solar systems which allow them to sell excess generated electricity back to the power grid.

Keren Waters – Can they find who the buyers of the copper wire are and fine them?

Dave Hunt – Incentivize former buyers of copper wire by asking them to work with law enforcement to target the thieves who are trying to sell it to them.

Ray Duran – This is a huge, hidden “Black Market” business.

Board Business

I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **General Board meeting of June 17, 2025 .**

(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 **Carried** with _7_ yes, ___ no, ___ ineligible, _3_ absent, ___ abstained
- no discussion -

II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of outstanding monthly **Financial Documents prepared by the Treasurer.**

(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)

Motioned by – ___Burton Hunter___ 2nd by – ___Robert Yaffe___

The Motion **Carried** with _7_ yes, ___ no, ___ ineligible, _3_ absent, ___ abstained

Jesse Ramos – Balance given, We will update our budget when the roll-over finally occurs.

III. Possible Motion/Discussion and possible recommendations from the ANC Board regarding the **Department of Water and Power parcels along Canterbury Avenue and their proposed conversion to a public park(s) and “open space”. **Council File 25-0746** - Relative to the impact on Arleta neighborhoods.**

Motioned by – ___Burton Hunter___ 2nd by – ___Dave Hunt___

The Motion **(not for a vote)** with ___ yes, ___ no, ___ ineligible, ___ absent, ___ abstained

If we have “open space” or park space under power wires; There is possible problems with electromagnetic output from the wires into a space where you are encouraging people to gather; somebody will eventually sue the City. The bigger problem is, the way it has been with the City not dealing with controlling homeless encampments, they’ll begin to go to this cleared area and start growing encampments there. Until the City controls it, then I’m afraid that what will happen is that this city-wide problem will grow out of control. It will no longer be an issue several blocks away; It will have invited the problem to be right next door. Also vendors moving in & claiming the territory.

Marcella Comment – What they are wanting to mainly do is to ask the tenants on these properties (nurseries & gardens) to maintain these routes better & more often.

Ray – Under DWP Power lines – Others can lease this property for use (& bring income to the City)

Jaime – He heard on TV, that Imelda (our Council Representative) is proposing this, but she didn't come to ANC first to mention the project nor to discuss any preferences or concerns about the proposal.

Marcella – They are not thinking of any “open space” under the power lines , but only a re-done walk and bikeway that is a pleasant space. “What does the community want to see?” is the conversation we want to have with you.

Ray – **The major concern is enforcement** to keep it from becoming a problem within our community (by maintaining it as a safe and pleasant addition.)

Q.) Dave Hunt – Who are you dealing with under the transmission lines?

A). DWP is maintaining the whole of the property on 2x /per year.

Jesse Ramos – He doesn't trust the City of LA (nor certain stakeholders who consistently disobey the law with fireworks. They're lawless)

Build Beautification – but enforce homelessness / street vendors, and build a nice, sturdy fence.

IV. Possible Motion/Discussion and possible recommendations to the ANC Board regarding **illegal fireworks** and the enforcement of both state and local penalties -Relative to amending **Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 57.5608.1.2** or related municipal code on the subject.

Motioned by – ___Jaime Gallo___ 2nd by – ___Jesse Ramos___

The Motion ___-(*Not for a Vote*)-___with ___ yes, ___ no, ___ ineligible, ___ absent, ___abstained

Jesse Ramos – No mention of monetary penalty for possession of or lighting up fireworks in the City's Municipal Code. The State has some; but minimal consequences.

Loyce Lacson – Individuals should be writing a letter to our Council Woman about this. Possibly offer reward incentive to those who turn-in violators. Disgusting how this issue is not being addressed.

Jaime Gallo – Police can't enforce without seeing the violation themselves. We need to have enforcement of the law. Things have to change.

Dave Hunt – Comment about representative having left the meeting.

JoAnn Gallon – In Riverside they are using drones to document crimes and to issue tickets.

V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on recommendations to the ANC Board regarding sending a **Community Impact Statement (CIS)** on **City Council Motion 15-0989-S47**. This motion lifts city permits, oversight and requirements for “Olympic-related” development projects.

(At our Board meeting, a copy of the proposed CIS is available to view at the check-in table.)

Motioned by – ___Jaime Gallo___ 2nd by – ___Burton Hunter___

The Motion **Passed** with _7_ yes, ___ no, ___ ineligible, _3_ absent, ___abstained

Burt commented. allowing unfettered building with no oversight. If once allowed, this won't stop when the Olympics are over.

Jaime Gallo – This City is notorious for allowing reckless building.

Jesse Ramos – Move to strike the words “affordable housing & public transit” from the text of this CIS.

Keren Waters – Work with John Lee to address this. Council person or Legislative Representative are the ones who get Council Files. She encourages us to implore higher ranking officials to stand with us.: we need the more powerful voices in order to get our issues heard..

Ray – CD-12 is big & wealthy.

Keren – re-iterated her reply & made further comments on this discussion.

VI. Possible Motion/ Discussion/ Vote to approve a grant of **\$2000. to Happy House**. This will assist in providing supplies for this special program that provides **free classes & tutoring** for the youth program at Mission Station.

Motioned by – ___Jaime Gallo___ 2nd by – ___Jesse Ramos___

The Motion **Passed** with _6_ yes, _1_ no, ___ ineligible, _3_ absent, ___abstained

Comments from **Loyce, Burt, Robert Yaffe**

XII. ~~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~~

(This item was covered in section 6 of special opening Business)

XIII. Committee Reports

CIC – Jaime Gallo – Graffiti Busters official reported to him on the Arleta Gateway sign. Paperwork was brought; now working on plans with Building & Safety. Construction costs have gone up. Mr. Cassado (or Castano?) was contacted. He mentioned installed boulders are now part of the design (to prevent homeless from gathering). May cost more.

Loyce – Call Graffiti Busters and make an appointment to go see the sign.

XIV. Announcements:

- Note: “Congress of Neighborhoods” is an annual NC event held at City Hall. It is currently planned for a date in September. This event is now only in the planning stages.

- Other announcements –

Dave Hunt – This church is holding a free children’s program the following week: M.-F., July 21-25, . 9am – 12:30 p.m. You can tell from some of the decorations.

XV. Adjournment at 9:49 p.m.

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