

**Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)**  
**- General Board Meeting approved Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

- I.** *(The board had not yet acquired quorum when it was time to start the official meeting. So, in lieu following the exact order on the Agenda, **beginning at 6:38 p.m.** we allowed these community representatives to speak until a couple more board members had arrived. Tonight's meeting **unofficially commenced at 6:38 pm** with reporting from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer, Tracy Ware.[see: Agenda Item #3] and reporting from CD-6 field representative Marcella, Quintanilla [see: Board Business item #3]. After these 2 spoke, we had achieved quorum, and so officially began from the top of the Agenda.*

Meeting was **officially Called to Order by** Raymond Duran **at** 7:27 p.m.,

**Roll Call Present:** Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Moises Bazan, "Jeo" Escobar, Gary Gallon, Christianna Hartwell, Dave Hunt

**Absent:** Ronald Pacheco, Jose Pumay, Robert Yaffe

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Burton Hunter

- II. President's Report - - none -**

- III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept.,** *(commenced at 6:38 pm.)*

**LAPD Senior Lead Officer Tracy Ware** The crime statistics that we see published are based on incidents that people report. Reports are down 30%, so the statistics (inaccurately) reflect a 30% drop in over-all crime. Domestic violence is UP.

There was an officer involved shooting: A Foothill Division officer was called to confront an individual who was acting-out in a meth-induced psychosis. When the psychotic person turned on the officer and made a threatening gesture, the officer shot the person.

Another meth-induced incident near Beachy Elementary School made television news headlines.

The person barricaded themselves inside the property with weapons showing.

The problem property with sidewalk encampments at Woodman and Osborne (behind der Wienerschnitzel) has now had posts installed in preparation to erect fencing.

Press-through to file a report for problems EVEN IF it is mentioned that the situation has already been reported. Each filed report will help bump up the priority for responding to that issue.

The Faith & Blue event will be held Monday, October 13, 5:30 pm at this Osborne Church facility.

One of the L.A.P.D. Car Shows will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Comments from **Ray Duran**.

*(The next speaker was **Marcela Quintanilla** see notes: Board Business, Item # 3)*

- 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)**.

**(7:30 pm) Raymond Acevedo – E. San Fernando METRO,**

A Parking Analysis was done years ago, at the beginning of this Project. Due to many comments received, a new Parking Analysis is being done along the entire transit corridor. There will be a Virtual webinar meeting via **Zoom** on Thurs., **August 21**, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. And another **In-person** meeting will be held Tues., **August 26<sup>th</sup>**, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Arleta First Assembly of God Church.

**(7:35 pm) Dave Hunt** speaking as an individual. 3 Assembly Bills being introduced "quietly". Opponents of these bills have brought them to light. These bills should be opposed. Contact state representatives.

AB-84 – State taking control over non-public schools.

AB-727 – Requiring all public educational institutions (including charter and private schools) to print onto all student I.D.'s the phone # for the The Trevor Project's LGBTQ+ suicide hotline.

AB-495 – Loosely worded bill allowing taking custody of kids away from parents, by nearly anybody just by the signing of an affidavit.

**(7:39 pm) Jesse Ramos** Leave gerrymandering alone (comment on the move to push for redistricting).

## **Board Business**

- I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the [ANC Minutes](#) for the prior **General Board meeting of July 15, 2025**. (At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)  
Motioned by – Jaime Gallo 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Dave Hunt  
The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 3 absent, 1 abstained  
*-Discussion: none -*
- II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of outstanding monthly **financial documents** prepared by the Treasurer, including July 2025 MER's report.. *Jesse R. explained a few details.*  
(At our Board meeting, a copy is available to view at the check-in table.)  
Motioned by – Burton H. 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Jesse R.  
The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 3 absent, 0 abstained  
(7:47 pm)
- III. ● Reports from **Representatives : CD-6 City Councilmember, Imelda Padilla's office.**  
**from other City, County or State Agencies.**  
(6:55 – 7: 27 p.m.) **Marcela Quintanilla – CD-6 field representative from Imelda Padilla's office.**  
The Bureau of Street Lighting has operated on the same City budget amount since the 1960's. It is taking a long time to get around to making repairs of street lighting.  
Tree Services funding has been set aside. Report tree services that need to be addressed.  
Sat. October 18<sup>th</sup> (like last year's successful event) Planning a **Health Fair** at Walgreens in Arleta. Our NC is invited to table at this event.  
Friday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, The L.A. City Council will be convening at Van Nuys City Hall.  
Comments from **Ray D, Geo E., Jaime G.** (Enforcing a penalty for vandalism & theft may help deter the illegal actions.)  
**(stakeholder comment)** Bartee Ave. & Sunburst St. On-going street lighting issues. If in-ground wire theft is such an expensive issue to fix, he suggests looking into the possibility of installing pole-to-pole overhead wiring. It would be much less expensive to install and less subject to vandalism or theft.  
**Marcela – A.** The city is looking first at the feasibility of installing solar powered systems for street lighting as an alternative to the underground wiring.  
**Jesse R. - Q.** about the Canterbury Beautification project.  
**Burton H. –** Community Cleanup cooperation is hard to inspire when the City is not doing their part with street cleaning and the huge blight that encampments inflict on the appearance of our neighborhoods.  
**Ray D.–** The mentality is changing in wanting to pitch-in and volunteer to help.  
**Jesse R. –** Frustrations with overdue responses from the City.  
**Ray D. –** Is the Dept. of Transportation Community Liaison in on this proposal? Residents putting out cones or trash cans to reserve their street parking.  
**Marcela - A.** She can personally pick up cones that have been placed, but ONLY if the cones are marked as being property of the City.  
**Loyce L.-** Canterbury beautification: Just putting in sidewalks would be a good idea (to create a maintainable walking path) The City spends too much of our tax money on frivolous projects.  
(7:27)  
**D.O.N.E. Report – Jose Galdamez -** DONE is asking for feedback on NC Elections.  
2025 Empower LA Awards nominees– Not for nominating an individual, but to recognize what an NC has done. These awards will be given out at the Congress of Neighborhoods on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 5 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided (or plenty of other area food options are available.)  
Next Thursday August 28, 2025 from 6:00pm-7:30pm – Brown Act webinar – including required accessibilities at events. Recommended to get refreshed on these requirements.  
(7:56 pm)  
● Report from **Budget Advocates.** – none - (Jaime Gallo left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.)

IV. 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.) **At Large Representative** (1) - (*this seat will be up for election in 2027.*)
- C.) **Community Based Organization** (1) - (*this seat will be up for election in 2029*)
- D.) **Senior Representative** (1) - (*this seat will be up for election in 2029.*)
- C.) **Alternate Representative** - (3) - At Large Rep. (for a total of 3)

Motioned by – \_\_\_ to **Table this action** 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_ Geo. E. \_\_\_ (no vote required)

The Motion **Tabled** with \_\_\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ ineligible, \_\_\_ absent, \_\_\_ abstained

- Ray suggested that this agenda item be TABLED in order to clarify the actual available Board positions and then to have the posted Agenda adjusted to match.

V. a. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to **create an ANC Bylaws Committee**

Motioned by – \_\_\_ Burton H. \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_ Dave H. \_\_\_

The Motion **Passed** with 4 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 4 absent, 3 abstained

Discussion as to why we should create a Bylaws Committee now, rather than wait until needed.

b. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to **appoint a Chair to the ANC Bylaws Committee.**

Motioned by – \_\_\_ Ray D. \_\_\_ That **Burton Hunter be appointed as the Chair** of Bylaws Committee.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by – \_\_\_ Dave H. \_\_\_

The Motion **Passed** with 5 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 4 absent, 2 abstained

Burton accepted the nomination with the understanding that he would require a LOT of help.

VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to fill any available **ANC Committee Seats:**

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

The Motion **A. Passed** with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 4 absent, 0 abstained

**A.) - ANC Bylaws Committee**

Members

Accepted nomination as members of the Bylaws Committee:

Self-nominated: **Christianna Hartwell, Ray Duran.; Loyce Lacson** accepted nomination.

**B.) - Outreach Committee**

Members

- *not voted on* -

**C.) - Community Improvement Committee**

Members

- *not voted on* -

**D.) - Animal Welfare Committee**

Members

- *not voted on* -

VII. **Committee Reports**

**Jesse Ramos** – Gateway Project (Welcome to Arleta sign). Canterbury issues.

Animal Welfare – **Christianna Hartwell** – *nothing to report.*

VIII. **Announcements:**

● Note: Registration is now open for the 2025 [Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods](#), which will be held on **Saturday, September 27, 2025**, at Los Angeles City Hall. The event is free and open to the public, with a focus on providing workshops, networking opportunities, and resources for Neighborhood Council members and community leaders.

● Other announcements –

Loyce L. with Q. Any date / progress for installing the **Welcome to Arleta sign?**

Meeting on this topic will be on the first Tuesday of Sept.(2<sup>nd</sup>) at the CD-6 Office. 6:00 or 6:30 pm.

IX. **Adjournment at** \_\_\_ 7:47

p.m. \_\_\_