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Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
In-person General Board Meeting MINUTES –approved
Tuesday, February 17, 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 Board President Raymond Duran at 6:38 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Gary Gallon, Dave Hunt, Robert Yaffee, Christianna Hartwell (*arrived at 7:12*)

Absent: Moises Bazan, "Jeo" Escobar, Ronald Pacheco

Pledge of Allegiance led by Burton Hunter

II. President's Report: Petition available to sign for placing a memorial sign **Adrian Carrillo**. Adrian was a former ANC Board Member and U.S. Marine, killed in a tragic car accident in Arleta.

III. Report from L.A.P.D. Senior Lead Officer and Fire Dept.
Scott Fire Station 98 up on Van Nuys. Stay away from the storm drains & washes this time of the year. Starting up using wall heaters and floor furnaces? Vacuum them out first or call gas company to turn them on to prevent potential fire hazard.

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**, (2 minutes please):

David Hunt: Legislative update. On tables, 2 petitions that the people are trying to get onto the ballot.
Reenacting premises of Prop. 13. Local Property Tax Increases currently requires only a simple majority. Petition is to put measure on the ballot to reinstate 2/3 majority vote for such increases.
School Vouchers for students going to non-public schools. \$ would come out of public school funds. Just to get these on the ballots.

AB 1421 to study instituting a Mileage tax is currently in play in Sacramento. It passed the California House. It's in the State Senate right now to consider expanding the study of this feasibility.

Connie Burja Here to address to Imelda Padilla's rep.:

1. Where is the funding that President Biden allocated to the City? \$ was meant to pave Woodman.
2. Why don't we have Park Rangers at Branford Park. So many issues happening at Branford Park: Gamblers, Alcohol, public exposure from people urinating on the property in public view, tagging.
3. City services are not being delivered.

To Kelly Gonez office: Kids are leaving and are going to schools on the west side. Please listen to concerns of the people in the community that you represent. Better lighting around schools – safety at and around schools.

Raymond Acevedo, LA METRO

Community meetings last week. Meeting recordings are posted on line. Project design and construction descriptions. Van Nuys Bike lane will be relocated to Terra Bella St. (in partnership with the City Planning) from Wakefield to San Fernando Rd. 2-lanes cut down to 1 lane, except in proximity to the

freeway. A formal presentation is available to access on line. Can come back to NC meeting next month for a more detailed presentation..

(Questions and more time allowed now, as he was meant to have been called during Item 6, Board Business)

Q. Will there be left-turn lanes on Van Nuys Blvd? A.) Where there is space that allows it, there will be left turn lanes. However, most sections will not accommodate a left turn lane.

Q.) Terra Bella – is proving to be one of the most dangerous streets already.

A.) When reduced traffic lanes are installed, it is expected that fewer drivers will choose using that section of roadway.

Q.) **Loyce:** Will parking be eliminated? A.) Some will be eliminated, but other places they will add spaces, so that there is not planned to be an over-all reduction (rather, adding 22 parking spaces). Traffic analysis was done, but will be re-evaluated once the bike lanes are installed.

Connie: Imelda is on Metro Board as well as City Council. Is this not a conflict of interest.?

A.) METRO has to work with the City, so a City representative is expected to be on that board.

Q.) METRO is coming to a community that opposed project. Who foots bill of police & protective services?. WE want security in our area.

A.) METRO wants to bring in-agency policing back into the agency. Safety across the board is METRO's #1 issue to be addressed.

Q.) Joanne - Do bike lanes include use by E-bikes? They are so fast and pose quite dangerous situations, as they tend to skirt the rules of traffic and just keep going .

A.) E-bikes will use those lanes, but it will be separated from the normal traffic flow.

Q.) Loyce – Are pedestrians allowed to walk in bike lanes. This is dangerous.

A.) He will annotate this concern for METRO development consideration.

Q.) Stakeholder who lives close to Arleta & Terra Bella. Expressed concern. *(can't hear his words, as he was speaking directly to the METRO rep., Raymond Acevedo at a low level..)*

Q.) Jaime G.- re: adding & removing parking on Terra Bella. Currently residents are having to park in the alley. A.) Parking enforcement is a police issue. In presentation next month, he can further identify the parking situation and studies.

Board Business *(all discussion and votes were in-person)*

I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the ANC Minutes for the prior, General Board meeting of January 20, 2026.

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

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe _____, 2nd by – Jaime Gallo _____ to approve minutes.

The Motion ___ Passed ___ with ___ 7 ___ yes, ___ 0 ___ no, ___ 0 ___ ineligible, ___ 3 ___ absent, ___ 0 ___ abstained

Discussion: -none-

II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of outstanding monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer, including January 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 – Gary Gallon ___ to vote on MER's approval.

The Motion ___ Passed ___ with ___ 7 ___ yes, ___ 0 ___ no, ___ 0 ___ ineligible, ___ 3 ___ absent, ___ 0 ___ abstained

Discussion: Jesse – explained. Any outstanding NPG's have been resolved.

Connie: Q.) What was \$1,500 to Community Police Council? A.) - public event -Christmas Toy Drive

III. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to amend ANC Bylaws to allow ANC the option to opt for the process of following all of the rules of the Selection Process / Affirmation to Board Seats for the full term. This option would be implemented when we find that the City Clerk's process for NC Elections is not going to be expedient for meeting the needs of our NC and community.

(If approved today to pursue making preliminary changes to our ANC Bylaws on this matter, our Bylaws Committee will recommend a proposal; to be presented for a Board vote at a later date.)

Motioned by – Dave Hunt _____, 2nd by – Robert Yaffe ___.

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

Discussion:

Q.) **Dave Hunt:**

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A.) **Burton:** This just to amend our ANC Bylaws to allow us the option to have an Appointment or a Selection process stated in our Bylaws, in the event we need to implement this process.

NEA-Jose Galdamez: Elections are administered by City Clerk. NC's who opt for Selection, NC pays themselves for all of its costs. Selection is an open ballot in an election-type setting or in a Town Hall type setting with raised-hand vote counting or a signed ballot that is tied to an actual person.

Budget is not until April 23rd. Asking NC's to please engage City Council offices.

Jesse R. – will vote NO. Costs too much out of NC funding. Too much work to do our own election.

Burt- Again, we're not voting to adopt this process in lieu of City elections. This is just to amend our Bylaws to give us the option to if the situation calls for it (If City Clerk suspends NC elections or if we decide to, it will be in our Bylaws to allow us to make that decision.).

NEA Jose Galdamez: Not necessary to have in our Bylaws – because City Clerk could allow an exception if they decide to suspend NC elections..

Dave H. Primary Election in June. Major election this year.

Loyce – We are just wanting to put it into our Bylaws as an option. (just in case that it is needed).

Robert Yaffee Q.) to NEA - A.) NC's will be given option to choose Selection at the time that they need to IF City Clerk suspends or postpones normal NC elections.

IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote and possible recommendations to the ANC Board regarding a Community Impact Statement on [State Assembly Bill 1421](#) – Relative to a study/implementation of a mileage tax upon all California motorists and its impacts on City of Los Angeles residents.

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

Motioned by – Dave Hunt, 2nd by – Robert Yaffe . . .

The Motion to discuss Passed with 7 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 3 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion: Jesse – State Assembly already approved it. Celeste did not vote on this issue. Now in State Senate. Added taxes. Doesn't think that the gasoline tax will be removed. Going to push a lot of businesses to relocate outside of the State or to close down.

Jaime Gallo – City's aim is to get you out of your car (into only public transit) and out of homes into apartment buildings. Ludicrous.

(see further comments on this issue from Rep from Senator Menjivar's office, Business item #8)

V. Possible Motion/Discussion regarding consideration of **Parking Permit Districts in impacted neighborhoods** – Relative to lack of parking spaces for residents on public streets in Arleta.

Motioned by – Jaime Gallo _____, 2nd by – Dave Hunt _____ to discuss this matter .

The Motion _____ with _____ yes, _____ no, _____ ineligible, _____ absent, _____ abstained (discussion only)

*Discussion: **Jesse Ramos** – brought out map. Thanks to State Senator Scott Weiner - Automatic re-zoning for High density housing within ½ mile of major metro stops. Senior homeowner neighbors will likely sell their properties. Abd developers will buy them up. SB – 79 allowed no parking required for apartment construction in these areas. Legislators have push for this. We need parking permit districts to protect neighborhood parking from METRO commuters.*

Q) **Connie.** A.) You do have to pay for each parking permit.

Ray – Already has parking from people who live outside their neighborhood.

Loyce – We already have property like that at Pierce & Beachy - no parking provided there. Just starting to press for this.

Jaime – people parking in the alley's

Jose Galdamez – submit a letter to the City Council Office to apply for Parking District permits.

Stakeholder. Already seeing double-parking on streets.

Ray – Already sees this as an issue happening. It will only get worse.

(This was a discussion only topic – not an item to vote on).

VI. Reports from **Representatives:**

● **CD-6 City Councilmember – Imelda Padilla’s office. (10 minutes)**

Ray Duran reading letter and petition to be presented to our City Council Member regarding a memorial sign for Adrian Carrillo at Terra Bella & Woodman. (read letter).

If approved by the City Council, then many of the organizations and people who signed the petition would like to attend the ceremony.

Marcella Quintanilla – Update: Welcome to Arleta Sign. Heard back from Est completion date in April 15, 2026. Sign still remains an active priority to office.

Devonshire Arleta - has applied for improvements to park in mid-February to start planning.

Branford Park – Will work with park We have applied for park playground here.

Starbucks – Expected to have grand opening in early March. They are currently having an issue with permanent power.

Scheduling a **community cleanup** on March 7th.

Old **der Weinerschnitzel** has been an eyesore for a long time. Recently the new fence was broken through. Property owner was contacted. Expedite permits. KFC is considering applying to build there. 24th of Feb. Care+ program team to visit this location. **Woodman corridor** improvement.

Joanne – At Woodman & Osborne people are belligerent. Walk out into street. Shopping carts. A.)

Officials have had to tread lightly when it comes to the unhoused. Seeing more people coming into our area, creating more encampments. Hopefully more will choose permanent housing, not just push them to another area.

Jaime: Thanks for picking up the phone.

Burt: What does “permanent housing” look like for street people:

A.) Request an outreach team to offer services. Interim housing: Motel, shelter or tiny home – depending on what’s available at the time.

Q.) tiny home sites: are they fully occupied?

Q.) Was there follow-up with Council as a whole to consider building mental health facilities?

A.) **Loyce-** on Roscoe, hospital does have a mental lock-down facility.

Q.) **Ray,** is there oversight in these housing facility locations? Security? Oversight

A.) Should be security. Often hear, people who have lived outside for so long, that they don’t really no longer know how to live indoors. Need (training?) to help to teach them how to live indoors.

Preferred parking districts – Marcella can assist get it set up. Permit will not necessarily keep people from parking in your area. Daily or Annual parking permits can be purchased by commuters that exempt them from certain parking permit districts restrictions. Parking Permit Districts must designate what hours parking is restricted.

Genesis – East Valley rep for L.A. Mayor Karen Bass.

VII. ● Reports from the office of **LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez. (10 minutes)**

Anthony Garcia – Rep.

Short update on schools in Arleta. **Sharp Elementary , O’Melveny, Sharp, Arleta H.S.**

O’Melveny a new playing field. 2 other schools scheduled for new fields.

Arleta H.S. – Football Field lighting project. Regular community meetings have been held & in future. Project is Fully funded.

Vena –Dec 2025 privacy fence around the school installed.

Sat. Holding a Family Day at Science Discovery Cube. However, registrations are now full.

Ray: Will Arleta HS field be open to public for walking once there is lighting on the field? (?)

Elementary school students protesting on street Glenoaks & Paxton- Do parents know where they are (if outside campus), Not enough security for kids if they leave campus.

Jesse R. His son’s school is allowing protesting. Parents may not be aware that their kids are being let off campus to protest. They are expecting protection for kids, being within the boundaries of their school campus.

Jaime – Doesn’t sound like this is a kid’s idea. It is more like the agenda of some teacher or other adult. Children should be protected and taught the basics; not spend time in social protesting.

Loyce – Children not learning basics. They shouldn’t be pressing little kids with “freedom of speech”.

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Joanne - Cannot take children off campus on a whim. Parents have entrusted the school to have their kids secured on the campus.

Dave – Back in the day, a permission slip had to be submitted for the kids to go out on a field trip. Does a field trip have to be approved ahead of time.

A.) Field trips DO have to be pre-approved.

Please advise if there are other schools where this has happened.

Christianna – Did parents give permission slips? Middle school students are NOT allowed to make up their own minds about leaving campus. The parents STILL have to give consent.

Dave Hunt - Do parents know what the heck is going on?

VIII. ● Reports from other City, County or State Agencies.

Senator Menjivar (represents 20th District; this area of Valley + Burbank) new district rep. **Star Resendez**

● **Email:** star.resendez@sen.ca.gov

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State Senate website shows what bills are being considered and what committees are reviewing.

Once that the bill comes to committee, then Senator Menjivar can have some say-so. She can't speak to it until the measure first comes to the floor of the Senate.

Her understanding is that Mileage Tax is only going to impact EV drivers.

All forms of the bill are going to be reviewed and can be changed through the whole committee process.

All adjustments are up for consideration.

Go on-line to find more details or Watch live committee meetings on Senate Website.

(<https://www.senate.ca.gov/> and select Publications or Media from the black bar under the heading.)

The Senator has Introduced a bill to address possibly putting restrictions on people with recurring DUI or recurring misdemeanors.

Jose Galdamez DONE

Submit Bylaw amendments to Dept by April 1 Confer with Jose for help with this.

Dept had a Budget Advocacy workshop. Recording available on line to view the workshop.

Can see the Department's proposed budget.. Best way to go about sending Budget recommendations is to advocate for it as soon as possible, before the budget amounts come out. Send recommendations to

City Council Member's office. AND to Mayor's office. Under **Council File 26-0600**

Budget Day in June. Budget representatives are encouraged to attend. Also, the event is open to board members & to the general public. (Be sure to register ahead of time.)

● Report from **Budget Advocates**. -none-

IX. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to approve ANC having an **outreach table** at the upcoming **CD-6 - sponsored Public Works Town Hall**. To be held at the facility of Osborne Neighborhood Church on **Thursday, February 26th, 6:00-8:00 pm**. (Set-up by 5:30 pm)

Motioned by – Burton Hunter, 2nd by – Jesse Ramos

The Motion Passed with 6 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 3 absent, 1 abstained

Discussion: Burton – Describing the layout of the event, Leadership from some departments of L.A. Public Works giving presentations. Then, a panel of representatives from different departments of PW answering questions from stakeholders (the public). Before and after the meeting, Outreach tables from different agencies and departments will be situated in the Fellowship Hall facility (in our current meeting area) for stakeholders to visit.

Due to other responsibilities during the meeting, Burton will not be available to man the ANC outreach table.

- X. 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 – _____, 2nd by – _____ .
The Motion _____ with __ yes, __ no, __ ineligible, __ absent, __ abstained
Discussion: -no one volunteered -

- XI. 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

Motioned by – _____, 2nd by – _____ .
The Motion _____ with __ yes, __ no, __ ineligible, __ absent, __ abstained
Discussion: - none -

- XII. **Committee Reports**
 Robert Yaffe - Outreach – He met with Manager at McDonalds at Woodman & Osborne. Manager is very interested in knowing what is going on at our NC community meeting.
 Burt – ad hoc Bylaws Committee will have to meet.

XIII. Announcements: -none-

XIV. Adjournment at 9:12 pm

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