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Arleta Neighborhood Council (ANC)
In-person General Board Meeting Minutes -approved *as amended*
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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

I. Called to Order by Ray Duran at 6:42 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Raymond Duran, Jaime Gallo, Burton Hunter, Jesse Ramos, Gary Gallon, Dave Hunt, Ronald Pacheco, Robert Yaffe, "Jeo" Escobar (*arrived at 7:07 pm*)

Absent: Moises B. Bazan, Christianna Hartwell

Pledge of Allegiance led by Burton Hunter

II. President's Report: Thank you for being here. Special guests expected tonight..

This NC has always been interested to do things to improve our community.

Personally, I don't like to see our people or our communities being victimized. Some things that people in their minds call "progress" is not progress at all. Crime is an issue. Mini bikes create some issues. Illegal vendors affect our community. Trickle-down disregard for any laws creates similar problems of disregard & crime at many levels in our society. Some community members are being threatened. Some government representatives are pushing to de-fund the police. That is bogus. We try to advocate for people.

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

Police Captain Garrett Peyton, Mission Div. Thanks to this NC being here for our neighborhoods. He's here to listen to us. He has a dedicated team at Mission Division Police Station that is top-notch. Our community concern is their concern.

Safety of residents taking kids to school, or to the market is certainly an issue.

They have to look at vendors— sometimes what they can do depends on if they are located on private property.

We have a good Arleta Rep from City Council (Marcella). She is very engaged with needs here. Give us lots of feedback.

Q Ray Duran. Problems in neighborhood if getting out of hand. What is your approach.?

A. Don't take them on yourself. Call the Police Dept. for help. 27 reckless driving citations have been issued at Woodman & Terra Bella intersection since Adrian's death there. Anyone driving under the influence is a big issue. Just this year 133 DUI citations issued in Mission Div.

1,300 less officers across the City, so we're having to work harder. They work closely with Valley Traffic Div. Regarding repeated DUI arrests in some individuals, Legislation is being looked at to address this repeat offender problem.

Q. Joann Gallon - E-bikes are a big issue. Not safe, and Why they don't have to wear a helmet.

A. There are specific laws in place. Right now, helmets are only required for certain ages. There are certain criteria where the speed that they can go has to be addressed. This is a whole state of California issue right now. Expecting to see more strict laws put into place.

Q. Jaime Gallo – mini bikes (very low to the ground) are hard to see. Fireworks with the 150 year anniversary. What can be done to mitigate that issue. A few nights ago, a prowler in area. Police were on top of it that time. Usually we get a slow response.

A. When call-in, be specific on the type of issue you are reporting. If an imminent threat is reported, they get coded for prioritizing response. They aim for a 7 minute response time for priority calls. Less priority gets bumped down the priority list for responding
Last year, Mission Div. had highest number of incidents reported.
Fireworks likely will be coming up again. They are looking at areas where there were fireworks issues previously reported. (cited some incidents that made the news.) Going to try to work with City Attorney's office to send notices to areas where large #'s of fireworks were reported last year; stating the consequences and penalties of illegal fireworks. **Mini bikes** – looking at issues with those.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Tracy Ware – We are working on Public Service Announcement about bikes. Sending notices. If 18 years or younger, then a helmet is required. If underage and no helmet, then the parents can be held accountable. They are meeting with **National Health Foundation (NHF)**- some residents from there have been hanging out at homeless encampments and other problem areas. Trying to work so that residents from there are not viewed as “problem people”.

Starbucks – they don't yet have any electrical power. Tentative opening March 26th (then was told, even more pushed-back).

Bracken & Canterbury vendors – some have come back. These are inviting other vendors to come. Don't confront vendors yourself. Call police and let them deal with it.

Q. Robert Yaffe – Need to have enforced rules and regulations for residents in facilities

Q. Joanne Gallon –

Q. Gary Gallon – Grocery Carts full of “stuff” at encampments are stolen property.

Q. Robert Yaffe – Repeat offenders. **A.** It's an infraction, rather than misdemeanor or felony.

Q. Jaime Gallo – **National Health Found.** Rumor has it the population has changed in there. Possibly some registered sex-offenders? Close to child care centers or Arleta HS students? Megan's law?

Q. Ray Duran –

Q. Dave Hunt -Vendor by the nursery – should it be DWP responsibility? City policy, saying that there are not enough beds. Listen carefully to candidates up for election. And where are they coming from?

- 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**,

Matthew Vasquez. Arleta resident. Neighbors are opposed to _____. Van Nuys Blvd. 15' difference in width from Terra Bella. And Terra Bella is thru residential neighborhoods, whereas Van Nuys is commercial. Hope more study info from studied in other cities can be considered.

Dave Hunt – Legislative update. Voter ID Required initiative got enough signatures to be on the ballot. Call Alex Padilla. Adam Shiff about this issues. Push for these.

The **Prop 13** -related **issues** should be on the Nov. ballot, requiring 2/3 vote to raise property tax. Petition on Ballot for money spending – transparency Should be asking, Who is supporting it? What is the money going to go for? **School funding vouchers.** (Giving parents choice of which school they want to send their kids to.) There is a bill before Congress: that if you have investments, that \$ invested can be used for spending projects which provide no security for your investment and that show no return on investment (like to provide free healthcare.)

Hope Fest LA tickets available. Invite to **Journey Through Jerusalem**, here on Palm Sunday 6 pm.

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Board Business

I. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of the ANC Minutes for the prior Regular, General Board meeting of February 17, 2026.

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

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2nd by – Gary Gallon

The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion: -none-

II. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote on approval of outstanding monthly financial documents prepared by the Treasurer, including February 2026 MER's reports.

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

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2nd by Jesse Ramos

The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion: Jesse R. explained.

III. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to submit to BONC and DONE proposed amendments to ANC Bylaws, according to the recommendations of the ANC Bylaws Committee.

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

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2nd by Dave Hunt

The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion: Burton described the recommended major changes.: Clarified description of ANC boundaries. We can opt-in for a Selection process in lieu of Elections if we want to. Bylaws to include wording that our NC can opt-in to holding meetings virtually when we deem it appropriate by following the rules of CA SB 707.

IV. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to donate \$500. to support Budget Day. /per request of the Budget Advocates, each NC has been asked to agendize the request to contribute \$500 to support this annual Neighborhood Council sponsored event at LA City Hall.

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe 2nd by Dave Hunt

The Motion Passed with 7 yes, 1 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion: **Robert Yaffe** – Should we (Budget Representatives) be getting info about it.?

Loyce Lacson. Downtown event. Breakfast & lunch. This is a big event.

You meet other NC people. It's good for the Valley to be seen at City Hall. If work with other NC's a lot of information gets shared.

Robert – Dave Hunt

Burton – This event is FOR Neighborhood Councils, and is fully funded by Neighborhood Councils. They get NO money from the City to put this on, and the expenses to do this are sizeable. Instead of asking for large donations to help fund this, and since NC's funding budget has been cut way back, this year they have asked if EACH NC can contribute \$500. then they should break even.

V. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote to host an Outreach Table at the Branford Park Spring Egg Hunt event on Saturday, March 28th, from 10 am – 1 pm. And to spend up to \$300. to purchase candy and snacks for handing out at this community event.

Motioned by – Robeert Yaffe 2nd by - Burton Hunter

The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion: **Beverly Gramajo one of Branford Recreation Center Directors** Want candy for putting inside plastic eggs. And /or some larger Candy bars for kids who find the golden egg. Plastic eggs.

Park has lowered rates for kids to play. So they don't have funding for extra things. Over 1000 kids in sports. They get No funding for their summer camp either.

Also, their Opening Day opening ceremonies – Their biggest day April 4th. Inviting for our Arleta NC personnels to attend the opening ceremony.. A lot of the public attends this. It was suggested for them to reach out to local markets for help.

Question was posed if we can just give them the money to buy what they need? **Answer is NO.** We can purchase some and then give it away in various ways. For Opening Day, they are NOT requesting that we set up an ANC outreach booth & table on that day; rather, just that some of us attend the opening ceremony..

VI. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote and possible recommendations to the ANC Board regarding a Community Impact Statement on **Council File 25-1484 - Relative to Sober Living Facilities / Reducing Overconcentration / Residential Neighborhoods.**

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

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe ___ 2nd by - Dave Hunt–___

The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion: Jesse R. Don't have a number of how many sober living facilities exist. Contact Dept of Public Health & other agencies to see where these facilities are. Especially in regard to density. Other NC's having problems with these facilities in their areas. Want to be sure that the facilities are not all clustered together. Costa Mesa had an ordinance that went to court. CF 25-1484 is set in motion – regulating 650 ft between facilities, so they can't be clustered side-by side.

American Journal of ...?.. wrote an article discussing issues with densely placing these facilities in communities..

Q. Burton – Does density effect capacity within the individual facilities? **A.** It's possible that the last part of the CF might address that (inside conditions)..

Q. Dave Hunt – Sometimes disconnected corporations run those places.

Q. Joanne Gallon – Her son lives in a nice home next door to a what became a Sober living facility. 36 rooms with 1 person /per room. Share one common kitchen. Problems, problems!. It's a mess. Her son is moving out.

VII. Possible Motion/Discussion/Vote and possible recommendations to the ANC Board regarding a Community Impact Statement on **Council file 25-1083 - Relative to a report and recommendations relative to the impacts and local implementation of California Senate Bill 79 (2025),** which accelerates the development of high-density, mixed-income housing within a half mile of major transit stops. The law overrides local zoning to allow, for instance, up to seven-story buildings in certain areas, particularly inappropriate in single family home-zoned neighborhoods.

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

Motioned by – Robert Yaffe ___ 2nd by - Dave Hunt–___

The Motion Passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 2 absent, 0 abstained

Discussion: Jesse Ramos Feedback from Rainey street in Austin, Texas. "Progress" seems to mean getting rid of single family homes and quiet communities and instead building high-rises.

What is LA going to look like? All individual homes will be torn down and high-rises built.

Different scenarios based on number of transit stations. Customize areas that are already highly dense.

AB-2097 from 2022 allows for apartments built withing half a mile from any transit station without any parking spaces required. If it comes to asking a time when they ask the public to make recommendations: **Vote on:**

Approach C. Option 2. May not be optimal, but seems to be the best of the options that they are putting out there for consideration.

VIII. ● Reports from **Representatives: CD-6 City Councilmember – Imelda Padilla's office. (10 minutes)**

Marcela Quintanilla – Arleta Field Deputy for CD-6 - Branford Park issues: She set up a meeting with Park leadership, Police Sr. Lead, & Park Rangers. Applications are available for requesting preferred parking in certain neighborhoods. Paperwork of how to go about it is available if you want to pursue it. **Events:** Clean-up in Van Nuys. **Earth Day** at Sun Valley skate park. **Armenian Remembrance Day** at City Hall.

Starbucks at Nordhoff & Woodman Possibly opening April 25th.

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Junk RV impound yard. In Lake Balboa.

Q. Loyce KFC ? **A.** No word yet..

Q. Dave Hunt - some RV Parks stopped. Now there's a suggestion that "tiny homes" are expected at the site off Lemona, just north of Devonshire (former nursery site.)

Q. Rudy Melendez street sweeping in the area. After pandemic. Areas with signage get swept 2 x /per month. Not talking about copper wire theft. Street sweeping, empty street trash cans.

Q. Jeo -Chase & Woodman.

Q. Joanne G. – She heard that street sweeping requires residents to a sign petition to get that service.

IX. • Presentation and reports from the office of LA METRO. (10 minutes)

Raymond Alcevedo - Candice Link. Alex Gonzalez. Team

Project overall – building an at-grade train on Van Nuys Blvd.

Planning for 11 stations in middle of street .

Candice - With VN Blvd. Lite Rail development the street has to move bike lanes. Terra Bella reconfiguration to accommodate a Bike lane parallel to V.N. Blvd. in Panorama City, Arleta and Pacoima between VN Blvd and San Fernando Rd. Terra Bella has had accidents. Attempt to retain parking. Left-turn lane in middle of st. Remove parking in some areas, but will add 22 parking spaces over-all.

Q. Loyce. Fire Station 7 uses Terra Bella to do emergency runs. This will severely restrict their access.

A. Notifying residents and first responders. City will look back and make adjustments AFTER the changes have been made.

Q. Jesse R. Arleta has roughly 30,000 residents. Mostly they use cars. Only a few residents use bicycles. Lots of traffic passing through are not residents here. They are also not riding bikes. They are racing to get through. **A. Raymond Acevedo** will take the concern back to the project leaders. However, the bike lane WILL be put there.

Q. Jaime Gallo – Bicyclists can ride in any lane that they want. If taking driving lanes from Van Nuys for train, then the cars need Terra Bella for commuting. 2 weeks after first hearing about the Terra Bella bike lanes, he received a flier stating "Welcome to the Terra Bella Bicycle Lanes". Even students don't use bicycles. What is so important about adding bicycle lanes?

Q. Ray comment on "calmer neighborhoods" Reduced to slower speeds. with one lane.

Q. Jesse Ramos – Avoid bike lanes.

Q. Dave Hunt - How much of this is already a "done deal". **A.)** It's pretty much a done-deal.

The feeling here in LA is that "People need their car".

A. Ray A. Some further property acquisition projects will likely be done after the train project is up and running.

X. • Reports from other City, County or State Agencies. -none-

• Report from Budget Advocates. -none-

XI. 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.) **-none-**

XII. 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 **-none-**

XIII. Committee Reports

Jesse Ramos- CIC, Robert Yaffe-Outreach, Christianna-'s – Animal Welfare -*none*
Burt – *only that we will be submitting our approved Bylaws changes for review..*

XIV. Announcements: Reminder of Branford Recreation Center invites ANC to host an Outreach Table at their **Spring Egg Hunt on Sat. March 28th** (starts at 10 am) and then to attend the **Opening Day Kick-Off Ceremony for Spring Sports on Saturday, April 4th**, (starting at 8:30 a.m., with no ANC outreach table this time, just to attend the ceremony and talk to some parents.)

XV. Adjournment at - 9:43 pm___

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