

**Our Neighborhood Council  
Governing Board Members:**

**Elected Board Members:**

Gina Fields, Chairperson  
Denise Stansell, Co-Chair  
Brenda Ashby, Area 1 Rep  
Isaiah Madison, Area 1 Rep  
Latrice Gardner, Area 2 Rep  
Jackie Ryan, Area 2 Rep  
Diane Robertson, Area 3 Rep  
Gwendolyn Jones, Area 3 Rep

**Appointed Board Members:**

K. Eric Nelson, Treasurer  
Kathy Guyton, Secretary  
Linh Da Tran, Media Coordinator  
Avis Gibson, At-Large Rep  
Carmen Hill, At-Large Rep  
Sophia Walters, At-Large Rep  
Misty Wilks, At-Large Rep

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS WEST AREA  
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



*A Certified City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council  
Since March 23, 2002*

Serving the communities of Arlington Park, Baldwin Hills, Baldwin Village, Baldwin Vista, Cameo Plaza, Crenshaw Manor, Leimert Park, and Village Green

**All Meetings are Open to the Public**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023, 10 AM**

**ZOOM MEETING**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83840094370>

**MEETING ID: 838 4009 4370**

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**General Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month  
10 am – 12 pm

**Board Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021, ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

**AB 361 Updates:**

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

**AGENDA**

1. **WELCOME**
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
3. **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - a. Los Angeles City Council District Representatives
  - b. LAPD Senior Lead Officers
  - c. Other City Departments/Agencies
  - d. Community Organizations
4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Comments from the public on items not on the agenda, limited to 2 minutes per speaker**
5. **BRIEF BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**
6. **PRESENTATION: L.A. REPAIR – ALLISON WILHITE – L.A. REPAIR is the first participatory budgeting pilot program in the city of Los Angeles. Unlike most participatory budgeting programs implemented by other government entities, it is geared towards providing dollars for programming versus capital projects. The intent is to direct funding to the most impactful services based on ideas from underserved communities. <https://repair.lacity.org/>**
7. **PRESENTATION: THRIVE LIVING – JASON LOMBARD, JORDAN BRILL - Thrive Living is a privately-owned, U.S. company positioned to invest more than \$1 billion in workforce housing nationwide. They acquire strategically located properties in urban markets experiencing significant housing affordability gaps. They are a national brand, currently pursuing its mission in Los Angeles - a city experiencing a severe housing affordability crisis where rents are rising faster than incomes. <https://www.thrive-living.com/>**
8. **PRESENTATION: SOLA FOOD CO-OP – SOLA Food Co-op's mission is to provide South Los Angeles and neighboring communities with access to fresh, economical, organic, and healthy foods. Their goal is to empower the community through shared ownership, improved health, education, and social engagement, as well as practice sustainability, fair trade, fair labor, and support local agriculture. <https://www.solafoodcoop.com/>**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

## ECWANDC MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Outreach:** Responsible for the development of an annual plan and budget proposal for the participation and engagement of stakeholders in the NC; coordination of participation and NC promotion in community events and activities; development and distribution of outreach materials. **Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**Planning, Land Use and Beautification (PLUB):** Responsible for oversight and, monitoring all land use proposals and policy changes within the NC boundaries; communication and coordination with appropriate city agencies and stakeholders responsible for or engaged in land use, economic and community development, community beautification and nuisance abatement. **Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month @ 6:30 pm, [planning@ecwandc.org](mailto:planning@ecwandc.org)**

**Finance:** Responsible for development of an annual budget for approval by the board; monitoring the board's financial status and expenditures; screening and reviewing all funding request for eligibility and appropriateness; development and compliance with NC funding guidelines and all city, state and federal financial reporting requirements. **Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 6:30pm, [finance@ecwandc.org](mailto:finance@ecwandc.org)**

**Safety:** Responsible for monitoring, promoting, and advocating for the safe and quiet enjoyment of all stakeholders; liaison to local law enforcement, schools, parks and recreation and local businesses on matters of public safety. **Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month @ 6:30 pm, [safety@ecwandc.org](mailto:safety@ecwandc.org)**

### AD-HOC COMMITTEES

**Bylaws-Rules:** Responsible for recommending changes to the Neighborhood Council bylaws and policies. **Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month @ 6:30pm, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**Economic Empowerment:** Entrepreneurship, leadership, technology, and job readiness skills to foster generational wealth creation and community economic development. **Meetings – TBA, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**Education and Youth Development:** This committee is dedicated to addressing issues that concern youth development and access to education through advocacy, research, and program development. **Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**Cannabis Regulation:** Responsible for providing a voice and platform for stakeholders to participate in the selection of cannabis businesses in the community. The committee will: review proposed applications; consider and/or propose community benefits and or other resources; make any other suggestions in furtherance of the neighborhood council's mission, and make recommendations to the ECWA Board, Cannabis Commission or other government entities. **Meetings – TBA, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**Government/Legislative:** Responsible for keeping track of all legislation pertinent to Neighborhood council community/area. **Meetings – TBA, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**Parking:** Responsible for addressing parking issues arising from new development. **Meetings – TBA, @ 6:30pm [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL LIAISONS

**Animal Services – Vacant    Data – Kathy Guyton    Film – Vacant    Homelessness – Tracey Brown    Public Works – Vacant**  
**Grievance Panel – Johnnie Raines, III    Purposeful Aging – Carlene Davis    Resilience – Vacant    DWP Representative - Vacant**

**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period.

Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. Contact [office@ecwandc.org](mailto:office@ecwandc.org) to request being added to the Agenda as a presenter.

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- 3701 Stocker St., Ste. 208, Los Angeles, CA 90008
- [www.ecwandc.org](http://www.ecwandc.org)
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's [Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#)

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website: <http://www.ecwandc.org> or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact ECWANDC at [office@ecwandc.org](mailto:office@ecwandc.org)

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**Notice to Paid Representatives** - If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at [ethics.lacity.org/lobbying](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobbying). For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org)

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