

**Board Members:**

**Elected Board Members:**

Gina Fields, Chairperson  
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Isaiah Madison, Area 1 Rep  
Charles Allen, 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  
Jennifer McMillan, Media Coordinator  
Avis Gibson, At-Large Rep  
Carmen Hill, At-Large Rep  
Johnnie Raines, III, 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**

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024, 10 AM  
FIRE STATION 94 COMMUNITY ROOM  
4470 COLISEUM ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016**

**Contact Information**

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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

*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.*

**AGENDA**

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 3. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - a. Los Angeles City 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 two minutes per speaker*
- 5. BRIEF BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS –** *General announcements from the ECWA board, limited to two minutes per speaker*
- 6. PRESENTATION: FREE THE TRAPPERS DISPENSARY (AT CRENSHAW & KING), LORENZE LANIER**
- 7. PRESENTATION: ECWA COMMITTEES -** *Committees represent, involve, and serve stakeholders, as well as provide an important training ground for future leaders of an organization. There are several key elements of effective committees, including (1) a clear, written purpose; (2) an effective committee chair(s); (3) thoughtfully appointed members; and (4) well-run meetings.*
- 8. DISCUSS ECWA GOALS FOR 2024**
- 9. GENERAL COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA -** *Comments from the public on items on the agenda, limited to one minute per speaker*
- 10. 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 – TBA, [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, [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 – Charles McAfee**

**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.

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- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's [Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#)

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