

**Governing Board Members**

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Gina Fields, Chairperson  
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Jackie Ryan, Area 2 Rep  
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Gwen 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 Estates, Baldwin Village, Baldwin Vista, Cameo Plaza, Crenshaw Manor, Leimert Park and Village Green

**All meetings are open to the public**

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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

**SPECIAL JOINT BOARD/ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024, 6:30 PM**

**ZOOM MEETING**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83252383562>

**MEETING ID: 832 5238 3562**

**TOLL-FREE DIAL IN #S: 888-475-4499 OR 877-853-5257**

In conformity with the October 6, 2023 enactment of California Senate Bill 411 (Portantino) and Los Angeles City Council approval on November 1, 2023, the Empowerment Congress West Area NDC meeting will be conducted virtually.

**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** - 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 meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

**SB 411 Updates:** In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body’s control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph

(D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

**AGENDA**

1. **WELCOME**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - comments from the public on items not on the agenda, limited to 2 minutes per speaker
4. **FUNDING REQUEST:** Approve business cards for ECWA board members in the amount not to exceed \$300
5. **DISCUSSION:** Discuss down payment assistance programs for homebuyers in our community
  - a. How to best share the information
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

## ECWANDC MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Executive:** Responsible for overseeing and carrying out the day-to-day activities of the Council. **Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 pm, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**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 the 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, [cannabis@ecwandc.org](mailto:cannabis@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 – Vacant      Public Works – Vacant**  
**Grievance Panel – Johnnie Raines, III      Purposeful Aging – Carlene Davis      Resilience – Vacant      DWP Representative – Charles McAfee**

**Public Posting of Agendas -** Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

- [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 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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**RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS -** For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website: [www.ecwandc.org](http://www.ecwandc.org)

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