

ECWA Board

Elected

Gina Fields, Chairperson
Denise Stansell, Co-Chair
Miracle McKinney, Area 1 Rep
Isaiah Madison, Area 1 Rep
Jackie Ryan, Area 2 Rep
Charles Allen, Area 2 Rep
Keana McGee, Area 3 Rep
Gwendolyn Jones, Area 3 Rep

Appointed

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

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024, 6:30 PM

ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89284254331>

MEETING ID: 892 2842 4331

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General Meetings

1st Saturday of the Month
10 am – 12 pm

Board Meetings

3rd Monday of the Month
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** (Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction – *limited to 2 minutes each*)
- 4. PRESENTATION:** Free the Trappers (aka Crenshaw Legacy, LLC)
- 5. NEW BUSINESS** (all items are for discussion and possible action unless otherwise noted)
 - a. Discuss Letter re Free the Trappers cannabis dispensary
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the committee'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 committee.

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.

ECWANDC MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

Executive: Carries out the day-to-day activities of the Council. **Meetings – 4th Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 pm, outreach@ecwandc.org**

Outreach: Develops an annual plan and budget proposal for the participation and engagement of stakeholders in the neighborhood council. Coordinates participation and NC promotion in community events and activities. Develops and distributes outreach materials. **Meetings – 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm, outreach@ecwandc.org**

Planning, Land Use and Beautification (PLUB): Monitors all land use proposals and policy changes within the NC boundaries; communicates and coordinates with appropriate city agencies and stakeholders responsible for or engaged in land use, economic and community development, community beautification and nuisance abatement. **Meetings – 2nd Wednesday of month @ 6:30 pm, planning@ecwandc.org**

Finance: Develops an annual budget for approval by the board. Monitors the board's financial status and expenditures. Screens and reviews all funding request for eligibility, appropriateness, and compliance with NC funding guidelines and all city, state, and federal financial reporting requirements. **Meetings – 2nd Thursday of the month @ 6:30pm, finance@ecwandc.org**

Safety: Monitors, promotes, and advocates 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 – 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm, safety@ecwandc.org**

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

Bylaws-Rules: Recommends changes to the Neighborhood Council bylaws and policies. **Meetings – TBD, outreach@ecwandc.org**

Economic Empowerment: Entrepreneurship, leadership, technology, and job readiness skills to foster generational wealth creation and community economic development. **Meetings – TBD, outreach@ecwandc.org**

Education and Youth Development: Addresses issues concerning youth development and access to education through advocacy, research, and program development. **Meetings – 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm, outreach@ecwandc.org**

Cannabis Regulation: Provides 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 or other resources, make suggestions in furtherance of the neighborhood council's mission, and make recommendations to the ECWA Board, Cannabis Commission or other government entities. **Meetings – TBD, outreach@ecwandc.org**

Government/Legislative: Keeps track of all legislation pertinent to Neighborhood council community/area. **Meetings – TBD, outreach@ecwandc.org**

Parking: Addresses parking issues arising from new development. **Meetings – TBD, @ 6:30pm 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 –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.

THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate based on disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the NC via e-mail office@ecwandc.org

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS - 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

PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS - Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

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

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. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

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

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