



Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council



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General Board & Community **Special Meeting Agenda**

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Ave. #207
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Monday, January 8, 2024
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Board Members

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

II. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

III. Department update on the [Exhaustive Efforts \(EE \) Status and Work Plan](#) for the Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECSWANDC).

IV. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- a. Public Safety
- b. City Council Representative
- c. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 1 minute(s).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Cure and Correct matter. The Board is sharing with the public a [text message](#) that was sent to the Board by the Board President in the interest of transparency: [Read text message]. Please note that pursuant to the California Government Code Section 54960.1(f), any effort exercised to cure and correct an action is not an admission or evidence of a violation of the Brown Act.
- b. Discussion and possible motion to approve the [Meeting Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Special Meeting](#) of the ECSWANDC.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible motion to approve the [application](#) of Tracey Davis for appointment to the ECSWANDC Youth Representative seat for the remaining term which ends on June 30, 2025.
- b. Discussion and possible motion to approve a date for the ECSWANDC Board Retreat to be held on a Saturday in January or February and approve funding up to \$500.00 for meals/refreshments.
- c. Discussion and possible motion to appoint Outreach Chair/Committee as outlined in the DONE [Exhaustive Efforts Status and Work Plan](#).
- d. Discussion and update on the ECSWANDC Bylaw Amendment Application dated April 6, 2018, related to establishing the five (5) Residential Area Seats and Internal Boundaries.
- e. Discussion and Possible Action to file a [board resolution](#) to authorize the use of teleconferencing for the ECSWANDC Board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by [Senate Bill 411](#) and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to the ECSWANDC are necessary to

increase public participation and maintain the health and safety of the community and board members.

VIII. Board Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items Request.

Agenda items must be in accordance with the Exhaustive Efforts work plan.

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