



Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council



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Serving the communities of: Gramercy Park/
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General Board & Community Regular Meeting Agenda

Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90044

**Monday, November 18, 2024
6:00 pm**

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- 1) **Call to Order – Council member roll call (Quorum = 7)**
- 2) **Welcome & Board Member Announcements – (non-committee related)**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes – October 21, 2024**

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- 4) **Comments by Public Officials**
- 5) **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**
- 6) **Treasurer’s Report –**

a) Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report(s) for: April 2024, May 2024, June 2024, July 2024, August 2024, September 2024, October 2024.

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- 7) **General Public Comment on Non-agenda items -**

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one minute, unless adjusted by the president officer of the Board.

- 8) **New Business –**

a) Discussion and possible motion to approve consent calendar standing rule:

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b) Discussion and possible motion to approve 2024 Ballot Voting Model:

The ballot voting model outlines how stakeholders in the community can vote in neighborhood council elections. There are two types of ballots: a general ballot for most board seats and a youth ballot for the Youth Representative seat. Stakeholders aged 16 or older can vote on the general ballot, while those aged 14 or older can vote for the Youth Representative. Stakeholders must live, work, own property, or have a verified community interest in the area.

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c) Discussion and possible motion to approve 2025 meeting dates:

January 20 MLK -->January 13
February 17 President's Day -->February 24
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16

d) Discussion and possible motion to approve registration for ECSWANDC to participate in MLK Day parade.

9) Unfinished Business –

a) Discussion and possible Motion to adopt the provisions of California Senate Bill 411 (SB 411) for the ECSWANDC full board. This will enable the board to hold teleconference meetings, addressing unexpected loss of quorum challenges and increasing stakeholder participation. At least one in-person meeting will be held annually to ensure public accessibility and maintain transparency, as required by the bill.

10) Standing Committee Reports including Ad HOC -

- **Executive:** Marcello Robinson
- **Neighborhood:** Ra'Shon Chavis
- **Land Use:** Dominica Robbins-Wilson
- **Education:** Nia Mayers Franklin
- **Unhoused/Homeless:** The next homeless liaison meeting with Mayor's office will be held via zoom on November 16th and we will provide a report at board November 18th meeting.

11) Board Member Announcements -

12) ADJOURNMENT

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