



Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council



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General Board & Community Regular Meeting Agenda

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

Monday, March 17, 2025
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Board Members

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

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

III. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- a. Public Safety
- b. City Council Representative

- IV. **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).

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible motion to approve the [February 11, 2025 Special ECSWANDC Board Meeting Minutes](#).
- b. Discussion and possible motion to approve the [January 2025](#) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) of the ECSWANDC.
- c. Discussion and possible motion to amend the 2024-2025 ECSWANDC Administrative Packet - Annual Budget Section by reallocating funds from Outreach Expenditures Category to Office/Operational Expenditures Category.
- d. Discussion and possible motion to draft a letter to Council President regarding the extended closure of the newly installed playground and water play equipment. Playground equipment was closed due to the need to replace faulty / sharp edged surfaces.
- e. Discussion and possible motion to approve \$2,000.00 for Natoma Keir [Board Leadership Retreat Proposal](#) for providing a Leadership Retreat to the ECSWANDC to introduce the New Social Contract. The New Social Contract holds participants to a higher ethical order, redefining the role of public servant as applies to community engagement of all forms, including the elected volunteers who comprise Neighborhood Council Boards. (Pending City Clerk review, may require a service contract)

Learning Objectives: The Retreat culminates with the participants agreeing to Accountability, as well as to the other three of the Four Radical Agreements. When the New Social Contract is put into effect during daily business, the results are greater awareness, tolerance, and collaboration among participants, allowing for more effective progress in achieving shared goals.
- f. Discussion and possible motion to set the date for the ECSWANDC Board Retreat to be held on a Saturday in May 2024 or June 2024. Time to be determined..
- g. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$5,000 for the participation of the ECSWANDC as community partner with St. Andrews Recreation Center Community Spring event scheduled for April 12, 2025. The ECSWANDC logo will be listed on the

event flyer and other promotional materials. They will also receive a booth at the event. The focus of this outreach event is to promote ECSWANDC newly elected Board Members and reestablish the ECSWANDC awareness and engagement with the community.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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