



# Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council



## **Executive Committee**

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Serving the communities of: Gramercy Park/  
West Park Terrace, Manchester Square, and Vermont Knolls

## General Board & Community Special Meeting

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

Tuesday, May 27, 2025  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

## **Board Members**

Vacant  
At-Large

Nia Mayers Franklin  
At-Large

Tunisia Johnson  
At-Large

Sha-De Chapman  
Business Representative

James Reed  
Faith Based Representative

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Social Media Representative

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Dominica Robbins-Wilson  
Area 1 Residential  
Representative

Stacy Maspero  
Area 2 Residential  
Representative

Lisa Tatum  
Area 3 Residential  
Representative

Ashley Crisp  
Area 4 Residential  
Representative

Vacant  
Area 5 Residential  
Representative

Vacant  
Youth Representative

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 Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

**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 [April 21, 2025 Regular ECSWANDC Board Meeting Minutes](#).
- b. Discussion and possible motion to approve the [April 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report](#) (MER) of the ECSWANDC.
- c. Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$5,000.00 for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant [\(NPG\) to Project Pit](#). Funds will be used for Movies In The Park programming that will provide a free, safe and enriching experience for families of our community during the summer.
- d. Discussion and possible motion to approve \$400.00 for two Zoom licenses for fiscal year 2025-2026. This will allow the ECSWANDC Board and committees to meet virtually.
- e. Discussion and possible motion to approve \$100.00 for one Canva Pro license for fiscal year 2025-2026. The pro version will give access to Department created outreach templates as well as other tools.
- f. Discussion and possible motion to approve \$5,000.00 for The Calming Communications Coach Board [Leadership Retreat Proposal](#). The Leadership Retreat to the ECSWANDC will introduce and integrate the HEAR Model. The HEAR model can enhance communication, decision-making, and team dynamics within the Southwest Neighborhood Council.

- **HEAR Model at a Glance:**

- **Harmony:** Promotes understanding and respect; reduces conflict.
- **Excellence:** Encourages high-quality decision-making.
- **Action:** Drives measurable results.
- **Reason:** Ensures logical, well-analyzed, and balanced decisions.
- Insight into how these principles align with the council's current values, actions, and operations.

- g. Discussion and possible motion to appoint an interim ECSWANDC President through June 30, 2025.

Duties include:

- Shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the ECSWANDC and the Executive Committee;
- Shall appoint committees with the approval of a majority of the Board;
- Shall represent the ECSWANDC before other agencies and organizations as directed by or coordinated with the Board.

## **VI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- <http://www.southwestnc.org/>
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