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**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS WEST AREA  
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



*A Certified City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council  
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Serving the communities of Arlington Park, Baldwin Hills, Baldwin Village, Baldwin Vista, Cameo Plaza, Crenshaw Manor, Leimert Park, and Village Green

**All meetings are open to the public**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025, 10 AM**

**ZOOM MEETING**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83840094370>

**MEETING ID: 838 4009 4370**

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**General Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month  
10 am – 12 pm

**Board Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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.

**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.

## AGENDA

1. WELCOME
2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
3. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Los Angeles City Representatives
    - i. Council District 8
    - ii. Council District 10
  - b. Other City Departments/Agencies (see [city directory](#))
  - c. LAPD Senior Lead Officers (SLOs)
  - d. State Representatives/Government Agencies
  - e. Community Organizations
4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - *Comments from the public on items not on the agenda, limited to two minutes per speaker*
5. BRIEF BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS – *General announcements from the ECWA board*
6. PRESENTATION: LOS ANGELES DEPT OF WATER & POWER (LADWP) SHARED SOLAR PROGRAM, JENNIFER DE TEJADA - *LADWP's Shared Solar program enables residential customers living in multifamily dwellings (apartments, condominiums, duplexes) to fix a portion of their electric bill against rising utility costs for 10 years, as well as support renewable energy, help create local jobs, help reduce the carbon footprint and lessen the impact of global warming. There are no enrollment fees, ongoing costs, maintenance costs, nor the hassles of installing solar panels. (<https://www.ladwp.com/shared-solar>)*
7. PRESENTATION: ECWA COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: ILLEGAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES, ECWA CANNABIS REGULATION COMMITTEE - *Illegal cannabis dispensaries are flooding our neighborhoods, and the city is failing to take action. These unlicensed shops sell untested and unsafe products, putting our families, friends, and neighbors at risk. We've seen increased crime, robberies, and unsafe activity around these locations, yet enforcement is nonexistent. Meanwhile, legal dispensaries that follow the rules are struggling to survive. This is unacceptable. We must demand that the city shut down these illegal shops and enforce the law.*
8. ADJOURNMENT

## ECWANDC MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

**Bylaws-Rules:** Recommends changes to the Neighborhood Council bylaws and policies. **Meetings – TBD, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto: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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 6:30 pm, [cannabis@ecwandc.org](mailto:cannabis@ecwandc.org)**

**Executive:** Carries out the day-to-day activities of the Council. **Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 pm, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**Economic Empowerment:** Entrepreneurship, leadership, technology, and job readiness skills to foster generational wealth creation and community economic development. **Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**Education and Youth Development:** Addresses issues concerning youth development and access to education through advocacy, research, and program development. **Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 6:30pm, [finance@ecwandc.org](mailto:finance@ecwandc.org)**

**HOAs/Block Club:** Provides a voice and platform for HOAs and Block clubs to discuss issues within their area/community. **Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

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

**Outreach:** Develops an annual outreach plan and budget 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm, [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto:outreach@ecwandc.org)**

**Parking:** Addresses parking issues arising from new development. **Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month @ 6:30pm [outreach@ecwandc.org](mailto: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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month @ 6:30 pm, [planning@ecwandc.org](mailto:planning@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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm, [safety@ecwandc.org](mailto:safety@ecwandc.org)**

## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL LIAISONS

**Animal Services – Vacant      Data – Kathy Guyton      Film – Vacant      Homelessness – Vacant      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. 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 chair. Contact [office@ecwandc.org](mailto:office@ecwandc.org) to request being added to the agenda as a presenter.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@ecwandc.org)

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

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- 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](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobbying). For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto: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](http://www.ecwandc.org)

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