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**Empowerment Congress Southwest Area
Neighborhood Development Council**

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

**General Board
& Community Meeting Agenda**

Monday, September 19 , 2022

6PM – 8PM

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82418857876>

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021, ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE ECSWANDC NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (877) 853-5257, enter 824 1885 7876 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. 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 Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

AB 361 Updates -

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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

- I. **Call To Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Administrative Motions** (Discussion & Possible Action) (min)
 - a. Approve Minutes from August 2022 General Board Meeting
 - b. Approve Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER's) from July & August 2022
- IV. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

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- V. **Public Safety Update** (15 min)

LAPD SLO Janette Roman 37546@lapd.online (323) 387-9603 ([Basic Car Area 12A73](#))
 LAPD SLO Ruben Cardenas 35197@lapd.online (424) 364-9046 ([Basic Car Area 12A53](#))
www.lapdonline.org/lapd-contact/south-bureau/77th-street-community-police-station/
- VI. **Presentations - Government Representatives/Organizations**
 - a. **Los Angeles Department of Water & Power** representatives Ronak Chikhalya and Samuel Kiflezghi - **Solar Panels** (15 min)
 - b. **Council District 8** Deputy Akinyele Turner (akinyele.turner@lacity.org) (10 min)
 - c. **Safe Cities** representative Michelle Piñon – Campaign to get the City of Los Angeles to phase out oil drilling and allowing methane gas to be put in new construction. (10 min)
- VII. **Community Impact Statements**
 - a. Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) Council File [#20-1536](#). [City Administrative Officers Report](#)
- VIII. **Committee Updates** (Discussion and Possible Action) (min)
 - a. **Budget & Finance** (Timothy Henry)
 - i. Neighborhood Purpose Grant
 - a. NPG presentation from Cindy Kane regarding the 4th Annual Greater Los Angeles Safety & Preparedness Fair to be held on November 13, 2022, from 10AM-4PM in the Exposition Park Green Lot. Requesting an amount up to \$4000.
- IX. **Announcements / Future Agenda Items** (Discussion and Possible Action) (5 min)
- X. **Adjournment**

*Find meeting materials/handouts on the ECSWANDC website
southwestnc.org*

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