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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 Meeting

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

Monday
August 17, 2026
6:00pm - 8:00pm



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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. BOARD ROLL CALL

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

IV. ELECTED OFFICES/GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Public Safety
- b. City Council Representative
- c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

V. SPECIAL ORDERS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive
- b. Budget & Finance
- c. Planning and Land Use
- d. Outreach & Communications
- e. Bylaws & Procedures
- f. Neighborhood

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Impact Statement – Cannabis

- Discussion and possible action regarding a Community Impact Statement related to cannabis issues within the community.

2. LAUSD Presentation – Ms. Scott

- Presentation and discussion with Ms. Scott from LAUSD regarding community and school-related updates/resources.

3. Thanksgiving Community Drive

- Discussion and possible action regarding the planning, sponsorship, and funding of a Thanksgiving Community Food Drive.

4. Christmas Toy Drive

- Discussion and possible action regarding the planning, sponsorship, and funding of a Christmas Toy Drive for local children and families.
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5. SEED School of Los Angeles County – Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG)

- Presentation by Mr. Lancaster of SEED LA and discussion and possible action regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) request.

6. Tristen Marler- LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) Presentation

Presentation and discussion with representatives from the City of Los Angeles, LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN), regarding departmental services, programs, resources available to residents, and opportunities for collaboration with the Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council. Representatives will also address community questions and concerns related to sanitation services, illegal dumping, bulky-item collection, street cleanliness, and other sanitation-related issues within the Southwest Los Angeles community.

XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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