



Equitable Economic & Community Development Committee

Fact Sheet 2019

The Empowerment Congress (EC)

The Empowerment Congress, a distinctive and deliberate national model of civic engagement built on the core principles of participatory democracy, reciprocal accountability, and intentional civility, is a dynamic partnership among neighborhood groups, residents, nonprofit organizations, businesses, religious institutions, and community leaders within the diverse communities of Los Angeles County's Second Supervisorial District. The Empowerment Congress' mission is to educate, engage, and empower communities by fostering leadership, capacity building, and impacting public policy.

The EC Equitable Economic & Community Development Committee

The EC Equitable Economic & Community Development Committee monitors and fosters deliberation around emerging economic development, environmental justice, and other community development issues, initiatives, and legislative policies in the LA County Second Supervisorial District (SD2). This committee advises Supervisor Ridley-Thomas on key issues impacting equitable economic development and community design and adds particular insight in the areas of affordable housing, emerging economic sectors, water and energy efficiency, transportation and access to green spaces, as these issues impact the socioeconomic and physical ecosystem of SD2 directly and the County of Los Angeles as a whole.

Goals

1. Identify emerging economic and environmental justice issues in SD2 and determine how to influence and develop policy.
2. Educate and inform the community about key economic policies, land use, economic and environmental initiatives impacting SD2.
3. Collaborate and link the SD2 office with the community through the Empowerment Congress Equitable Economic & Community Development Committee.
4. Support the work and activities/events of the individual EC Equitable Economic & Community Development Committee members and the community at large.
5. Conduct community outreach and facilitate community input on land use projects in SD2.

Issues

- Addressing the affordable housing shortage
- Increasing awareness of and access to procurement opportunities within the County Procurement Division for businesses in or serving SD2
- Promoting employment opportunities with major contractors funded with County funds via Project Labor Agreements
- Fostering dialogue around gentrification and its impact on communities, including protection of tenants' rights and preservation of open space
- Building transit-oriented communities and advocating for economic issues impacting the community, such as Crenshaw/LAX Leimert Park Station, and Crenshaw/LAX Connector to the airport

Committee Meetings (check the website for any changes)

3rd Thursday of each month (4:30pm – 6pm)
Exposition Park Constituent Service & Training Center
900 Exposition Blvd., South Lawn, Los Angeles, CA 90007

For more information:

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