



# ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: September 20, 2016

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## In Attendance

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**CAC Chair:** N/A

**CAC Vice Chair:** Deborah Gallardo

**Guests present:** Anthony Reyes, Paul Hogue, Evelyn Casimiro, and Susan Hogue

**ELARC Staff:** Jesse Padilla, Roxana Ortiz, and Brendali Maldonado

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## Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

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- **85<sup>th</sup> Annual State Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony**
  - It's that time of year again for the Annual State Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony. I'm encouraging everyone to make ornaments so that your ornament can be put on the State Christmas Tree. The Ornaments need to be in no later than October 21<sup>st</sup> as it states on the State Ornament Flyer.
- **Pathway to Employment 2-Day Orientation**
  - Employment & Benefits 2-Day Orientation on November 9-10, 2016 2-5pm
    - Day 1 will cover employment options and supports available
    - Day 2 will go over benefits planning
    - Please look at the Pathways to Employment flyer for more information.
- **ARCA Statewide CAC**
  - ARCA Statewide CAC had their conference call and announced there is an extra \$5 million dollars. This is good news because the funds will go to salary increases for service providers.
- **SSI News**
  - Congress is considering more cuts. A funding bill in the House of Representatives would cut Social Security's operating budget by over \$250 million in 2017. To those on SSI, the impact would be even more devastating. More people with disabilities would wait longer for a hearing on their Social Security and SSI claims.
- **Access Services**
  - The Union Station is currently under construction. The Patsaourus Transit Plaza is temporary closed. If you are traveling to Union Station on Access, the drop off zone will be at a different location. Please look at the Access or Metro website for more information.

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## Voting Rights Presentation – Roxana Ortiz and Jesse Padilla

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- Roxana Ortiz, ELARC Information and Training Specialist, gave an informational presentation on the different ways to register to vote, how to get ready to vote, and going out to vote. She also went over the different barriers individuals face when it comes to voting and tools to help you decide which candidate to choose. Jesse Padilla presented on the right to vote and getting our voices heard. He explained what rights individuals with disabilities have when it comes to voting, election materials, and assistance with voting. If you would like copies of these presentations, please contact Jesse Padilla at (626) 299-4854.

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## Announcements/ Burning Issues

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No announcements or burning issues.

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## Next Meeting

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The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 4:00pm held in our Alhambra and Whittier via videoconferencing. The topic will be on *Understanding the Self-Determination Program for Adult Self Advocates*.

### OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	November 1, 2016	4:00pm - 5:30pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
ELARC Board	November 8, 2016	6 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	November 17, 2016	10:00am - 11:30am	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms

## **GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS**

ARCA:	Association of Regional Center Agencies
ASA:	Autism Society of America
BOD:	Board of Directors
CAC:	Consumer Advisory Committee
CPAD:	Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled
CMSD:	ELARC Community Services Department (Resource Development and Quality Assurance)
CSD:	ELARC Consumer Services Department (Service Coordination)
DDS:	Department of Developmental Services
ELARC:	Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
FAC:	Family Advisory Committee
FRC:	Family Resource Center
GHL:	Guide to Healthy Living
I & T:	ELARC Information and Training Unit
OPS:	Regional Center Operating Budget
PICI:	Partners in Community Inclusion
POS:	Regional Center Purchase of Service Budget
SD:	Self-Determination
TASK:	Team of Special Advocates for Kids
VAC:	Vendor Advisory Committee
VLF:	Vendor Leadership Forum