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## Commentary: Now Not the Time to Move Forward on Silver Lake Reservoirs Development

The Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team appreciates the months of work the Board of Engineering (BOE), numerous consulting firms and members of the community have devoted to developing master plan recommendations for the Silver Lake Reservoirs. We also understand that Hargreaves Associates and other consulting teams have completed their portions of this project and need to be paid in full. However, we believe that now is not the time to move forward on the development of a multimillion-dollar project in an Los Angeles community that already enjoys numerous options for green space and outdoor recreation – especially when millions of disadvantaged Angelenos are denied equal access to green spaces. Moreover, as we face serious environmental concerns, it is inappropriate to even contemplate repurposing a wildlife sanctuary that has peacefully existed for over 100 years, providing serenity to humans and animals alike.

Tomorrow, August 21, at 5:00 p.m., the BOE will post an online video and virtual master plan report. You will be asked, once again, to indicate your preferred projects. We encourage you to review the findings that will impact the lives of Silver Lake residents for decades to come.

The video and questionnaire will be posted on the project website

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*Photo by Maria Demopoulos, The Eastsider*

## Say Their Names: Time's Up or... ?

There is conflicting information about the state of the Say Their Names installation around the 2.2-mile fence that surrounds the Silver Lake Reservoirs. The project, which spells out approximately 270 names in fabric, honors people of color, overwhelmingly African Americans, who died in police actions and community incidents across the U.S. and was installed in early June. In late July, Lia Brody, one of the project organizers, posted on Next Door, "...the time has come for us to remove the names from the reservoir fence... and now as organizers we are making good on our promise to remove the woven names.

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The removal was originally scheduled for August 1 and then moved to August 15. However, on August 10, the *Los Angeles Times*, published an article incorrectly stating that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) had requested the removal. The Times subsequently corrected the misinformation on Twitter and in an updated article, saying “LADWP did not order or request the removal of the installation and have 100% supported this effort.” The project now seems to be in limbo and according to a spokesperson for LADWP, the department has no plans to remove the names.

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## Ryu Continues Fight to Clean Up City Hall



In his ongoing campaign to increase accountability and transparency over planning and land use decisions, CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu has introduced legislation to prohibit L.A. City Council members from interfering in development projects under consideration by the city planning commission. In addition, Ryu's motion to establish an inspector general for land use and development was recently passed by city council. In 2019, after four years of debate, the city council approved legislation backed by Councilmember Ryu banning political contributions from developers with business before the city.

[Read Ryu's motion to limit city council influence in development decisions](#)

[Press release on conflict-of-interest recusal motion](#)

[Press release on motion to establish an inspector general's office](#)

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## Roll Into the Silver Lake Drive-in Library



We can't promise the librarians will be on roller skates, but patrons of Silver Lake's drive-in library will experience easy and safe pickups of books and more when they take advantage of the new service. Silver Lake is one of the branches selected for this innovative program that addresses social distancing requirements due to COVID-19. Once a library patron places an order, they are notified when the book is available. Vehicle pickups take place in the library's parking garage; walkers come to the front entrance where they will receive their order.

[Reserve a book at the drive-in library program](#)

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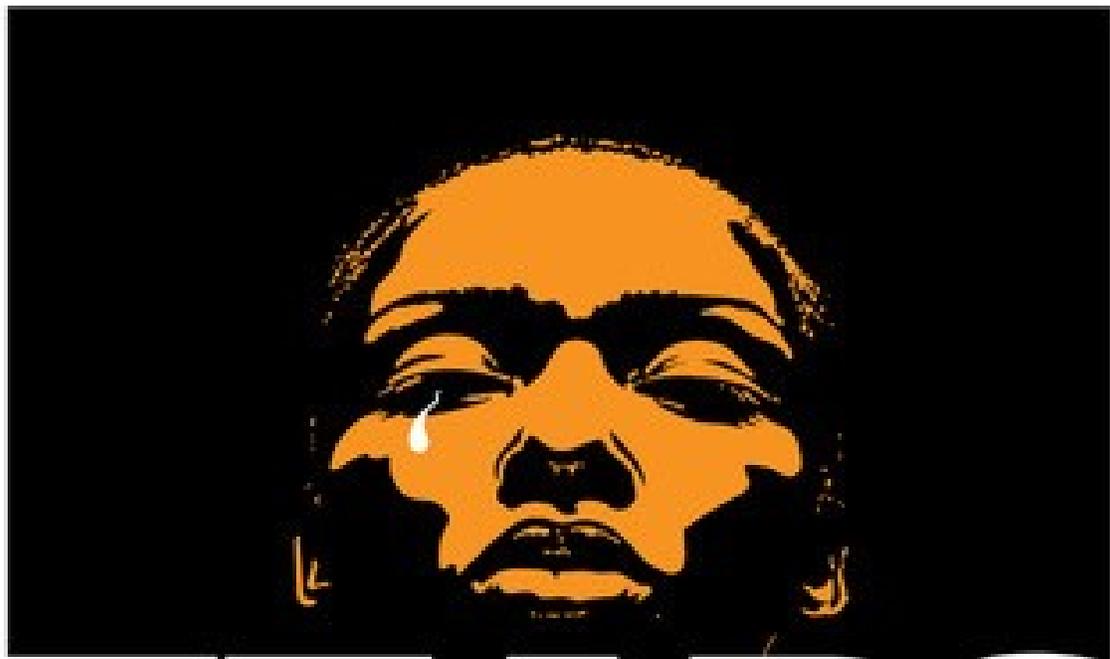
You can also submit requests to the [MyLA311 website](#)



## Free Food to Be Distributed at Hollywood Bowl

CD 13 Field Deputy Mary Rodriguez shared information about a free drive-through food distribution event at the Hollywood Bowl from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 27. The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, in partnership with Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and Los Angeles County, will host the event and distribute family-size boxes (three 20-pound boxes) of free food (meat, vegetables, fruits, and more) to each participant. There are no eligibility requirements but attendees are asked to wear a mask, due to COVID-19. All participants must stay in their cars during pick-up.

To volunteer, email [eseinfeld@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:eseinfeld@bos.lacounty.gov).



# TEARS

THE EVENT AGAINST RACISM & STEREOTYPING

Ed Harris - Vanessa Bell Calloway  
Ted Lange - Anne-Marie Johnson  
and a cast of artists and activists  
all speaking out against racism  
with special performance of  
Stand By Me by Freda Payne

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"I Have a Dream" speech



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