

October 29, 2020



CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Re-elect L.A. City
Councilmember David
Ryu -- Prepared to
Lead on Day One



On October 6, The Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team was excited to endorse Councilmember David Ryu for City Council District 4 – and our excitement is not wavering. But with only five days left to vote, we want to be sure you have the facts you need to vote for the person who will best represent Silver Lake.

Of the two candidates, Councilmember Ryu is the only one who grew up in Los Angeles and has over two decades of experience in local nonprofit community activism, organizing and local government problem solving. His aggressive and much needed challenges against out-of-control and out-of-scale developments; his successful fight to clean up City Hall; his support of the wildlife that calls Silver Lake home; his realistic, take-charge attitude on creating temporary housing for those who are homeless, along with building permanent and affordable housing; and his continued support of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department and other first responders demonstrates he has the experience, intelligence and temperament to serve the myriad needs of CD 4.

This is not the time for an inexperienced candidate or dreams of making a national statement. Silver Lakers, just like all Angelenos, will continue to face extremely challenging times. We deserve a representative with a steady hand and the ability to bring opposing opinions together.

We are honored to join the Service Employees International Union Local 721, Sierra Club, United Farm Workers, Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project of L.A. County, Stonewall Democratic Club, Latino Coalition of Los Angeles, Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, and many , many others in our endorsement for the re-election of Councilmember David Ryu.

[View the organizations and community leaders endorsing Councilmember Ryu](#)

If you haven't voted yet, what are you waiting for?! Fill out your ballot, sign it, and drop it off at the nearest ballot box. Or hand deliver it to your assigned polling place. Don't waste any time. All of our votes matter.

[Resources and tools you need to vote](#)

[Track your ballot](#)

The Silver Lake Reservoir is a naturally protected open space, used by LAFD during fire season. Photo by David Haub shows a Los Angeles County helicopter taking off from the reservoir.



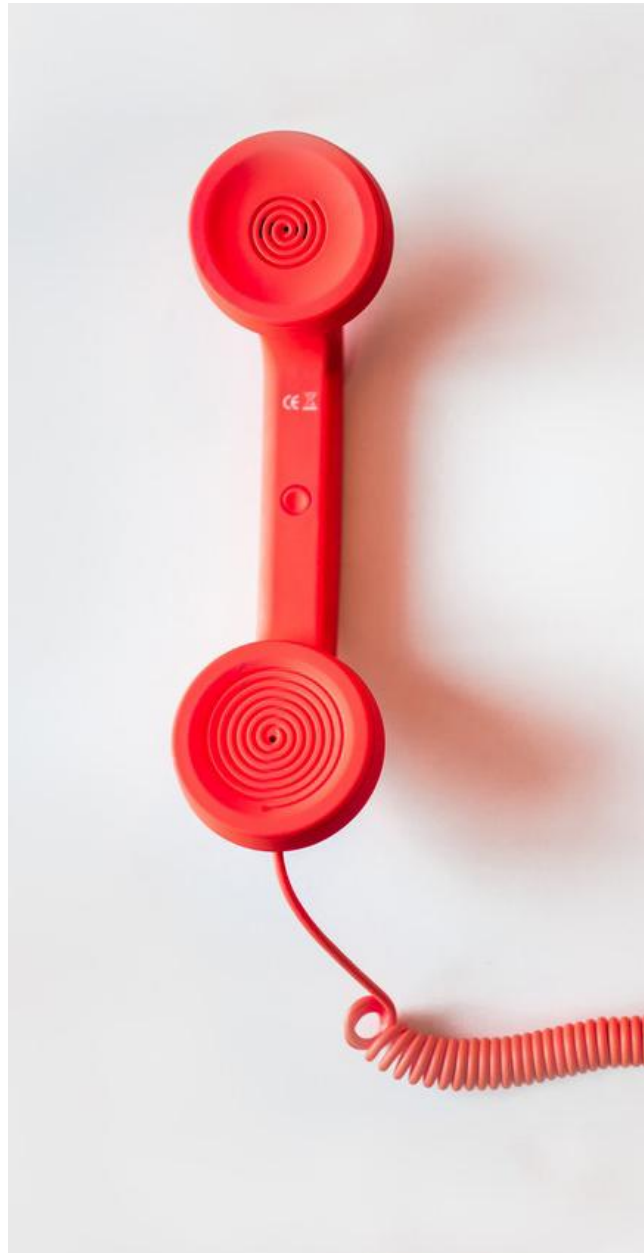
Reservoirs to the Rescue

If you've been hearing lots of helicopters, you're not re-experiencing Francis Ford Coppola's *Apocalypse Now*. It's fire season and the Los Angeles Fire Department's air operations unit is making stops at the Silver Lake Reservoir to fill up their firefighting helicopters with water and transport it to fire zones. Los Angeles County firefighters also use water from the reservoir battle fires across the L.A. region. The Silver Lake Reservoir is a protected area and provides safe access for pilots.

[Learn more about LAFD's air operations](#)

Voter Protection Hotline

Council District 13 Field Deputy Mary D. Rodriguez wants Silver Lakers to be aware of a resource that is available to L.A. residents should they have safety or security concerns during the upcoming election. CD13 and the Los Angeles Police Department are collaborating with other agencies, including L.A.'s district attorney, to ensure that laws protecting voters and their ability to vote without interference or intimidation are enforced. Representatives of these agencies will be available to coordinate response to voters' concerns. If you believe your right to vote freely is being violated, Rodriguez recommends voters call a hotline established by the Secretary of State, (800) 345-8683.



CD 4 Project Updates: People Experiencing Homelessness



This evening, Council District 4 is hosting a Zoom meeting to provide updates on the Riverside Drive 'A Bridge Home' site; Project Room Key/Home Key (trailers at Friendship Auditorium); and the new 3061 Riverside Drive Family Housing site. CD 4 will be joined by Awade Khan-Variba and Stephen Fiechter from People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), the organization that operates the Riverside Drive 'A Bridge Home' site. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions during the meeting. CD 4 has created enough housing to house two-thirds of those experiencing homelessness in the district.

The meeting will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29

[Register in advance for tonight's meeting](#)

In Case You Missed It

Violent hate crimes in L.A. hit highest level in more than a decade; white supremacist acts jump 38% (*Los Angeles Times*)

[Read the article](#)



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