



CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



SB79 Put on Pause by City Council

Governor Newsom recently signed Senate Bill 79 (SB79), which allows for the construction of multi-family housing near rail, subway, and rapid bus transit stops. The bill, sponsored by Senator Scott Weiner of San Francisco, is designed to create more housing supply, reduce

housing costs, and reduce carbon emissions. The bill took eight years of work.

Effective July 1, 2026, the law permits housing projects up to nine stories tall near certain transit stops and up to seven stories for buildings within a quarter-mile (Tier 1). Six-story housing projects would also be allowed for buildings within a half-mile of transit stops (Tier 2).

The Los Angeles City Council voted to oppose SB79 back in August. Mayor Karen Bass and other opponents described the bill as a “one size fits all” solution that would lead to zoning changes that could alter single-family communities, forcing residents into competition with developers. Supporters discount the claim, stating the law can be customized to individual communities’ needs.

After the law was signed, the City Council requested a review of the potential impacts of the new housing law. In an 11-0 vote last week, the council instructed several departments to analyze the law, provide detailed maps of areas where such denser development projects would be allowed, assess personnel and financial sources needed for implementation, and how SB79 will work with the city’s existing planning regulations and incentives, utility, and road infrastructure. Council members also instructed the city attorney to work with them prior to commencing any legal action regarding the bill.

The City has some time to review the law and develop an alternate plan, which is permitted by the new law. Further, 5-year moratoriums are allowed for “sensitive areas” adjacent to transit as identified by the City.

Reviewing the City’s draft [map](#) of affected areas, no impact from the new law is expected in Silver Lake as our neighborhood does not have any of the transit types listed. As the City updates information, Silver Lake Together will monitor its’ potential effect on our community.

Overview of SB79 from City of Los Angeles Planning Department
[Senate Bill \(SB\) 79](#)

Draft Map per City of Los Angeles Planning Department
[SB79 Citywide APC - updateSep2025](#)

**Silver Lake
Community**

Church Helps Fill the Food Gap



With all that is going on nationally with regard to the refusal to fund much needed food assistance programs like SNAP, it is truly a blessing that Silver Lake Community Church's Wednesday Drop-In program provides nutritious groceries and prepared meals for those who are experiencing food insecurity.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.silverlakechurch.com/food-and-housing-insecure>

Now is the time for all of us to lean in to do more. SLCC is not asking for food donations. What they need is a sustainable flow of funds to continue to provide groceries and prepared meals.

For more information about how to donate, please visit:

<https://www.silverlakechurch.com/donate>



Halloween Happenings!

Another great turn-out for Halloween celebrations on Armstrong and surrounding streets. A huge happy crowd flooded the area. Thank you to CD4 and Parking Enforcement for providing assistance. SLT was not notified about any crimes or disturbances. Booyeah!!



Slip Sliding Away



For years, soil erosion from the slopes on W. Silver Lake Dr. has covered the sidewalks south of Balmer with loose dirt. That dirt has made walking, jogging, running or using a wheelchair on that stretch of sidewalks extremely dangerous. Especially after a rain. Most pedestrians opt to walk in the street to avoid any danger, which is an even greater risk.

SLT researched municipal codes to confirm what we already assumed: the responsibility of keeping these sidewalks safe and clear of any obstructions, is that of the property owner. (SEC. 56.08. Sidewalks-Streets-Obstructions).

SLT has filed a complaint with [MyLA311](#), and has reached out to CD13 Field Representative Regina Mallare for assistance. We will keep our readers posted. In the meantime, take great care walking in that area.

Are We On The Level?

A SLT Newsletter reader sent our editor a question: "When will the SL Reservoir be refilled to its' original height?"

We reached out to the LADWP and Michael Ventre, LADWP's Senior Public Relations Specialist, provided us with a timely answer. "The refill operation will continue at Silver Lake Reservoir at a rate of approximately 900,000 gallons per day. The current reservoir elevation is 434.2LF, and we expect the filing to continue through May 2026."

We thank our partners at the LADWP for always making themselves available to answer our questions.

A Message from SLO Ramirez



I would like to remind everyone with the holidays approaching, prioritize safety with these tips. Always remain vigilant when shopping keeping personal belongings secure and away from visibility. Ensure your home is well lit to deter thieves, and consider using timers for lights. When traveling, inform a trusted neighbor, friend or family of your plans.

Additionally, practice fire safety with decorations and candles. Enjoy a secure, holiday season.

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Happy Holidays!

The Silver Lake Together team will be taking our holiday break and will be back after Christmas. We wish you all a safe and blessed holiday season. Make sure to care for others and yourselves.

Sincerely,
SLT Team

Consider Seeing An Independent Film by Silver Lakers

If you're looking for a true independent film made by husband and wife Silver Lakers, please consider THE ADDICTION OF HOPE.

November 14th-20th at the Laemmle Monica. Special screening at the Laemmle NoHo on November 17th.

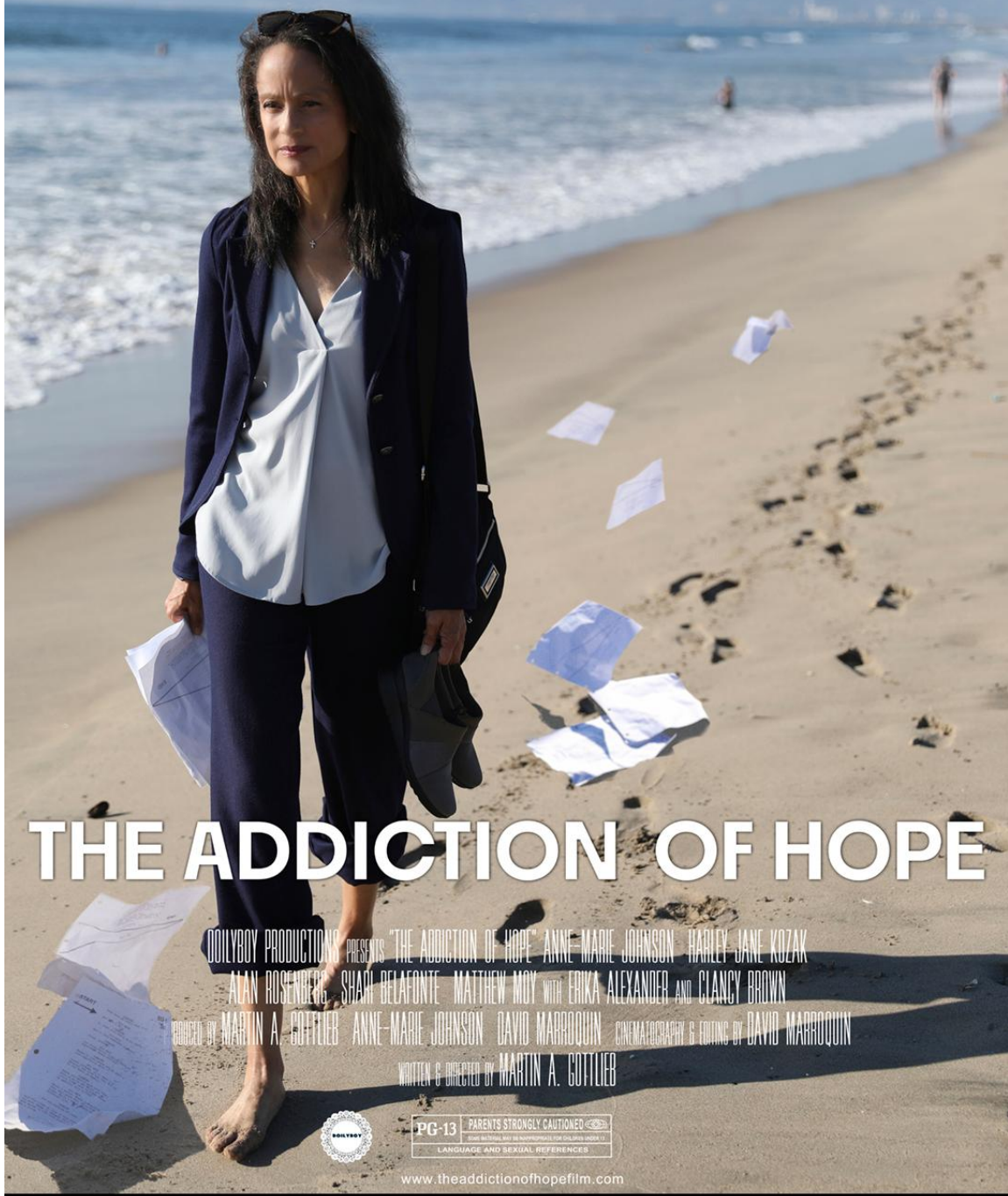
Link to Laemmle:

[Addiction of Hope - Laemmle.com](http://Laemmle.com/Addiction-of-Hope)



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there's hope.



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