

February 17, 2022



**CARING FOR OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD.**



*Photo courtesy of Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary*

**Breaking News: Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary  
Submits Comprehensive Comments on Reservoirs  
Draft EIR, Retains Attorney**

The Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary (SLWS) has submitted comprehensive comments on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) being conducted for the proposed Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan (SLRCMP). The 23-page report was written by the Sanctuary with counsel from the law firm of Chatten-Brown, Carstens & Minter LLP, hired by the SLWS to ensure the city and its Bureau of Engineering consider all public comments on the EIR, as guaranteed by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The mandatory EIR is being conducted by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and will study issues including cost and duration of the project, impact on traffic and parking, potential increase in crime and homeless encampments, negative impact on reservoir wild life and migratory animals, and noise and light pollution.

The SLWS said, “We felt the organization should submit scoping comments that would throw the widest net possible, to enlarge the 'scope' of the report. By researching and writing these comments ourselves, with the guidance of a CEQA lawyer, we hoped readers would find new information relating to their own concerns and alerting them to other potential negative impacts. Then, when the actual draft environmental impact report comes out in the summer, readers may have even better grounds to evaluate whether the report did its job.”

[READ THE SILVER LAKE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY'S FULL COMMENTS](#)

[TO LEARN MORE, JOIN THE SILVER LAKE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY](#)

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## Register for Silver Lake Community Meeting

Silver Lake Together will hold its first virtual community meeting for 2022 at the end of February. LAPD representatives and other city officials will attend. If you haven't registered to join us, please send an email to [editor@SilverLakeTogether.com](mailto:editor@SilverLakeTogether.com). Thanks to all who have RSVPed!



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## Shots Fired at Local Bank of America; Silver Lake Crime Stats





Silver Lake's SLO Jose Ramirez reports that there was a shots fired incident outside the Bank of America on Glendale Boulevard in Silver Lake on January 31. The suspected robbery took place in daylight at approximately 1:45 p.m. The incident occurred while two customers withdrew money from the ATM inside bank. The suspect was apprehended and arrested later that night.

SLO Ramirez also shared new crime stats for Silver Lake and Franklin Hills (January 9 to February 5, 2022).

Homicide = 0

Rape = 0

Robbery = 3

Aggravated Assault = 19

Gang Related = 0

Shots Fired = 1

Victims Shot = 0

Burglaries = 116

Thefts = 50

Grand Theft Auto = 97

Burglary From Motor Vehicle = 154

Recovered Vehicles = 12

Violent crime = 4

Property Crimes = 44

Compared to November 13, 2021 stats, burglaries, thefts, grand thefts auto, burglary from auto, recovered vehicles, and property crime are all up. Please do your part and be sure your belongings are not visible in your vehicle or home — and be aware of your surroundings.

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## Silver Lake Love Story

In the spirit of Valentine's week and true love, we invite you watch this touching Silver Lake History Collective interview with Al and Nina Sorkin. It's a love story about a blending of cultures (Jewish and Latina) in a couple who "fell in love with Silver Lake at first sight." If you've ever been to a Silver Lake community meeting, you've probably seen Nina. As Silver Lake residents, both she and Al were always very involved in local issues including the Friends of Ivanhoe and the JCC (Jewish Community Center). Nina has also been instrumental in lining up support for the annual Relay for Life fundraiser for fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. And although we sadly lost Al a few years ago, Nina remains an activist and advocate for good in the Silver Lake community.



## SLO Jose Ramirez Invites Silver Lake to Share Memories, Support Local Businesses, and Feel Safe



*Editor's Note: Silver Lake's Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez shared this message with the community.*

On behalf of the Los Angeles Police Department Northeast Division, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy new year. The Covid-19 pandemic has profoundly affected society in various ways. However, in a time of deep economic hardship, physical and mental distress, I find that helping one another is the best medicine one can give.

I would like to encourage citizens to follow LAPD on social media to keep track of our upcoming community events. I am working with many neighborhoods and doing my best to create safer communities for families.

There is no better community than one that can come together, support its local businesses, feel safe, and build memories. We have a variety of small businesses, representing individuals with goals and passions. Silver Lake, please help me contribute to local businesses by supporting business owner's dreams and allow us to thrive this 2022!

I plan in support local businesses by inviting residents to join me in special events, to talk about issues and concerns in your neighborhoods. I will be hosting events such as, "Coffee with a Cop", "Lunch with a Cop", participating in local private/ public schools, meeting with clergy, and many others. As always, please look out for one another!

**Meet SLO Ramirez and enjoy "Lunch with a Cop," Thursday, February 24, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at Say Cheese, located at 2800 Hyperion Avenue.**

**Contact Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez**

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## Former Silver Lake Rep Rachel Fox to Leave CD 4

Rachel Fox, who has served Silver Lake as a field deputy for both councilmembers David Ryu and Nithya Raman, is leaving her role as deputy district director with Council District 4. According to her email, she will be joining the Office of the City Administrative Officer on a team that will be the city's lead on homeless outreach activities. Her last working day with CD 4 will be Friday, February 18 and she will begin her new position on Monday, February 28.

Rachel expressed her gratitude for having the opportunity to not only work with community members but to also to... "learn something from each and every one." We express our gratitude to Rachel for serving Silver Lake with professionalism and grace for over four years.



## Gentrification 2.0 — Shake Shack Comes to Silver Lake

The recent announcement that popular fast-food restaurant Shake Shack will open a Silver Lake location confirms the ongoing gentrification of once-hip Sunset Boulevard. The restaurant, known for its burgers and shakes, will be located at 3903 West Sunset, next to The Black Cat, in the former home of California Sun. It is expected to open by the end of 2022 and will be the 16th Shake Shack in Los Angeles County, including stores in Glendale and Hollywood. While we admit to a not-so-secret passion for their shakes, it's sobering to see Silver Lake lose its unique character.

[READ THE ARTICLE IN WHAT NOW LOS ANGELES](#)



## CD 13 Update: Reservoir Odor, Illegal Turns on Earl Street, Council District Boundaries

*CD 13 Silver Lake Field Deputy Matthew Guerrero*

Silver Lake Together asked CD 13 Field Deputy Matthew Guerrero to investigate the strange odor that was detected on the west side of the Silver Lake Reservoir. Matthew reports the smell is stagnant water and algae build up and nothing of a lethal nature. LADWP is working on addressing the issue; we will share updates in this newsletter.

Matthew also reports that on February 7, LAPD made 11 traffic stops for illegal left turns on Earl Street and 24 stops on February 8. As previously reported, traffic is an ongoing problem on Earl. He also provided a link to the latest CD 13 council district map. Be sure to check your street as more Silver Lakers are now represented by CD 13.

[LINK TO CD 13 MAP](#)

## In Case You Missed It...

**The environmental hazards of dog poop.** The etiquette surrounding dog waste is a topic almost guaranteed to incite arguments between some dog owners who choose not to

clean up after their pooches and residents who object to “gifts” left on their lawns and sidewalks. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that two or three days’ worth of waste from only 100 dogs can contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas to swimming or shell fishing within 20 miles. To put this into perspective: well over 77 million dogs live in the U.S., and the average dog deposits about ¾ pounds of waste each day. In other words, the environmental and health risks caused by irresponsible dog owners have an impact on neighborhoods in Silver Lake. And please respect your neighbors and do not dump dog waste in their trash cans.

**For more insight on this topic, read these articles on diseases transmitted by dog poo:**

<https://www.cpha.ca/human-diseases-transmitted-dog-poop>

[https://www.doodycalls.com/articles/blog/pet-friendly-communities/epa-says-dog-poop-is-an-environmental-hazard-on-/](https://www.doodycalls.com/articles/blog/pet-friendly-communities/epa-says-dog-poop-is-an-environmental-hazard-on/)

**L.A. County lifts outdoor mask mandates.** Read the latest on L.A.’s ever-changing mask mandates. Our advice? If you want to be protected from COVID, flus and colds, wear a mask!

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-15/l-a-county-will-lift-outdoor-mask-mandate-wednesday>

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## Let Us Know!

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Need help with an issue in Silver Lake? Do you have ideas that will help our neighborhood or want to share community news?

**Email Us**

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