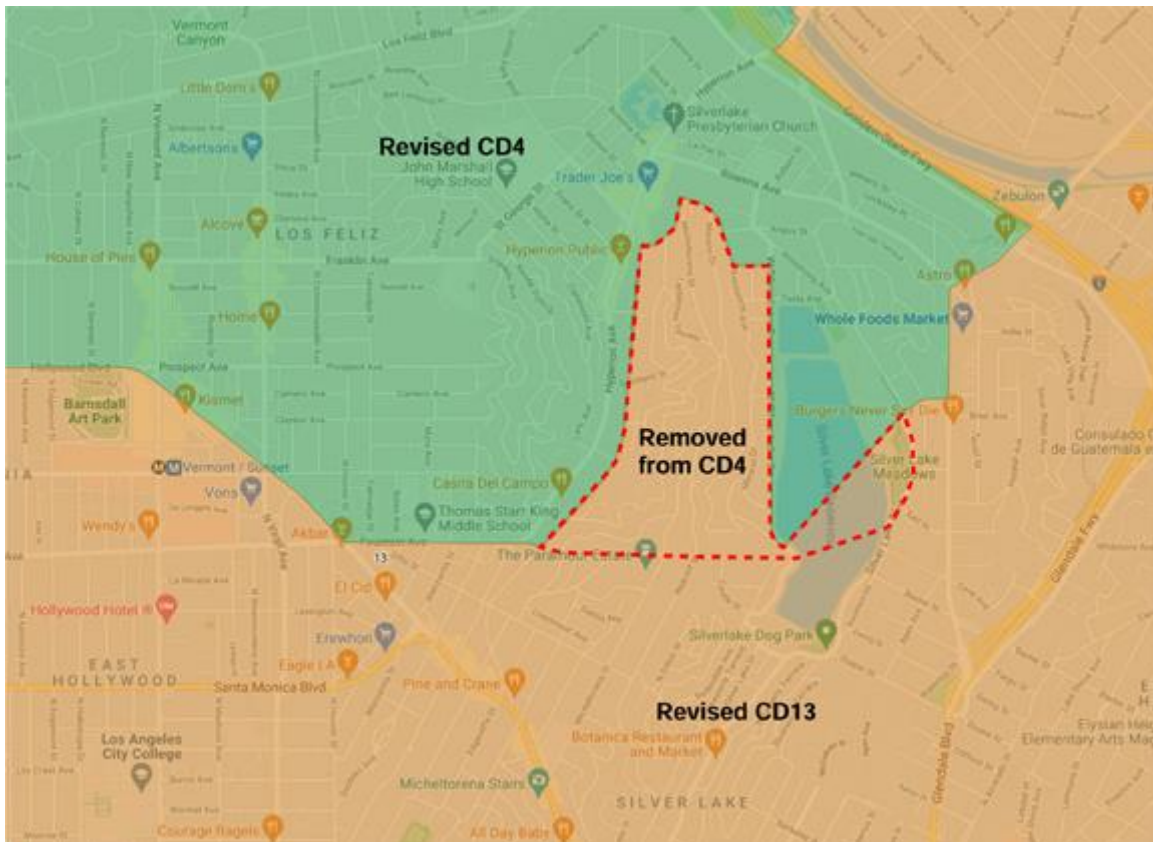


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New Game Show: Find Your Council District

O.K., we're being cynical, but trying to decipher the new Council District 4 and Council District 13 boundaries is like a game show with no apparent winners. In a nutshell, CD 4 Councilmember Raman lost approximately 40% of the constituents in her district—

including parts of Silver Lake, along with Hancock Park, Miracle Mile, Park La Brea, Toluca Lake and portions of Mid-City and the Hollywood flats. CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell gained constituents who live in Silver Lake and Hollywood. However, after a last-minute compromise, Raman will continue to represent parts of the reservoirs complex itself and the area north and east of the reservoir including her residence in Silver Lake. The new district boundaries go into effect on January 1 and will be in effect for the next 10 years. Silver Lake Together prepared the map at the link below to help residents understand who represents them on the Los Angeles City Council.

[FIND YOUR COUNCILMEMBER ON THE SILVER LAKE TOGETHER MAP](#)

[READ THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE ABOUT REDISTRICTING](#)



BOE Shares Reservoirs Master Plan Minutes

The Board of Engineering (BOE) has posted the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) minutes from October 21. The summary includes an update on the Reservoir Master Plan and introduces the SWG to the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) consultant ESA. BOE also posted a link to the presentation seen by the SWG, which includes an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statute that requires state and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible.

Because the Silver Lake Reservoirs are currently protected and function as a wildlife sanctuary—and are located in a residential area—environmental considerations are crucial to its future. The BOE is the lead city agency for the planning, design and construction management of public buildings, infrastructure and open space projects.

[READ THE OCTOBER 21 MINUTES](#)

[VIEW THE SWG PRESENTATION](#)

**Historic Places vs.
Historic District:**

What's the Difference?

This Victorian-style house is one of many found in Los Angeles' Angelino Heights Historic District.



An email from a concerned resident in Silver Lake’s Child’s Heights neighborhood inspired us to look into the difference between **Historic Places** and **Historic Districts**. It turns out there are major distinctions between a protected community (Historic District) and one that is merely dubbed “historic”—often for marketing purposes. According to the Los Angeles City Planning Department, “The City’s local historic districts program aims to identify and protect the distinctive architectural and cultural resources of Los Angeles’s historic neighborhoods. Designating a neighborhood as a local historic district—also called a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ)—means that any new projects in that neighborhood must complement its historic character.” Although Child’s Heights is listed under Los Angeles’ historic places, because it is not classified as an official historic district owners of properties have the right to do what they want with their houses. The result? Historic craftsman homes on Edgecliff and other streets are being replaced by multifamily condos—developments that prompted the email from the resident.

[WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CITY'S HISTORIC DISTRICT PROGRAM](#)

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Straight Talk on Personal Safety

When it comes to your safety, Senior Lead Officer Lenning (Lenny) Davis doesn't mince words. To have a

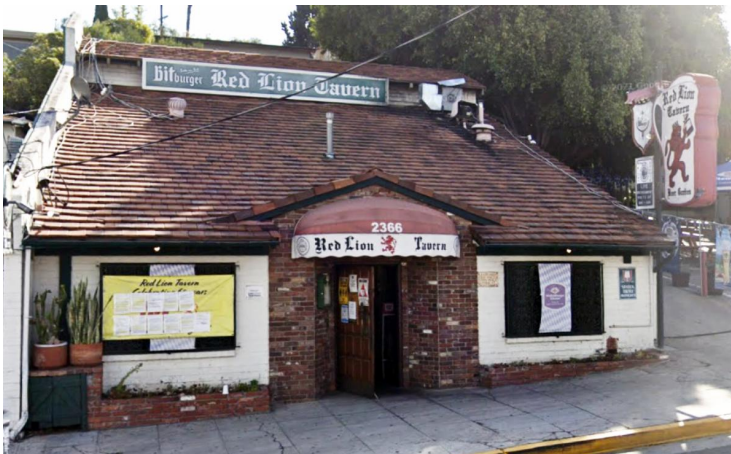


safe holiday, follow his advice below — and be sure to report suspicious situations directly to the police, not just on social media sites.

With an increase in follow-home robberies, personal safety is on everyone's mind. The most important thing that people can do to protect themselves is to be aware of their surroundings. In a world of ear-buds, being on our phones and other distractions, it is easy to not pay attention to other people. Try not to be so absorbed with what you are doing and look around every so often. If you think you are being followed, do not go home! Go to a public location where there are other people. If you are in your car, drive to the nearest police station or fire station. If you are on foot, head into an open store. If you have your phone, call 911 immediately, even if you are not sure. It's much better to error on the side of caution. *Lastly, if you see something, say something.* If you think something is wrong, please call LAPD. Whatever caused you concern is worth telling the police.

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MORE HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



History of the Red Lion Tavern

You've probably enjoyed a beer or two at the Red Lion at some point, but did you know it was originally an English pub? Or that it used to have a dress code to keep out so-called "undesirables?" Or that it's an epicenter of Lithuanian life in Los Angeles? The owner and three longtime dirndl-clad employees talk about the legendary restaurant's history in this delightful interview done by the Silver Lake History Collective.

The Red Lion is located at 2366 Glendale Blvd. in Silver Lake.



LAPD Toy Drive Brings Cheer to Kids

On Saturday the 11th, LAPD's Northeast Division made over 250 kids very happy at their annual holiday event. Organized by LAPD officers, the festivities took place in the Northeast community room, which was decorated like Santa's village. Senior Lead Officer Lenny Davis said extra toys were donated to local schools homeless shelters. "Next year, we hope to triple the number of kids we can treat," said Davis.

Yes, it snowed in Silver Lake in January 1949!



Wishing You a Magical Holiday

This wonderful photo from the Silver Lake Together archives captures the magic that can happen when we least expect it. Wishing you a holiday filled with wonder and all good things in the year ahead.

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