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CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



Tom LaBonge had an outsized personality and love for L.A. that earned him the title, “Mr. Los Angeles.” This photo was taken by Victor Pierce, GPAC Club, at a playground dedication. For more unique photos and memories of Tom LaBonge click [here](#).

Tom LaBonge and His Love of Our Community

Mr. Los Angeles. Dynamo. One of a kind. Champion. Community treasure. Larger-than-life. Accolades to describe Tom LaBonge, who died suddenly January 7 at his home in Silver Lake at age 67, pour in. He served as councilmember for L.A. Council District 4 from 2001-2015 but Silver Lake had a unique relationship with Tom. It was his birthplace, he was a graduate of John Marshall High School (which he saved from demolition after the Sylmar earthquake in 1971), and he was a lifelong resident.

Tom entered city politics through the encouragement and mentorship of L.A.’s first African American mayor, the honorable Tom Bradley and council district four dynamo John Ferraro. Silver Lake Together Co-founder Anne-Marie Johnson remembers his impact on L.A. and Silver Lake. “I was honored to campaign for Tom during his first run for office and serve as one of his Griffith Park field deputies during his last term as councilmember.

He was ahead of many when it came to the integrity of Griffith Park, and never missed a step when it came to working together with other city agencies to try to keep our streets clean. He will be impossible to be replaced or replicated. Tom loved – and was loved by – his family, his country and his city. He is now truly an angel from the city of angels.”

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4100 Sunset Boulevard and 4311 Sunset Boulevard

Silver Lake Together Announces January 26 Community Meeting on Junction Gateway Project

To keep Silver Lake residents and stakeholders informed, Silver Lake Together is organizing a community meeting to discuss apartment developments planned by Frost Chaddock at 4100 and 4311 Sunset Boulevard (Junction Gateway Community). The 4311 Sunset project includes 108 units with 10 for very low income residents; 4100 Sunset will have a total of 91 units (eight for very low income).

The Zoom meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26. To join the event and receive the Zoom link, RSVP editor@silverlaketgether.com. Frost Chaddock will present latest plans and there will be a Q&A.

Scott Plante, co-founder of the Silver Lake Together advocacy team, said, “Silver Lake Together is committed to building productive dialogue between our community and private development. We recognize that if there is no dialogue then Silver Lake will be overrun with projects that are not complementary to the unique character of our neighborhoods.”

According to the developer’s website, 4311 Sunset extends the revitalization of the Sunset Boulevard and Fountain Avenue area, connecting the northern and southern ends of the Silver Lake neighborhood. Plans for both projects include public art, street-level restaurants and retail, and apartment homes with balconies and windows facing Sunset Boulevard.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JUNCTION GATEWAY PROJECT](#)



SLT Submits Public Records Request for Minutes of Reservoirs Master Plan Working Group Meeting

A meeting of the Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex Working Group took place on November 19, 2020 but as of late December, no minutes of the meeting were posted. Pursuant to California's Public Records Act, Silver Lake Together submitted a Public Records Request (PRA), on December 22 and the minutes were posted by the end of the year.

It is extremely important that the Board of Engineering and other city agencies make minutes of public meetings available to all, as the agenda impacts the community – in this case Silver Lake. For example, during the November 19 meeting, there was discussion about lack of funding for the Master Plan project and whether the reservoirs can potentially qualify as a regional park. Funding options will be revisited in January 2021.

READ THE MINUTES AND LEARN WHAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE SAYING

As this photo shows, Zoom meetings have advantages



SLT Kicks Off 2021 with LAPD Community Meeting on January 28

Silver Lake Together will hold Silver Lake's sixth community meeting with the Los Angeles Police Department at 7:00 p.m. on January 28. These popular virtual gatherings bring community leaders and LAPD officers together to openly discuss new solutions for community policing and address specific issues, such as the escalating homeless crisis. LAPD will also review the latest crime data and provide helpful tips and information.

TO ATTEND, RSVP TO editor@silverlaketgether.com



Image courtesy of Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife

CLAW Reminds All Creatures Great and Small to

Wear a Mask

Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife is asking Silver Lakers to mask up – just like these raccoons who are a common sight in our community.

CD 4 Posts Job Openings on Twitter

Council District 4 has posted job openings in the CD 4 office on newly-elected Councilmember Nithya Raman's personal Twitter account. Information about the positions do not seem to be posted on the CD 4 website or social accounts.

According to the post on December 21, the following positions were available:

Legislative Director

Communications Deputy

Field Manager - Neighborhoods

Field Manager - Tenant protections

In Case You Missed It

On December 31, the body of an apparent accidental drowning victim was found floating in Echo Park Lake, police said. This was the fourth death near the lake's homeless encampment since June 2020.

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