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# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



*4100 Sunset Boulevard and 4311 Sunset Boulevard*

## Frost Chaddock Unveils Redesigned Plans for Junction Gateway Project at SLT Community Meeting

Silver Lake Together held its first community meeting of 2021 to discuss the proposed Junction Gateway project at 4100 and 4311 Sunset Boulevard. Developer Frost Chaddock kicked off the Zoom event by presenting revised plans for the mixed-use buildings. Dave Rand, a land use attorney representing Frost Chaddock, noted that there have been multiple redesigns, reflecting approximately seven years of community comments and concerns. Rand estimates that depending on additional reviews by the city, construction could begin in 2022 and take place over a two-year period.

During the Q&A, community members asked pertinent questions about affordable housing, density, and increased traffic. Many were pleased that the redesigned projects were a

better fit in Silver Lake. Mary Rodriguez, field deputy for Council District 13, noted she was happy that the Bates Motel would finally be demolished after almost 20 years of working to remove the blight from our neighborhood.

On behalf of the community, Silver Lake Together would like to thank Frost Chaddock for taking the time to explain their project to the community.

[WATCH THE PRESENTATION AND Q&A SESSION](#)

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## LAPD Community Meeting Rescheduled

Silver Lake Together's next community policing meeting with officers of LAPD's Northeast Division will now take place at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4**. The meeting was originally scheduled for January 28. The popular virtual gatherings bring community leaders, special guests and LAPD officers together to discuss new policing solutions and address specific concerns, with a focus on the escalating homeless crisis. LAPD will also review the latest crime data and provide helpful tips and information, and answer questions.

[RSVP TO ATTEND](#)



*Beloved L.A. Councilmember Tom LaBonge, who passed away on January 7 at his home in Silver Lake, was a fierce advocate for Griffith Park and instrumental in the campaign to protect the view of the iconic Hollywood Sign. From left: Will Rogers of the Trust for Public Land, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; L.A. Council District 4 Councilmember Tom LaBonge, and Chris Baumgart, Hollywood Sign Trust, at the dedication of the Cahuenga Peak Preservation Event in 2010. (Photo courtesy of the Hollywood Sign Trust.*

## Griffith Park's Mount Hollywood Summit Renamed Tom LaBonge Summit

On January 26, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced that Mount Hollywood Summit in Griffith Park – which overlooks the city, Griffith Observatory and the park – would now be named “Tom LaBonge Summit.” In his statement, Garcetti said, “... nothing was closer to (Tom’s) heart than Griffith Park... He knew practically every inch of the trails, hikes and hills. He walked the park daily. And it is only fitting that his name should forever be attached to this extraordinary landmark.”

The Department of Recreation and Parks reports that a plaque honoring Tom, along with new landscaping, are underway. After COVID restrictions are lifted, there will also be a public memorial.

The City has also established a fund, the Tom LaBonge Memorial Fund for Griffith Park. To support the fund, [click here](#), and select the fund name in the box on left side of page.

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[WATCH THE SILVER LAKE HISTORY COLLECTIVE INTERVIEW WITH TOM AND COLLECTIVE CO-CHAIR CHERYL REVKIN](#)

### Video Shows Realities at Echo Park Lake



**Viewer alert:** This mini-documentary shot at Echo Park Lake is both powerful and heartbreaking. Made by a local filmmaker, Riley Montgomery, it was filmed between November 2020 and January 2021 and shows what can happen when areas populated by wildlife are inundated with people. It also contains compelling interviews with individuals who live at or close to the lake.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



*The Sunset Triangle Plaza in sunnier times.*

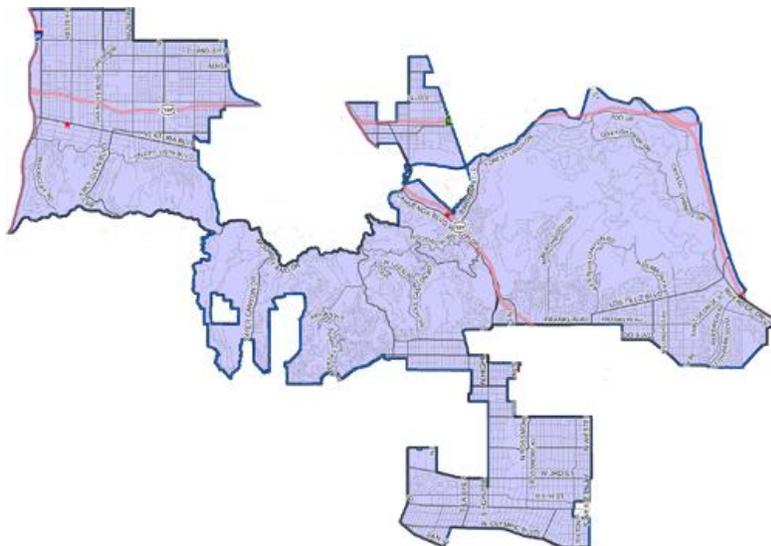
## Sunset Triangle Plaza Asks for Community Support

The Sunset Triangle Plaza was the first public street turned into a plaza in the City of Los Angeles. It has since become one of L.A.'s and Silver Lake's foremost gathering places. In 2012, The Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) was chosen by the City to oversee maintenance and activities at the Plaza at Griffith Park Boulevard, the first such project in the city.

The pandemic has been rough on everyone, and funding from filming which supports maintenance of the plaza has dried up. The Silver Lake Improvement Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is asking for support to help maintain one of Silver Lake's iconic gathering spaces.

[DONATE HERE](#)

*We agree with LAist journalist Libby Denkmann who pointed out that a [map](#) of Los Angeles City Council District 4 looks like a Rorschach test. ("Is it a hornet? A squid?")*



## Managing CD 4 is a Challenge

Council District 4 begins in the eastern end of the Santa Monica Mountains and includes Coldwater Canyon, Sunset Hills and Laurel Canyon. It then jogs off to Sherman Oaks, over the Cahuenga Pass through Griffith Park, Los Feliz and Silver Lake, and then on to Toluca Lake. CD 4 also travels down Highland Avenue, through a slice of Hollywood, and picks up Larchmont, Hancock Park and part of Koreatown along the way. This makes representing CD 4 a challenge.

Sources in Council District 4 informed Silver Lake Together that field representatives for the sprawling council district will be named next week. This is good news for concerned residents and stakeholders looking for ways to connect with CD 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman, who was elected on November 3, 2020 and took office on December 14. The CD 4 website currently provides opportunities to sign up for communications, but does not list additional resources.



## Councilmember O'Farrell Announces Round Two of CD 13 Small Business Grant Program

According to a press release issued by CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, a second round of grant funding is available to small businesses in the 13th District. The announcement was made in conjunction with the city's Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD). This next round of funding will be open to a wider group of small business owners with revenues up to \$5 million dollars who will be randomly selected.

Applications will be accepted starting today, Thursday, January 28, at 8:00 a.m., through February 4 at 5:00 p.m. A link to the application can be found at [CD13.com](https://www.cd13.com).

[READ THE PRESS RELEASE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

## Free Drive-Through Food Event at Hollywood Bowl



CD 13 Field Representative Mary Rodriguez reports that the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, in partnership with Supervisor Kuehl and Los Angeles County, will host a Free Drive-through Food Distribution Event at the Hollywood Bowl (2301 North Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, 90068) on Friday, February 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Up to 3,000 meals will be distributed during the drive-through event, with family-size boxes (three 20 pound boxes) of free food for two weeks (meat, vegetables, fruits, and more.) There are no eligibility requirements and the food is available to all.

**Due to COVID-19 and for your health and wellbeing, please bring a face covering for you and any other passengers in your vehicle.**

[LEARN ABOUT ADDITIONAL FREE FOOD RESOURCES](#)



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