

October 6, 2020



# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



## Why We Are Endorsing David Ryu for City Council

The Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team is proud to announce our endorsement of David Ryu for City Council District 4. Although we believe Ms. Raman is a compassionate advocate for those who are homeless, we do not believe she is ready to serve our neighborhood as councilmember. Ryu's aggressive and much needed challenge against out of control and out of scale developments; his successful fight to clean up City Hall; his support of the wildlife that calls Silver Lake home; his take-charge attitude on creating temporary housing for those who are homeless, along with building permanent and affordable housing; and his continued support of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department and other first responders demonstrates he has the experience, intelligence and temperament to serve the myriad needs of Council District 4.

We are honored to join the Service Employees International Union Local 721, Sierra Club, United Farm Workers, Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project of L.A. County, Stonewall Democratic Club, Latino Coalition of Los Angeles, Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, and many others in our endorsement for the re-election of Councilmember David Ryu.

See the many organizations and community leaders who endorse Councilmember Ryu here

## One-Stop Guide to Voting in L.A.

*The mail ballot drop box by the Silver Lake Library is one of many drop box locations in Los Angeles.*



Ballots for the November 3 primary are in the mail. This year, voters have several ways to cast their ballots.

- Voters can safely vote in-person at any Vote Center in Los Angeles County. Select Vote Centers will be available beginning Saturday, October 24. All Vote Centers will be available beginning Friday, October 30. Vote Centers will be open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the early voting period. On Election Day, Vote Centers will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. [Learn more here.](#)
- Mail ballot drop boxes are available throughout the county, including the Silver Lake Library, 2411 Glendale Boulevard, and the Atwater Library, 3618 Revere Street. (No postage is necessary.) In August, CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu [introduced a motion](#) to expand access to ballot drop boxes and help Angelenos vote safely and securely.
- Ballots can also be mailed though the U.S. Postal Service, as long as they are postmarked by election day, November 3. No postage is necessary, but remember to sign your envelope. [Learn more here.](#)

Check your registration status here

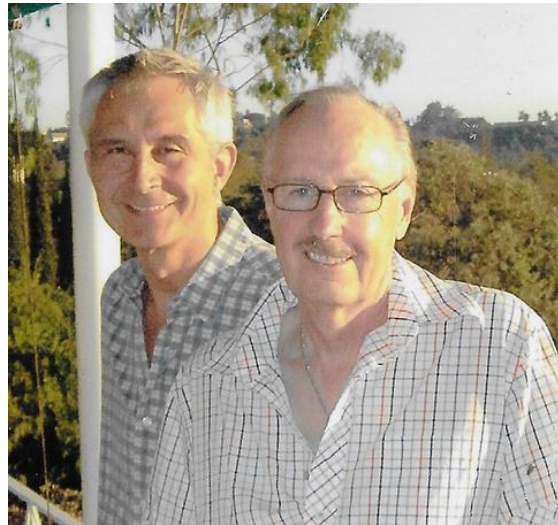
Track your ballot online

# Silver Lake Together Continues Community and Police Engagement Initiatives

On Wednesday, September 30, Silver Lake Together (SLT) held its third virtual community conversation with our partners at LAPD's Northeast Division. The Zoom meeting concentrated on nuisance crimes and which nuisances fall under the city's ACE Program (Administrative Citation Enforcement). As a result of the meeting, Silver Lake Senior Lead Officer Jesus Aispuro stated he would investigate the continued tagging of Tenants Of The Trees bar on Hyperion; traffic and safety concerns on the corner of Glendale Boulevard and Fletcher; and dogs off leash and reported dog bites in The Meadows and the Grassy Knoll near the Silver Lake Rec Center. SLT's next LAPD Northeast Division community conversation will take place later this month. **If you'd like to participate, please send an email to [editor@SilverLakeTogether.com](mailto:editor@SilverLakeTogether.com)**

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*Janis Purins (left), who died on September 21, was passionate about the arts and his community. He and his husband, Thom Thomas (d. 2015), the noted playwright and artistic director, were longtime residents of Silver Lake.*



## City Council Honors Community Advocate Janis Purins

On September 29, Los Angeles City Council honored Janis Purins for his tireless work as a community advocate for Silver Lake. The joint motion to recognize Janis was introduced by Council District 13 and Council District 4. Janis, who died on September 21 after a short illness, was appointed Region 7 representative to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council in 2018 and re-elected in 2019. He subsequently resigned to focus on his work with the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary and Silver Lake Together. He also served as co-chair of the Silver Lake Reservoir Committee and represented the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary on the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Stakeholder Working Group. A memorial service for Janis is in the planning stages.

[Read Janis Purins' obituary](#)



*encampment at Echo Park Lake is the site of at least three deaths since June. Photo by The Eastsider.*



## Third Death Reported at Echo Park Lake

According to an October 1 article in [Los Angelenos](#), Scott Murphy, a 30-year-old unhoused man, was found dead at Echo Park Lake. The cause of death is pending. The publication reported that Murphy is the third person to have died at the lake, also the site of a large homeless encampment, since June. On August 9, an 18-year-old woman died in a tent near the lake, reportedly from an overdose of cocaine laced with fentanyl. And on June 16, Andrew Kettle died outside his tent. His death is still under investigation.

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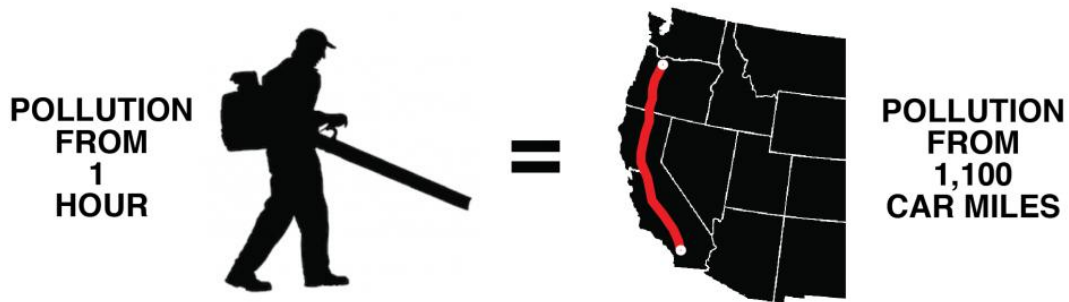
## Popular Silver Lake Librarian Announces Retirement

*Librarian Erica Silverman enjoys kayaking on the L.A. River, writing and helping her community.*



Erica Silverman, Silver Lake branch librarian, recently announced her retirement as of October 9. In addition to other duties, Erica worked closely with the community to create special programming, special events and classes. After her retirement, she plans to continue her work on Campaign 2020 and spend more time writing. Erica has a children's book coming out in the next couple of years, *City Sings Green and other Poems about Welcoming Wildlife*. We will miss you, Erica!

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*This illustration from QC/PDX compares pollution from a gas leaf blower to cars. The State of California estimates that small engines such as those in leaf blowers will overtake automobiles to become the number one source of air pollution by 2020.*

## Kudos to the *Los Feliz Ledger* for Guest Editorial on Gas Leaf Blowers

Silver Lake Together congratulates the *Los Feliz Ledger* for a recent guest editorial on the dangers of gas leaf blowers. The editorial points out that COVID and fires put lung health in peril and offers tips on eliminating the dangerous blowers from our community. Silver Lake Together has been a long-time advocate of removing gas leaf blowers.

[Read the article](#)

[Learn more about the Silver Lake Together program](#)

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## In Case You Missed It

### LADOT Resumes Parking Enforcement on October 15

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control will resume parking enforcement on **October 15**. LADOT has also launched economic relief measures to assist Angelenos in need, including a new early pay program that will reward discounts on citations for early payment.

[For more information](#)



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