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Community Works Together to Provide Access to Final Master Plan Survey

Because the final Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan survey is only available online, people without Internet access are not able to participate. Silver Lake Together reached out to Council District 4, which quickly printed flyers with this solution: *If you do not have Internet access, call the office of Councilmember David Ryu at 213-473-7004 and the office staff will read the questions to you and fill out a copy of the survey on your behalf.*

In addition, senior advocates Nina Sorkin and Stephanie Vendig, along with Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary's Mike Krose and representatives of the Griffith Park Adult Community Center, worked to identify people without Internet and distribute paper surveys to them. The online version of the final questionnaire is posted on the project website until tomorrow, September 4.

[Click here to access the final questionnaire](#)

Silver Lake Together Hosts Zoom Meetings with LAPD

To encourage positive and productive conversations between LAPD and Silver Lake stakeholders, Silver Lake Together is hosting a series of community Zoom meetings. Senior LAPD officers in the Northeast Division and residents who attended the first two meetings focused on ways to work together to create safer policing, along with identifying specific issues that need attention. **If you are interested in attending the next Zoom meeting in late September, email editor@silverlaketogether.com.**

City Council Approves Ryu Motion to Cut Pollution with Telecommuting Incentives



On August 26, the L.A. City Council approved a motion introduced by CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu to incentivize telecommuting options, encouraging businesses to adopt remote work policies. The incentives seek to allow more workers to work from home, which would reduce commuter traffic as well as carbon emissions and smog. According to the CD 4 press release, a recent study from UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability found a 20 percent gain in air quality in Southern California, and statewide traffic reductions of 80 percent since the Safer at Home order took effect.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many businesses to adapt a remote work and telecommuting model," Councilmember Ryu said. "This also happens to be the more climate-friendly model, and it should be the future of work in Los Angeles."

[Read the telecommuting incentives press release](#)

Raccoons, bobcats, hawks and mountain lions are among the wildlife that will benefit from protections in AB 1788, along with household pets who may come in contact with rodents with poisons in their systems.



AB 1788 Brings Protections to Area Wildlife

The Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary (SLWS) reports that AB 1788, which places a

moratorium on the “second generation” category of anticoagulant rodenticides (rodent poisons) in California, passed the State Senate (23-7) and Assembly (46-11), around 10:17 p.m. Monday night, just two hours before the midnight deadline. The bill will protect countless wild animals from the harmful effects of secondary poisoning. AB 1788’s author is Assemblymember Richard Bloom and co-authors are Assemblymember Laura Friedman, who represents portions of Silver Lake, and Senator Henry Stern.

Freda Shen, Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary board member, said, “It’s been a long journey with steadfast leadership from multiple wildlife and environmental advocacy organizations, notably the bill’s sponsors Animal Legal Defense Fund, Center for Biological Diversity and Raptors Are The Solution, as well as our fellow L.A. organizations Citizens for LA Wildlife (CLAW) and Friends of Griffith Park. Now, if Governor Newsom signs the bill, it’ll be a successful journey to protect our California birds, wildlife and community. It may be years before the anticoagulant toxins are out of our environment, but, like the banning of DDT, signing the bill into law means it will happen. And that means a better and safer habitat for the wildlife that call our Reservoirs home.”

Governor Newsom has 30 days to sign or veto the bill.

[Visit the CLAW website to learn more about AB 1788 and next steps](#)



New Coronavirus Safety Signs to Be Installed at Reservoirs

Photo by The Eastsider

Just one month after the City of Los Angeles installed COVID-19 safety signs reminding walkers and joggers to wear masks, adhere to social distancing guidelines, and walk or run in a one-way direction, nearly all of the signs were slashed and/or removed. Responding to concerns from numerous residents, the Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team reached out to CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu and new signs are being designed and installed. CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell’s office is also posting several signs that were left over from the original installation.

[Read the story on the one-way rule around the reservoirs](#)



Image: Los Angeles Times

Help Neighbors Stay Safe During This Weekend's Extreme Heat; Silver Lake Temp May Hit 107

Weather forecasters are predicting a record-setting heat wave in Los Angeles over the Labor Day weekend, with temperatures expected to reach 107 degrees in Silver Lake. However, due to COVID-19 closures, most traditional cooling centers, such as public libraries and recreation and adult community centers, are shuttered. This puts our community's most vulnerable residents at risk of heat exhaustion, heat strokes and even death. Moreover, according to the National Institute of Health, intense heat exacerbates preexisting chronic conditions, such as respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. If you know of someone who may need help coping with this dangerous heat wave, check on their well being and offer them aid.

City Council recently approved a motion introduced by Councilmember Ryu seeking to reclassify air conditioning as a service requiring urgent repairs, allow tenants to install window air conditioners in their units, and identify funding to incentivize and assist property owners with the costs of installing air conditioning in multifamily buildings for vulnerable residents.

The closest cooling centers to Silver Lake is located in Glendale:

Pacific Community Center

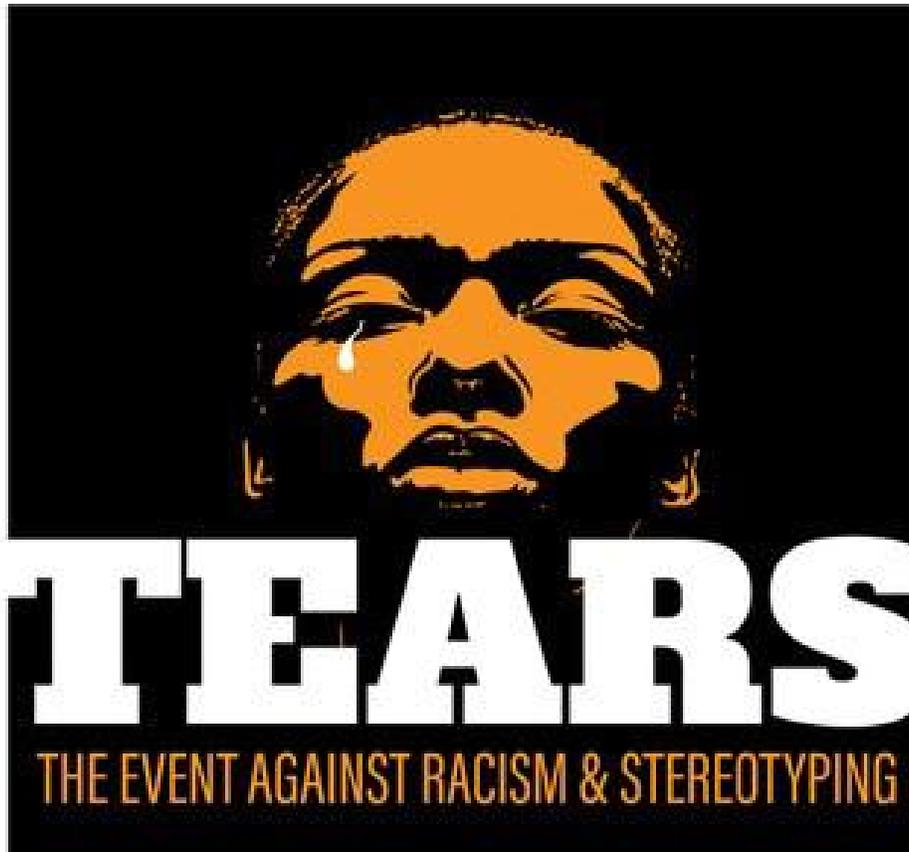
Open Saturday, September 5, 2020 to Monday, September 7, 2020

Hours of Operation 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

501 S. Pacific Ave., Glendale, CA 91204

[Read Ryu's air conditioning motion](#)

Read the Los Angeles Times story on predicted Labor Day heat wave



Silver Lake Together's Anne-Marie Johnson Hosts 'Tears: The Event Against Racism & Stereotyping'

Silver Lake Together's Anne-Marie Johnson is hosting and co-executive producing TEARS: THE EVENT AGAINST RACISM & STEREOTYPING. The global event features Ed Harris, Amy Hill, Louis Gossett, Jr., Clancy Brown, Michael Dorn, Congresswoman Maxine Waters and many other participants who are candid and unvarnished in their personal revelations and observations. The two-part special also includes a virtual performance of the iconic song "Stand By Me," by Freda Payne and The Trans Chorus of Los Angeles, visualized by acclaimed director Gev Miron.

Part 1 premiered Friday, August 28, which marked the 57th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech. Part 2 is set for Friday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. PST, which marks the 63rd anniversary of the "Little Rock Nine." TEARS is presented by The Man/Kind Project, Inc., a nonprofit organization whose mission is to fight racism and intolerance by uniting cultures through awareness and empathy.

Tomorrow's special will stream live and be available at www.themankindproject.org.

In Case You Missed It

CD4 motion instructing the City Clerk to report with options to expand safe ballot drop-off centers for the November 2020 election



Let Us Know!

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

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