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Silver Lake Party House Update: LAPD and City Attorney Partner to Help Residents

Ivan Hill Terrace short-term rental attracted 150 party-goers in midst of COVID-19

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Jesus Aispuro and Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor quickly responded to requests for help regarding a party house on Ivan Hill Terrace. In the last issue of the Silver Lake Together newsletter, SLT advocates reported that a gathering held on Saturday, May 2 at the short-term rental property attracted over 150 party-goers who were packed into the home, located in a residential area of Silver Lake. Several police units, along with a Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) helicopter, were needed to clear the large crowd. According to residents, the rental property has been a concern for some time. The issue is now being investigated by city agencies.

[Read the article in the May 14 issue of Silver Lake Together](#)

[Draft amendment to new home-sharing ordinance for 60-day public review, provided by CD 13 Field Deputy Mary Rodriguez](#)

Vandalized Signs at Silver Lake Reservoirs to

Be Replaced Today by CD 4

Safety signs at the Silver Lake Reservoirs that were slashed and cut up by an unidentified man.



Early on May 18, residents reported that an adult male, wearing a dark cap, was seen walking along the Reservoir's path cutting down and destroying social-distancing and walk/run one-way signs. The city of Los Angeles installed the signs in April to promote safe practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. Silver Lake Together reported the vandalizing and yesterday Council District 4 announced the signs would be replaced today. According to Rachel Fox, Council District 4 field deputy, 40 signs will be replaced at a cost of \$1,747. Thank you to CD 4 for their quick response and support of Silver Lake.

[Read news coverage of the vandalism](#)



The 'Regionalization' of the Reservoirs

Addressing a topic related to the vandalism of safety signs, a Silver Lake resident recently shared his concerns about the Silver Lake Reservoirs Master Plan on Next Door, the hyperlocal social networking service. Referencing the increased number of visitors flocking to the reservoirs during the COVID-19 pandemic, the resident noted that many “do not follow the rules... despite signs stating such.” He went on to say:

“The point here is, if COVID-19 is any indicator on how the traffic (both foot and vehicle) has increased, can you imagine how much more this will happen after the

Read the full Next Door post



Example of a HargreavesJones community project in Oklahoma City. (Photo: Hargreaves.com)

New Timing for Reservoirs Master Plan, Stakeholder Working Group Minutes from December-March Posted

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, news about the Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex Master Plan (SLRCMP) has been limited. However, Silver Lake Together recently learned that the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and HargreavesJones (HJ), the San Francisco-based agency responsible for plan development and community outreach, submitted a preliminary Master Plan Report to approximately 30 individuals at city agencies in mid-April for review. BOE and HJ are now reviewing those comments. HargreavesJones also updated the Master Plan community engagement page, including summaries of each community workshop, the workshop table maps and presentations and questionnaire results.

The community workshop scheduled for May was cancelled due to COVID-19 limitations, but the city hopes to conduct a virtual meeting in mid-June.

Significantly, HJ also posted minutes from the last three Stakeholders Working Group meetings, which took place in December 2019 and January and March 2020. The Stakeholders Working Group was established to represent the community of Silver Lake and serve as a conduit between Silver Lake stakeholders and the project teams. The Group includes the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy, Silver Lake Forward, Silver Lake Now and the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. Comments in the minutes provide insight into the opinions of Working Group members, such as this exchange between the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary (SLWS) and The Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy (SLRC).

SLWS believes that it is not right to give equal weight to the online responses and the in-person responses.

SLRC responded by saying that the reservoirs are not Silver Lake's, that the DWP customers are paying for it, and that, if anything, the neighborhood's opinions have been overweighted.

There are also conversations on sensitive issues such as perimeter fencing, homeless encampments and harm to wildlife. SLT strongly recommends subscribers read these minutes.

[Read Stakeholders Working Group minutes](#)

[Visit the Bureau of Engineering project page](#)



*This photo of another small lot development in Silver Lake shows a popular design.
(Photo by Urbanize)*

Scott Plante, architect and Silver Lake Together co-founder, discusses neighborhood concerns about a proposed small lot development on Rowena and explains the history of the small lot ordinance.

Rowena Small Lot Development Raises Questions

Recently, a proposed small lot project at 2820 Rowena has been met with neighborhood opposition. The six-unit project will replace a single-family home and a duplex – for a net increase of three housing units. The project is displacing several RSO units (rent stabilized units) that were an earlier attempt at mitigating Los Angeles’ ongoing housing shortage and resulting price increases. Located on traffic-clogged Rowena, local residents are concerned about additional traffic – and new homeowners entering and exiting on a dangerous street. An increase in scale was also a factor: the current two-story project will be replaced by three-story units, an increase of about 12 feet in existing height. Finally, the market rate cost of the units was of concern. The high entry point of purchase may squeeze out first-time, medium-income buyers. These concerns raise the question: exactly what is a small lot development?

[Read more](#)

*Councilmember David Ryu on the steps of City Hall in June 2015.
(Photo, Jay L. Clendenin / Los Angeles Times)*



CD 4 Councilmember Ryu Introduces New Anti-corruption Legislation

In the wake of recent allegations of City Hall corruption, CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu has introduced two pieces of legislation to address serious charges that have received widespread publicity. The first motion seeks to establish an office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency, which would function similarly to an independent inspector general, and would have the power to subpoena city documents and compel testimony from city staff. The second motion seeks to remove city councilmembers' power to override and rewrite land use decisions made by the City Planning Commission. Councilmember Ryu first championed campaign finance reform in 2015, when he announced legislation to prohibit developer contributions in local elections. The developer dollar ban was finally passed into law in 2019.

[Read the motion to establish office of anti-corruption](#)

[Read the motion to remove City Councilmember’s power to override City Planning Commission land use decisions](#)

[See NBC News coverage about the FBI’s "pay-to-play" investigation at City Hall](#)

Global Wellness Day Goes Virtual in Silver Lake and Around the World on June 13



Almost a year ago, on June 8, Silver Lake Together (SLT) co-hosted Silver Lake's first Global Wellness Day celebration – and SLT's first community event – at the Silver Lake Library. The day of wellness included free yoga, Tai Chi, hands-only CPR demonstrations, testing by the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic and more. This year things have changed and Global Wellness Day will be live-streamed on Saturday, June 13. The 24-hour programming will feature 55 speakers including star athletes and wellness experts. June 13 is an excellent day to recommit to your personal wellness and adopt these seven steps.

[Learn more about Global Wellness Day 2020](#)



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