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# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



*Illustration by Alex Fine. This Los Angeles Magazine image of Silver Lake's new-ish Erewhon grocery store captures the gentrification in Silver Lake that has led to higher housing prices and the loss of affordable housing. [Read the article here.](#)*

## Gentrification: The Final Nail in Silver Lake's Gentrifying Coffin or Positive Change?

Architect Scott Plante, who is co-founder of Silver Lake Together and co-chair of Silver Lake's Urban Design & Preservation Committee, takes an honest look at the pros and cons of gentrification in a thoughtful article on housing costs in Silver Lake, described by *GQ* in 2018 as "L.A.'s Most Tragically Hip Neighborhood."

As Plante says, "Whether we welcome or decry gentrification, it's an undisputed cause of both the lack of affordable housing and higher property values in Silver Lake."

[READ SCOTT PLANTE'S ARTICLE](#)

To share your thoughts on gentrification, email [editor@silverlaketgether.com](mailto:editor@silverlaketgether.com)



*Silver Lake residents who rely on public transportation will now be able to book a ride on Metro Micro to travel to and from communities including Atwater Village, Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Glendale, and Highland Park.*

## Thanks to You, Metro Micro On-Demand Bus Service Comes to Silver Lake

In its most recent newsletter, Silver Lake Together reported that Los Angeles Metro (Metro) had discontinued the 201 bus line that connects Silver Lake with surrounding communities, including Glendale, and other transportation services. The reaction was swift and strong as stakeholders expressed deep concerns about how this change would harm those who rely on public transportation.

**We shared your thoughts with city officials and shortly thereafter Metro expanded its new on-demand, ride-sharing service to certain Silver Lake neighborhoods.** Described by *The Eastsider* as an "unexpected move," the new Silver Lake service went into effect this past Sunday, July 18. Riders can use an [app](#) to hail a ride (like Uber); book at the Metro [website](#), or call 323.GO.METRO.

Metro also recently expanded DASH service in Downtown L.A., thanks to efforts led by councilmembers Gil Cedillo and Kevin de León. In our opinion, Silver Lake urgently needs DASH service to help all who depend on public transportation.

Please share your thoughts by emailing [editor@silverlaketgether.com](mailto:editor@silverlaketgether.com). Together we can continue to improve our community!

[READ THE EASTSIDER ARTICLE FOR DETAILS](#)

[READ SLT'S JULY 8 ARTICLE](#)



## Tom LaBonge Memorial Plaque Permanently Installed

On Tuesday, a plaque honoring the late CD 4 Councilmember Tom LaBonge was permanently installed on the reservoirs' walking path near the corner of Armstrong Avenue and Silver Lake Boulevard. The Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team, in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), community activist Nina Sorkin, the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) and CD 13, unveiled the memorial at a ceremony honoring Councilmember LaBonge's dedicated service to his community.

[VIEW THE TOM LABONGE CEREMONY VIDEO](#)



## CD 13 Councilmember O'Farrell Leads Efforts to Help Residents Facing Economic Challenges

Over the past months, Council Member Mitch O'Farrell has worked to deliver real relief to CD 13 stakeholders who face economic hardships. Working with City Council, O'Farrell sponsored a number of resolutions, advocating for many relief initiatives that Governor Newsom recently approved. The Councilmember's efforts include:

- **\$5.2 billion in rental relief**, including a 100% buyback for renters.
- **\$2 billion in utility assistance**. O'Farrell authored the Council Resolution supporting this effort, and implemented a similar program last year at the City level.
- **\$12 billion toward homelessness, the largest amount in California history**, including a record investment in Project HomeKey, at the urging of a Council Resolution he authored.
- **\$10.3 billion toward affordable housing**.

We are proud that the State is following Councilmember O'Farrell's example.

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## Speeding Drivers Running Stop Signs in Silver Lake; Burglaries and Thefts on the Rise



Silver Lake's new senior lead officer (SLO) Jose Ramirez, who previously served with LAPD's Northeast Division Homeless Detail, reports he is getting many complaints about speeding drivers failing to stop at stop signs in Silver Lake, especially in the hills and at Redcliff and Effie. LAPD is patrolling and SLO Ramirez is obtaining help from traffic officers.

To order a free "Slow Down Silver Lake" sign, email [editor@silverlaketgether.com](mailto:editor@silverlaketgether.com).

Burglary and thefts are also on the rise and he asks residents to NOT leave garages open or leave electronics visible in vehicles.

SLO Ramirez can be contacted by email at [39570@lapd.online](mailto:39570@lapd.online)

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