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# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



*On February 16, candidates for Los Angeles City Council District 4 took part in a forum moderated by KPCB Senior Politics Reporter Libby Denkmann. From left to right: write-in candidate Susan Collins, Sarah Kate Levy, incumbent CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu and Nithya Raman.*

## CD 4 Candidates Take Stands on Wide Range of Issues from Reservoirs Development to L.A.'s Homelessness Crisis

At the only local forum scheduled in advance of the March 3 primary election for the CD 4 council seat, current Councilmember David Ryu and challengers Susan Collins, Sarah Kate Levy and Nithya Raman answered 20 questions about the most pressing issues

facing residents in the sprawling council district. The two-hour forum, which attracted a large and diverse audience, took place at John Marshall High School and was moderated by KPCC Senior Politics Reporter Libby Denkmann.

Attendees from Silver Lake were especially interested in candidates' answers to questions that touched on public access to the community's iconic reservoirs, which are currently under review in a Master Plan process. Sarah Kate Levy said she supported all of Silver Lake Forward's proposals to develop the reservoirs complex, which include new recreation facilities. Nithya Raman also supported more public access to the reservoirs and removing protective fences at both the Silver Lake Reservoirs and the Rowena Reservoir on Hyperion. Councilmember Ryu proposed using LAUSD school property for recreational activities during times when schools are not in session, giving residents throughout CD 4 more access to parks and recreation.

Other hot button topics included solutions for L.A.'s unhoused population, traffic issues caused in part by navigation apps like WAZE, SB 50, L.A.'s Green New Deal and historic preservation challenges. All candidates provided their positions on tackling the homelessness crisis, including Councilmember Ryu who pointed out that homelessness is a poverty crisis that no one person or agency can solve – but progress is being made by working together.

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*If this raccoon could vote in the third Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan online questionnaire, we think she would choose to protect the peace we all enjoy.*



## Reservoir Master Plan Voting Extended to Friday, February 21

After reviewing the latest proposals for the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex at the fourth Master Plan Meeting on January 23, residents and concerned stakeholders again overwhelmingly chose options that protect nature and wildlife. But voting on this crucial decision that faces our community is not over. Even if you wrote in your preferences on the paper ballot provided at the January meeting, it is important to complete the latest online survey by Friday, February 21. If you have already completed the survey, please encourage your friends and family to share their opinions.

**TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY BY FEBRUARY 21**

**Note: The Design Team bases its reports only on data from checked boxes.**

Note: Scroll down to see the guide.

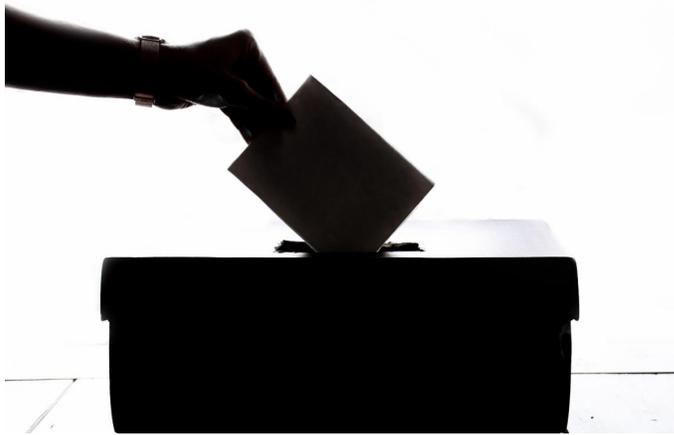
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS

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## Kudos to LADWP and Traffic Control Officers

In December, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) embarked on a thankless task: close the right-hand turn lane from Fletcher to Glendale Boulevard and one left-hand turn lane in order to replace aging water pipes on Fletcher Drive. However, thanks to excellent work by LADWP Trunk Line Construction, Crew B – and LADWP's commitment to keep traffic flowing with the help of experienced Traffic Control Officers (TCOs) – traffic has been moving as smoothly as possible. Currently, there are TCOs at four intersections in Silver Lake. LADWP also reports that pipe work on the project is scheduled to be completed by March 2. There will be some subsequent finishing work and the project is expected to be completely done by the end of April.

If you drive by a member of Crew B or a Traffic Control Officer, we hope you will give them a “thank you” for a job well done.



*Times have changed since voters marked a paper ballot and slipped it into a box on election day. Learn how L.A. County's new voting system will impact where and how you vote.*

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## L.A. County's New \$300 Million Voting System Is Approved for the March 3 Primary – But Where Do We Vote?

Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP), the country's first publicly owned and designed voting system, has been certified by California's Secretary of State in California. That means registered voters are receiving information about the new process, which allows voters to cast ballots on touch-screen tablets at vote centers from 11 to four days before Election Day on March 3. We found it a bit challenging to navigate the many links and buttons and find out exactly where vote centers are located, so we compiled this roundup of the centers closest to Silver Lake.

There is **ONE** 11-day vote center in Silver Lake:

Silver Lake Independent Jewish Community Center Gymnasium

1110 Bates Ave, Los Angeles CA 90029

Hours: February 22 - March 2, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day, March 3, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There are **TWO** four-day vote centers

St. Casimir Church Parish Hall

3855 Evans St, Los Angeles 90027 (across from John Marshall High School)

Hours: February 29 - March 2, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day, March 3, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Allesandro School Auditorium

2210 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles 90039

Hours: February 29 - March 2, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day, March 3, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- If you'd like to vote elsewhere in the city, [CLICK HERE](#) and fill in a nearby address, such as your work.
- If you signed up to vote by mail, you should have received your ballot. There is still time to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot. [CLICK HERE](#) and be sure your application is received by 11:59 p.m. PST, February 25, 2020.
- If you have additional questions, [CLICK HERE](#) and choose the appropriate links.

[WATCH A VIDEO EXPLAINING THE NEW SYSTEM](#)



## Hate Crimes Security Funding Still Available in CD 4

*Rachel Fox, field deputy, Council District 4*

Rachel Fox, field deputy in Council District 4, reminds religious institutions, cultural centers and LGBTQ spaces in Silver Lake that funding to prepare for hate crimes is still available. The program, which supplies up to \$3,000 in grants to local organizations that may be targets of hate crimes, was created to help fund security improvements and training at spaces which serve vulnerable and diverse communities.

To apply for funds, please complete the [Discretionary Funds Security Grant application](#) and email it to [cd4.funding@lacity.org](mailto:cd4.funding@lacity.org).

Questions? Email [rachel.fox@lacity.org](mailto:rachel.fox@lacity.org) or call (323) 957-6415.

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## Works Begins on New LADWP Modular Office

LADWP reports work to prepare for the installation of a new 60- by 60-foot modular office within the LADWP-owned reservoirs complex has begun. The unit will serve as office space for LADWP staff supporting the replacement of aging infrastructure. When the improvement project is complete, 25-30 employees will report to the modular office; parking for both personal and LADWP vehicles will be provided at the site.

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## Free 'Slow Down Silver Lake' Signs Available



If you are concerned about speeding motorists on your street, there is still time to request a Slow Down Silver Lake sign. The traffic safety signs are being distributed on a “first-come, first-served” basis by the Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team and are available to Silver Lake residents free of charge.

To request a Slow Down Silver Lake Sign, email your name and address to [editor@silverlaketogether.com](mailto:editor@silverlaketogether.com).

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## 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?

[Email Us](#)

