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Fact Check: CARE+ Cleanups of Homeless Encampments

There has been rampant confusion about proposed CARE+ cleanups of homeless encampments and CD 4 Councilmember Ryu's vote against the proposed cleanups. Here are the facts: CARE+ cleanups require the forced removal of encampments and unhoused people in areas around A Bridge Home sites. According to Rachel Fox, field deputy at CD 4, Councilmember Ryu opposed a [motion](#) to allow these type of cleanups because moving unhoused people during the COVID-19 pandemic is not considered safe and goes against the directives from the Los Angeles Department of Public Health and the CDC (read more [here](#)). Public health experts have made clear that moving unhoused people around puts them at risk as well as the broader community at greater risk of COVID-19 and the councilmember believes the city should follow the guidance of public health experts and refrain from cleanups which displace unhoused people.

CD 13 Councilmember O'Farrell subsequently moved that the city's Bureau of Sanitation report on ways that CARE+ cleanups could be done in compliance with CDC guidelines. (Read the motion [here](#).) The original motion's author, Councilmember Buscaino, adopted the new motion as a "friendly amendment," which did not require a separate vote.

Rachel Fox reiterated that Councilmember Ryu supports cleanups of encampments that do not require displacement, and will continue to schedule regular CARE cleanups, as opposed to CARE+ cleanups, which shift unhoused Angelenos from one neighborhood to another.



School 2020: What Lies Ahead?

Juliette Williamson, a rising senior at John Marshall High, shares questions students are asking as they prepare for an uncertain school year.

As LAUSD makes final decisions for the start of school this fall – and juggles the latest federal, state and city orders and guidelines – we asked Juliette Williamson, a student at John Marshall High School, to share her perspective on the upcoming school year.

By Juliette Williamson

As a rising high school senior in an era of COVID, this upcoming school year has never seemed so daunting. Normally, the thought of juggling college apps, extracurriculars and a challenging course load is stressful enough, but the uncertainty of online schooling has dwarfed these ordinary anxieties. My classmates and I are left asking ourselves questions like: What will school look like this semester? Will we be able to go to prom, see our friends and classmates, or play sports again? And, most importantly, how will this impact our future? With adulthood and college right around the corner, the difficulties in effectively communicating with our mentors as well as our own growing sense of academic unpreparedness are a constant worry.

Silver Lake Together appreciates the students who are furthering their education while protecting themselves and their loved ones. We hope everyone in Silver Lake will support the health and well being of our students and teachers by practicing safe habits and following recommend guidelines.

[Read Los Angeles Times story on the LAUSD/teachers tentative deal on remote learning](#)



How Do We Want To Help Those Who Are Unhoused?

The old saying, a picture is worth a thousand words, is especially true when it comes to considering the kind of shelter a community provides for those without housing. The pictures on the left shows the Bridge Home shelter that recently opened on Riverside Drive, just off Los Feliz Boulevard. The new accommodations, which were championed by CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu, provide comprehensive onsite services for 100 men and women and their pets, including security and case management that help people transition to permanent housing.

On the right, a recent photo taken at once-bucolic Echo Park Lake shows an unsupervised encampment without social services or sanitary resources that has mushroomed in a residential neighborhood. According to a July 29 article in the *Eastsider*, there are now more than 100 tents in one of the neighborhood's largest and most visible homeless encampments. Despite concerns about public health and safety, the homeless encampment at Echo Park Lake has continued to grow during the pandemic and quarantine. And according to an August 4 article in the *Los Feliz Ledger*, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's CD 13 district, which includes Echo Park and Echo Park Lake, portions of Hollywood and Silver Lake, has more than 3,907 unhoused individuals – a 22% increase from 2019. The *Ledger* reported that in Council District 4 – which includes Los Feliz, Larchmont, Koreatown and parts of Silver Lake and the San Fernando Valley – there were 1,072 unhoused people, a 15% increase from the previous year.

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[Read the Los Feliz Ledger article](#)

Historic Preservation – What It Means and Why It Matters

*Old places are where our lives, memories,
and stories began. They connect us to the*

past, anchor us to the present, and lead us into the future. (Photo: Los Angeles Conservancy archives)



By Scott Plante, Architect and Silver Lake Together Co-founder

The term historic preservation is typically regarded as the preservation of an historic building or site. But, neighborhoods – and not just buildings – can also be preserved through Los Angeles’ Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZ). These historic district programs identify historic neighborhoods and ensure that new projects complement a district’s character. Angelino Heights, in Echo Park, was the first HPOZ in the city and is a well-known example composed of Victorian, Craftsman, and Mission Revival homes. Moreover, HPOZ’s can be environmentally friendly and are an asset to their communities.

[Read more](#)

Aedes Mosquitoes Pose New Challenges for Silver Lake

Photo of the invasive Aedes mosquito. These small black mosquitoes have white stripes on their back and legs.



Who knew there is an invasion of Aedes mosquitoes in L.A. – or that they only require a teaspoon of water to reproduce and grow in our urban environment? We weren’t aware of the differences between the Aedes breed and our native Culex mosquito until we received an email from the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District alerting residents to the dangers of these tiny pests. According to the California Department of Public Health,

Aedes aegypti and *Aedes albopictus* both have the potential to transmit several viruses, including dengue, chikungunya, Zika, and yellow fever. These diseases are currently not within California, but thousands of people are infected in other parts of the world. Both *Aedes* species can lay eggs in any small artificial or natural container that holds water (like a teaspoon). The good news is that they don't like larger bodies of waters such as pools, so we can work together to control them.

Learn more about Aedes mosquitoes

Reduce mosquitoes inside and outside your home with these handy tips

Take the Tip, Toss, Take Action Pledge



[*The Atlantic*](#), photo by Jonathan Nourok/AFP/Getty Images. Cars lie smashed near the collapsed Interstate 5 connector a few hours after the 1994 Northridge 6.7 magnitude earthquake.

July 30 Earthquake is Sobering Reminder to Be Prepared

Being prepared for the “big one” in L.A. has become a cliché. However, last week's earthquake is a reminder that all Silver Lake residents need to take responsibility for natural disaster preparedness – especially in this age of city budget cuts. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) offers free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to teach participants how to take care of themselves and their families. During the courses, LAFD instructors also demonstrate how to safely help neighbors when

professional first responders are not available and the 9-1-1 system is overwhelmed. L.A.'s CERT training is emulated around the world. We encourage you to look into this lifesaving program.

Due to COVID-19, in-person CERT training is on hold. You can watch CERT training videos [here](#) or call (213) 202-3136 for more information.

Watch this inspiring video and learn more about L.A.'s CERT training, now taught in 50 states and countries around the world.

To find out more about becoming a neighborhood CERT leader, email Patrick Botz-Forbes, LAFD CERT Central Bureau Coordinator.

Share the Mask Message with Free Posters

Support nurses, doctors, essential workers, loved ones, and fellow Angelenos by displaying a free poster, courtesy of the City of L.A.



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti is reminding Angelenos to wear a mask in public with a creative project launched in collaboration with local artists and businesses. Studio Number One designed the first three posters pro bono and granted the City of Los Angeles license to distribute the artwork for non-commercial use. Residents and business owners are encouraged to download and print the artwork for display in their windows as a way to inspire one another to wear a face mask whenever they are outside their home, and build grassroots-level support for this simple but lifesaving act. Additional poster designs will be available on the City's coronavirus website.

To participate in the campaign, email garcetti.reply@lacity.org.

Download and print your poster

For more information about the mask project

Ryu Proposes Party Penalties

Today, CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu introduced a motion to increase penalties and deterrence options against property owners who put community health and safety at risk by hosting large house parties. The motion also applies to any property owner who flouts building and safety rules and city law. On May 14, Silver Lake Together reported on a party that attracted 150+ partygoers packed into a residential home on Ivan Hill Terrace. According to residents, LAPD responded and cleared the revelers; none were wearing masks.

[Read the CD 4 Press Release](#)

[Read the SLT article](#)

In Case You Missed It

Los Angeles Times—Following reports of large parties that violate health orders aimed at slowing the spread of the novel coronavirus, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced yesterday that he will authorize shutting off water and power services to houses that host such gatherings.

[Read the article](#)



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