

October 2025



**CARING FOR OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD.**



Lingering RV

For several months, an RV has been stored on Armstrong and then on W. Silver Lake Drive. Residents brought their concerns to SLT. One homeowner complained that the second hand weed smoking, wafting from the RV and into home windows, was impacting the health of one of their children. SLT reached out to SLO Ramirez for assistance.

Finally, in August, the LAPD placed a citation on the vehicle due to expired tags. It took weeks for the RV owner to adhere to the law, and move from W. Silver Lake Dr. But the celebration was brief. He's moved back to Armstrong, parking the RV so poorly that a portion of the rear is obstructing northbound traffic. SLO Ramirez has reached out to CD4 for assistance.

At the time of this story, SLT was told the owner of the RV has "promised" to move his vehicle on Saturday, October 4th. Where he plans to park it, is a mystery. It's been a ridiculous game of "Whack A Mole", wasting the LAPD's time and creating a constant burden for residents.

Why did it take almost 4 months to deal with these issues? Why are CD4 and CD13 so slow in responding to Silver Lake residents regarding public safety issues? Why are we continually disappointed by our elected representatives?

Meet Interim Senior Lead Officer Ivan Gracia

*Spelling corrected, our
apologies to SLO Gracia.*



A Message for the community from SLO Ivan Gracia:

Hello, my name is Ivan Gracia, and I am the Interim Senior Lead Officer for the 11A1 area, which covers Los Feliz, Griffith Park, Atwater Village, parts of Glassell Park, and portions of Silver Lake.

I am a 20-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department and have served in a variety of assignments across several divisions, including 77th Street, Newton, Hollenbeck, Olympic, Commercial Crimes, and Training Division. Over the course of my career, I have worked as a burglary specialist, surveillance and undercover officer, and served on federal task forces and gang units. I am also a court-certified expert in gangs, narcotics, and copper wire theft.

Beyond my career, I enjoy spending time on the golf course, boxing, and working on vintage cars. I am a proud father of three, husband to a wonderful wife, and a lifelong Angeleno of Mexican immigrant heritage. Being bilingual in Spanish, I value connecting with diverse communities and am deeply committed to serving the residents of Los

Angeles.

I look forward to continuing to build strong partnerships and making a positive impact in our community.

Sign the petition to make Ivan Gracia our permanent SLO:

[Petition · Make Officer Officer Gracia our permanent SLO - Los Angeles, United States · Change.org](#)

Silver Lake Crime Stats from SLO Ramirez



Silver Lake Crime Statistics September 1st, 2025 - October 1st, 2025

Robbery: 2
Aggravated Assault: 8
Burglary: 9
Grand Theft Auto: 8
Burglary and Theft from Motor Vehicle: 12
Theft: 13
Grand Theft Person: 1

Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez
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SLT Says



"Hell Yes" on Proposition 50

The Trump Regime has made their agenda as clear as can be. So, we as Californians HAVE to fight back, using any political tools we can. That is why Silver Lake Together is endorsing a "Yes" vote for Proposition 50.

For more information about this issue, please visit:

[Proposition 50 | Official Voter Information Guide | California Secretary of State](#)

[The Election Rigging Response Act](#)

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Election Day, November 4th
7:00am-8:00pm

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Street Lighting... Wondering Why It Is Still Out?

Everyone is well aware that street lighting in the City is suffering due to theft and vandalism. Sadly, this is noticeable all over Silver Lake. Concerns were raised at a recent downtown event with Miguel Sangalang, Director of the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL).

Sangalang is well aware of the issues with theft and vandalism. The City has over 223,000 street lights, with 400 different styles. These lights are connected by 9,000 miles of conduit and 27,000 miles of copper wire. One of the first cities in the United States to convert to LED lighting, this saves the City \$10 million annually. This year, the Bureau of Street Lighting celebrates 100 years of its' existence - established in 1925 to combat crime.



The lighting infrastructure is old, and in need of capital replacement and investment. About 100,000 lights are at the end of their useful life – 42% of the City's street lighting. At the same time, Sangalang noted the city has reached all time highs of theft and vandalism. To combat thefts, the City is moving to battery and solar options as the lights are replaced. Other solutions include burying pullboxes and welding them shut, which are harder to maintain when lights need servicing – but he noted, the solutions do eliminate theft and vandalism. And LED lighting lasts 10 to 15 years, so the maintenance is deferred.

While BSL is making every effort to repair outages, funding is an issue. Street lighting is specially funded, financed primarily by the Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment Fund that generates \$45 million annually. This fund covers all costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the City's street lighting system. This funding has not been changed in 30 years, and has not been adjusted for inflation – which compounds the problem. Of the \$45 million, \$15 million immediately goes to DWP for electricity costs...leaving only \$30 million to maintain and replace lighting.

Repairs are first in/first out. Neighborhoods do not receive any special treatment. And the current backlog is 9 months to a year for resolution. Revenue is an issue, and the City is trying to generate revenue by installing electric vehicle charges utilizing the existing infrastructure. These charging stations are creating revenue to fund

the BSL.

Per Sangalang, the City is proposing a vote this winter on an assessment to resolve the street lighting issue. Currently, the average parcel pays \$53 per year for street lighting. The anticipated measure would double that cost, to \$123 per year.

SLT will be monitoring the City's assessment plans, and encourages residents to report outages.

Learn more and report outages:

[LA Bureau of Street Lighting](#)



Update on the 101 Gateway Area

David Nguyen, from the Mayor's Office, has worked with CD13 to help prioritize cleaning the 101/Silver Lake Boulevard underpass area. More frequent cleanings are underway, one having been performed this past week. While the area is significantly improved from our reporting in the July [newsletter](#), the area remains a hazard for those who live there and those who drive through.

Per Nguyen, the area is being scheduled for an Inside Safe program,

the City's program at combatting homelessness.

SLT will continue to monitor the area and update the community.

Learn more on Inside Safe:

[Inside Safe | Mayor Karen Bass](#)



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