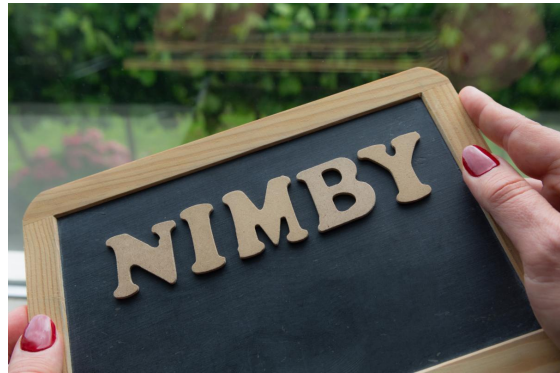




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Is NIMBY a Slur?



We've all heard the NIMBY word and many Silver Lake Together newsletter readers report that they've been accused of nimbyism and opposing changes in Silver Lake for selfish reasons. However, as *The Urbanist* reports, there is a long history of so-called NIMBYs fighting to prevent environmental dangers. (Think Love Canal). Moreover, the word NIMBY implies that everyone who opposes a certain community project thinks the same. Case in point: many residents and stakeholders believe the proposed Reservoirs Master Plan should do much more to protect the natural habitat of the animals and birds that currently call the reservoirs home. We think these people who seek to protect nature are *environmentalists* and nimbyism and NIMBY should be recognized as the slurs they are.



Electrical lines running across Hoover Street, observed on September 27.

Is the Hoover Underpass a Dumping Ground?

By Scott D. Plante, AIA, Member of Silver Lake Urban Design and Preservation Committee, Co-founder, Silver Lake Together

What is the status of a cleanup for the homeless encampment on Hoover Street at the 101 Freeway overpass? The area is filthy, filled with trash—and it is TRASH: used plastic cups, discarded food wrappers and other debris. Sidewalks are blocked, preventing safe public access. Vermin have been witnessed in the area. Most shockingly, electrical lines run across Hoover Street, which is a serious safety issue. And I believe I witnessed a drug purchase last night. Our neighborhood is becoming a dumping ground for trash. Enough is enough.

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Smash and Grab Thieves Target Silver Lake

According to Silver Lake's Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez, "smash and grab" robberies have come to Silver Lake, making this retail crime a hot topic for the month. Smash and grabs are a growing concern for businesses across Los Angeles, posing a significant threat to their safety and financial stability. These quick and violent attacks typically involve criminals swiftly breaking into a store, stealing valuables and making a rapid escape. However, by taking proactive measures businesses can significantly minimize the risk of such an incidence.

Quick advice:

- Establish essential security measures for deterring smash and grab robberies.
- Minimize the amount of cash onsite.
- Educate employees about potential risks and train them to respond appropriately in dangerous situations.
- Establish strong partnerships with local law enforcement agencies and file police reports.
- Be sure your business is well lit, both inside and outside.
- The physical layout and displays within a business impact its vulnerability.
- Be sure security cameras are clearly displayed inside and outside the business.
- Have a prevention plan that includes several provisions.

Immunocompromised Individuals Continue to Face Discrimination

SB411 could restore virtual government meetings. (Photo by Ivan Samkov, Pexels)



Over the past months, Silver Lake Together has reached out to the City of Los Angeles Department of Disability to express concerns that immunocompromised individuals, who cannot attend in-person meetings, are being discriminated against. After several conversations and emails, we were told that those with disabilities related to their immune systems would continue to be disenfranchised and not be able to participate in government meetings, including city and neighborhood councils, until SB411, which would restore virtual meetings in part, wends its way through the state and city legislative labyrinth. The bill passed both houses of the state legislature and was received by Governor Newsom on September 11. Although the governor did not sign the bill, it appears to have become law since 12 days have passed since he received it. The city must now act on the measure, which we don't expect to happen in the near future. In the meantime, if you are immunocompromised you won't be able to participate in your government.

[CHECK HERE FOR THE STATUS OF SB411](#)

Actual WGA Deal Terms

A substantial number of writers and actors live in Silver Lake and the entertainment industry strikes have had a strong impact on the community. However, it appears the WGA (writers) has come to terms with the AMPTP (studios), and after an almost five months-long strike, a tentative contract will be fast tracked for membership approval. In the interim, writers are allowed to head back to work ASAP. As congratulations are in order, please let's not forget about the SAG-AFTRA members (actors) who joined WGA members on picket lines from day one of the work stoppage. SAG-AFTRA is still on strike. Let's hope the WGA continues to stand with SAG-AFTRA until all union members are back to work with livable wages and working conditions.

A community member sent SLT the actual WGA deal terms. [Click here to read the facts.](#)

Friends of Griffith Park Files Lawsuit to Stop Expansion of L.A. Zoo

According to the *Daily News*, The Friends of Griffith Park and the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust have filed a petition in Los Angeles Superior Court stating that the city "... should not have certified the Environmental Impact Report associated with the project before specific plans for mitigating significant environmental impacts have been drawn up..." L.A. City Council also recently fast-tracked approval of the Environmental Impact Report conducted for the Silver Lake Reservoirs' Master Plan, and numerous community members cited environmental concerns about destruction of natural wildlife habitats and noise and air pollution associated with the project. Stay tuned for more on this topic.



Rendering of the project to add classrooms and food service facility at Ivanhoe

Ivanhoe Classroom Replacement Project

Tuesday evening, LAUSD held a community meeting to review the latest plans for new classrooms at the highly regarded Ivanhoe Elementary School in Silver Lake. Interestingly, LAUSD allowed attendees to participate on Zoom and in person so attendance was high. The project involves:

- Removal of 11 classrooms in current relocatable buildings
- Construction of 15 new classrooms and support spaces
- New food services facility
- Update of IT network
- Site infrastructure upgrade
- Site restoration including landscape, hardscape, play structures and paving
- New 10 space parking lot

The proposed budget is \$46.9 million and estimated completion date is Q4 2025.

Silver Lake Crime Stats

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Silver Lake's Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez reported the most recent crime stats for Silver Lake and Franklin Hills (August 20 through September 16). Notably, Burglary From Motor Vehicle (BFMV) continues to be the top crime in our community, but we can do something about it. (Tip: lock your vehicles and be sure NO items are visible inside.)

Homicide (0)

Rape (1)

Robbery (1)

Aggravated Assaults (1)

Gang Related (0)

Shots Fired (0)

Victim Shot (0)

Burglary (9)

Theft (6)

Grand Theft Auto (13)
BFMV (33)
Recovered Vehicles (3)
Violent Crimes (1)
Property Crime (14)

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