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Councilmembers Raman and Bonin Vote Against New Restrictions on Homeless Encampments

The Los Angeles City Council recently voted 13-2 to approve new limits on homeless encampments. Restrictions would include camping on sidewalks or near homeless shelters, daycare centers and other public facilities such as parks. CD 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman, whose district includes parts of Silver Lake, and Councilmember Mike Bonin, whose district includes Venice Beach, voted against the ordinance. According to a *Los Angeles Times* article, homelessness has become by far the most pressing issue facing the city's politicians. Both Raman and Bonin were recently served with recall notices in part over the homelessness issue.

Supporting the new regulations, Council President Nury Martinez noted that the city's working-class families have been left out of the debate, drowned out by activists deploying hashtags on Twitter. "What about the immigrants who come to this country with absolutely nothing... (why) don't they have a right to a safe park? Why don't they have a right to a safe library?"

Before the ordinance can take effect, the council must vote on the motion again after returning from the summer recess.

[READ THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE](#)

LAPD Names New Senior Lead Officer for Silver Lake



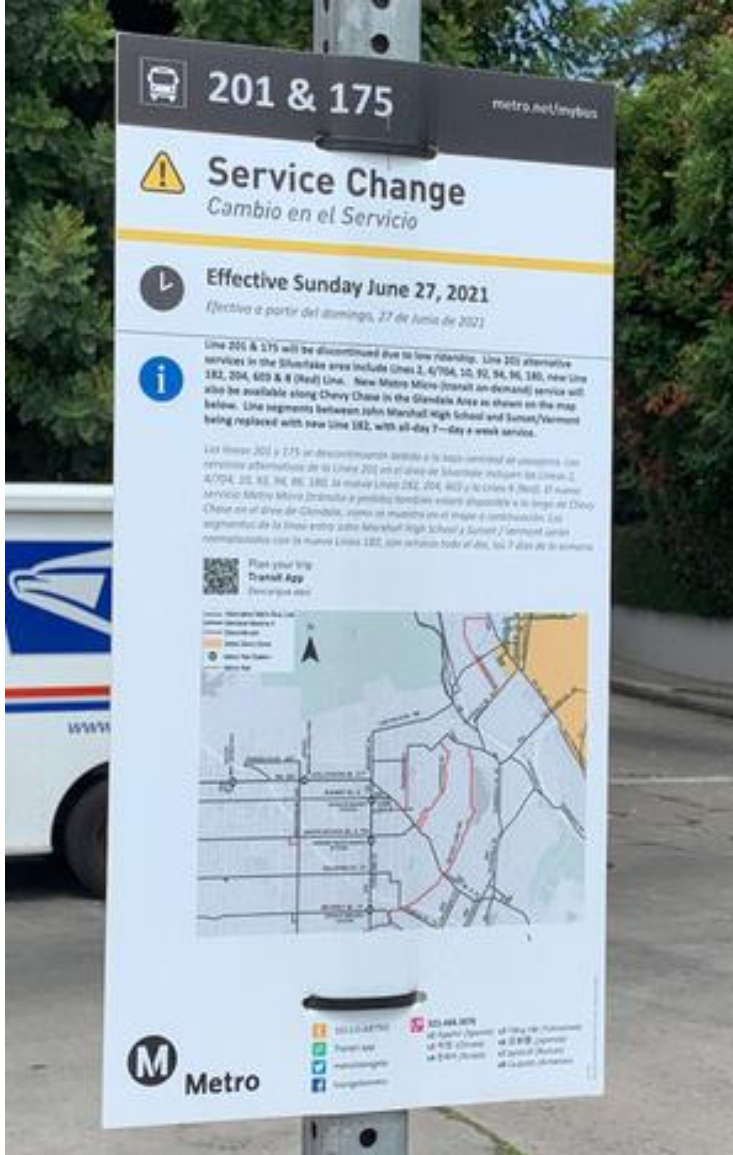
The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has appointed a 13-year veteran and dedicated team player to serve as Silver Lake's new senior lead officer (SLO). Jose Ramirez, who previously worked on the Northeast Division's Homeless Detail, will now serve as SLO in the Northeast Division, north of Sunset Boulevard. SLO Ramirez, who was born and raised in South Los Angeles, said, "My primary goal is to remain in Northeast Division as a senior lead officer and better all communities, as I enjoy the beautiful people I work with in Silver Lake."

"On behalf of the Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team, I'd like to introduce Silver Lake's new senior lead officer, Jose Ramirez, to our readers," said Silver Lake Together Co-founder Anne-Marie Johnson. "Jesus Aispuro, who was our wonderful SLO, is now working at LAPD Central Division in downtown Los Angeles. We wish Jesse all the best and will miss him. Welcome, SLO Ramirez!"

SLO Ramirez can be contacted by email at 39570@lapd.online

L.A. Metro Eliminates 201 Bus Line in Silver Lake

Signs posted at stops announce elimination of the 201 bus line that served the Silver Lake community.



Los Angeles Metro has discontinued the 201 bus line that connects Silver Lake with surrounding communities, including Glendale, and other transportation services. While the LA Metro website boasts “Metro is relentlessly focused on making your bus system better,” many bus riders and community members strongly disagree, citing concerns about essential workers, students and non-drivers who rely on the bus for work, school and personal errands.

SLNC Co-chair Anthony Crump, who is also deputy executive director, community relations, for L.A. Metro, defended the elimination of the 201 in a Next Door post. “Overall the plan provides more frequent service on routes and realigns routes based on ridership and destinations. Silver Lake still has bus service on Rowena, Sunset and Fletcher.”

Next Door members reacted strongly to Crump’s post. As one member wrote, “(This) will make it extremely difficult for domestic workers who can't afford to use Lyft or own a car... Yikes!”

[READ THE 201 LINE ELIMINATION NOTICE](#)

Visit <https://mybus.metro.net> to see additional bus line changes.

Concerned about losing bus service? Email editor@silverlaketogether.com

Affordable Housing? Low-Income? What's the Difference and Why Does It Matter?



Scott Plante, architect, co-founder of Silver Lake Together and co-chair of Silver Lake's Urban Design and Preservation Committee, explains that it is crucial to understand the differences between affordable and low-income housing. As Plante notes, "In this age of disinformation and misleading 'facts,' it's important that we use the correct terms when discussing Silver Lake's housing shortage — and understand the root causes." In an upcoming issue, Plante will address the role of gentrification in Silver Lake and how it dramatically impacts housing availability and costs.

[READ THE ARTICLE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING](#)

*Staff members
who served under
former CD 4
Councilmember
Tom LaBonge
reunited at a
ceremony held at
the Silver Lake
Reservoirs June
28.*



Video of Ceremony Honoring Beloved Former Councilmember Tom LaBonge Available at SilverLakeTogether.com

A short video documenting the unveiling of the Tom LaBonge plaque recently installed at the Silver Lake Reservoirs can now be viewed at the [Silver Lake Together website](https://SilverLakeTogether.com). 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 Tom LaBonge plaque near the reservoirs

walking path on the corner of Silver Lake Boulevard and Armstrong Avenue.

[VIEW THE TOM LABONGE CEREMONY VIDEO](#)



The Vista Theatre's pandemic message took on new meaning after owner Lance Alspaugh announced the sale of the neighborhood landmark to Oscar-winning director-writer Quentin Tarantino. (Photo by Jay L. Clendenin/Los Angeles Times Via Getty Images)

Historic Vista Theatre Sold to Quentin Tarantino

The owner of Los Feliz's historic Vista Theatre, Lance Alspaugh, recently confirmed Hollywood producer-writer-director Quentin Tarantino has purchased the landmark cinema. According to news reports, Tarantino said the Vista will only screen film-prints, but it will not be a revival house like the New Beverly Cinema, which is also owned by Tarantino. The Vista Theatre, which has 400 seats, opened on October 9, 1923, presenting film and vaudeville acts.

Alspaugh, who owns the Los Feliz 3 and Village Theatres in Coronado, also confirmed that he will be working with Tarantino to renovate the theater and that general manager Victor Martinez will continue as manager with Tarantino. The Vista will remain a single-screen theatre and is expected to open later this year.

For an insider's look at the Vista's illustrious history, watch the Silver Lake History Collective's interviews with Lance Alspaugh and Victor Martinez.

[LANCE ALSPAUGH INTERVIEW](#)

[VICTOR MARTINEZ INTERVIEW](#)

Fireworks Are More Than Annoying -- Wildlife Centers Report Sharp Increase in Patients Over Fourth of July



Los Angeles Times photo by Debbie McGuire

Each year, the City of Los Angeles tries to prevent the illegal use of fireworks and residents complain about the noise, danger and pollution caused by dangerous incendiary devices. However, the photo of a gray fox who was scared by fireworks over the Fourth of July brings home the danger to wildlife and pets. According to the *Daily Pilot*, the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center in Huntington Beach treated approximately 120 animals over the three-day weekend.

Many Silver Lake residents also note that domesticated animals are traumatized by fireworks. Based on a study by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, almost one in five lost pets are reported missing after being frightened by loud noises, including fireworks.

[READ THE DAILY PILOT ARTICLE](#)

In Case You Missed It

[Click here](#) and find Los Angeles projects that may be funded in the \$715-billion transportation infrastructure plan — if it passes the senate. Major projects in Los Angeles include a Metro transit line through the Sepulveda Pass and improvements to existing transit in the Vermont Corridor. At the end of the *Los Angeles Times* article, there is a

simple form that allows readers to search by city, such as Los Angeles or Glendale.



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