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Black Lives Tattered



The names of 260 Black and Brown Americans that are woven into the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex fence have become faded, tattered and, in many cases, unreadable. The “Say Their Names: Silver Lake Memorial,” was organized by community members in June.

It is time to remove the names from the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex fence. Although this art installation was a thought provoking and haunting reminder of myriad injustices forced upon Black and Brown Americans to all who walked, drove or ran by, the irony of the faded, worn-out and discarded condition of the names is not lost. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has respectfully left the decision to remove the

installation to the organizers. The Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team respectfully asks the organizers to take the initiative, remove the names, and focus on securing a permanent memorial that honors these individuals now and in the future.

In July, the Silver Lake History Collective, which archives digital histories of people and significant events in the community, produced a video that creates a permanent record of the project.



Silver Lake is home to a naturally protected open space, the Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex, which is owned by the city and inhabited by variety of wildlife species.

Councilmember Ryu Co-introduces Legislation to Turn the Tides of Climate Change

Yesterday, CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu co-introduced two pieces of legislation seeking to commit the City of Los Angeles to independently join the international “30 by 30” conservation campaign. According to the press release, joining the campaign would commit the city to conserve 30 percent of the city’s land for open space and conservation by 2030 in an effort to combat climate change. Both pieces of legislation were co-introduced by Councilmembers Ryu and Paul Koretz (CD 5).

[Read the press release](#)

**COVID Update: LADOT
Resumes Parking
Enforcement; Offers
Economic Relief Programs**

New program offers economic relief including Community Assistance for those experiencing homelessness; low-income payment plans; citation amnesty; and unemployment amnesty.



As of October 15, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has resumed parking enforcement. To help people experiencing financial challenges, LADOT has also launched economic relief measures, including a new early pay program that offers discounts on citations. Parking enforcement and impounding includes overnight/oversize parking districts; peak/rush hour and gridlock zone parking restrictions; ticket/tow for abandoned vehicles (72-hour rule); along with other categories.

The new regulations are complex and Silver Lake Together encourages readers to review the guidelines and relief programs here.

Work Underway on LADWP Modular Office

Site of modular office that is being installed on LADWP property at the Silver Lake Reservoirs



The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has begun installing a modular office, located on LADWP property at the Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex. The project does not impact LADWP's existing footprint at the reservoirs and is scheduled to be completed soon. An earlier traffic study conducted on Tesla, Lakewood and Armstrong avenues indicated that there would be a minimal increase in traffic once employees begin



Councilmember Ryu Continues to Lead Charge on City Hall Clean Up

Los Angeles City Council has approved legislation co-introduced by CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu to raise the recusal requirement standard for members of the city council. According to the press release, the motion instructs the city's Ethics Commission to consider the standards other agencies apply to determine when councilmembers must recuse themselves from official acts, and highlights the recusal model used by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

“We need a robust and fully publicly-financed election system to root out corruption once and for all ” said Councilmember Ryu, who has made it a top priority to fight corruption in City Hall. He successfully fought for a comprehensive ban on developer donations, which was passed into law last year. Earlier this year, Ryu introduced a package of anti-corruption legislation that included a motion to establish an Inspector General's Office, which was approved by the City Council in August.

[Read the press release](#)



Photo by NBC4LA shows a home in the Hollywood Hills, which was the site of a large party in August. [LAist](#) reported that the event ended in gunfire and the death of a 35-year-old woman.

LAPD Asks for Community's Help on Party House Crackdown

Senior Lead Officer Jesus Aispuro reports there has been an increase in complaints regarding residential homes illegally used as party houses in Silver Lake. SLO Aispuro is asking residents to call police whenever there is a disturbance at a nuisance house. "It is important for us to have a record of all the incidents to help strengthen our work with the city attorney on this issue," said Aispuro.

This past May, Silver Lake Together reported on a neighborhood party house that attracted 150 partygoers. The LAPD responded to calls and successfully dispersed the crowd.

[Read the article on the Silver Lake party house](#)

In Case You Missed It

Ask the Expert: Can we trust election polling?

Corwin Smidt, associate professor and chair of the Michigan State University Department of Political Science, explains why we can – and cannot – trust election polls. As Smidt says, "For most people, the reason we watch the polls so closely is because we're scared or uncertain about the future. So, if you see the polls and are scared that your candidate might lose, that's a good reason to go volunteer."

[Read the article](#)

Housing and Tenants' Rights Panel

A virtual panel on housing and tenants' rights will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., October 28, on Zoom. Speakers from the Eviction Defense Network, Inquilinos Unidos' Tenant Leadership Academy, which trains tenants to take on leadership roles in their communities, and Catherine Landers, director for special projects for CD 4, will discuss local, state and federal protections and answer questions. Landers oversees long-term projects for the council district, including the recently opened Riverside Drive Bridge Housing; new family housing planned for the corner of Riverside and Hyperion; and tenants' rights and housing initiatives.

Attend the panel



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