



# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

## Will the SLNC Support a Motion to Discriminate?

On the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's October 2 agenda, the following motion states:

*Old Business. (g) (Reimagining Public Safety) Motion to have the SLNC refrain from having on-duty police-officer presence during meetings of the Governing Board unless specifically invited to address a specific motion on the agenda, and to instead maintain a relationship where our LAPD sergeant provides the SLNC with a monthly update to be read by the co-chairs, and to relay stakeholder questions back to the department."*

If this motion passes, it will be a flagrant violation of the Brown Act, which is a legal document covering all aspects of city/county meetings open to the public. Per the Open Meeting policy, it is a violation to restrict entrance or the participation of anyone with regard to public meetings. ALL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL ATTENDEES HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENT AND ON ANY MOTION LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

The governing board co-chairs are required to rule this motion out of order to avoid a Brown Act violation.

It has been brought to SLT's attention that SLNC board members have informed the LAPD, on several occasions via email, that the LAPD are not welcome to board and/or committee meetings. Any statements made by members of the SLNC that the LAPD has ignored or has dropped the ball with regard to attending meetings are far from accurate.

SLT will follow-up and keep our readers informed.



*Moreno Steps Before and After*

## Graffiti Misstep

On or about September 16th, the Moreno Steps and a portion of W. Silver Lake Drive were tagged with the initials "PFLP," which stands for "Popular Front For the Liberation of Palestine." SLT thanks a W. Silver Lake Drive homeowner for contacting L.A.'s Graffiti Abatement, through 311. Within days, the graffiti was removed.

Report issues to the City's call center by dialing 311 or online at this link:

City of Los Angeles 311

## Silver Lake Crime Statistics

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LAPD SLO Jose Ramirez reports Silver Lake and Franklin Hill crime statistics for the period August 18 to September 21:

Homicide: 0  
Rape: 0  
Robbery: 1  
Aggravated Assaults: 1  
Burglary: 5  
Theft: 6  
GTA (Grand Theft Auto): 6  
BFMV (Burglary from motor vehicle): 3  
Violent Crime: 1  
Property Crime: 20

### A message from SLO Ramirez:

Dear Silver Lake Residents:

I would like to remind everyone to please lock and/or secure their windows at all times. These burglaries continue to occur too often. This morning a very scary situation occurred to one family.

At approximately 0225 hours, a male suspect entered a Silver Lake resident's home. The victim heard a noise in the rear of her residence and then heard footsteps. Victim's dog began to bark, and the victim went to the rear of the residence. The victim saw the suspect on the rear porch. The suspect fled on foot upon being spotted by the victim. The victim went outside and observed some of her property in the driveway. The victim then called the police. My basic police unit (11A71) quickly responded with additional units to canvass the area and detained a possible suspect. During a search of the suspect, officers recovered the victim's property, and the suspect was arrested for burglary.

I want to remind the public with Halloween approaching, it's essential to prioritize safety for our little trick-o-treaters. Parents should carefully inspect all candy, ensuring it's properly wrapped and sealed. Educate / Remind children and teenagers on avoiding unwrapped treats and only visiting trusted homes. With vigilance and caution, we can ensure a fun, safe Halloween experience for everyone!

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**Hey LADWP...  
Sometimes the  
Customer IS  
Right...**



*Water leaking from a home on W. Silver Lake Drive*

Back in June, a W. Silver Lake Drive homeowner noticed a stream of water oozing onto his driveway from his garage. No leaks

were found on his property. He immediately brought the water stream to the attention of the DWP, and after several weeks and multiple calls, someone from the LADWP finally came out to investigate. Their conclusion: “air conditioner condensation.”

As the stream continued to flow, the homeowner (feeling completely gaslit) hired plumbers, contractors, and soil specialists to try find the origin of the leak in order to mitigate the damage being done to the walls of his garage. In August, after more calls, another DWP employee investigated, and surmised that it could be “rain water” after all of the 2023 winter rains.

Completely frustrated, the homeowner reached out to SLT for help. We contacted other divisions of the LADWP and were finally directed to the right team. On August 28th, SLT met with a wonderful employee, and we showed him the leak and what the homeowner believed was the origin of the leak: a broken pipe on the street above W. Silver Lake Dr. We could actually hear hissing coming from beneath the street. Problem found.

A crew came out, found the broken pipe, and stopped the leak. Unfortunately, that night the pipe burst. 911 was called, and the fire department, along with a crew from DWP, arrived to turn off the water. Fortunately, no further damage was done, and the pipe was repaired.

SLT’s questions: Why did it take almost 3 months to correct a problem that was so easy to locate? Why was there so much confusion and delay from the LADWP? Why did a homeowner have to spend a ton of money to “prove” the leak was a city problem, not a resident problem? It just doesn’t make sense.



*The culprit leak being repaired...*

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# 30th ANNUAL MUSIC BOX STEPS DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2024  
11am - 4pm**

**Laurel and Hardy Park  
3022 Del Monte Drive at Vendome**

The Music Box Steps are where the famed comedy team of Laurel & Hardy filmed their 1932 Oscar-winning film "The Music Box."

Film buffs flock here from around the world to honor the 133 stairs that gave our bungling piano movers such a hilariously hard time.

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We miss you.



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