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**CARING FOR OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD.**



Betsy Isroelit, 1942-2024

Betsy Isroelit, co-founder of Silver Lake Together, a longtime public relations liaison

for the Hollywood Sign and a former member of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, has died after decades of running a successful business and serving as a leader in her community.

She died from cancer at the age of 81. Her last days were spent at home in her beloved Silver Lake neighborhood surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues. All will remember her for her intelligence (without pretense), her beauty and style (without vanity), and her talent (without ego) – for her optimism and smile, which lit up the room to the very end.

[Read Betsy's Biography](#)

A Message from SLT Co-Founders Anne-Marie Johnson and Scott Plante

Dear friends:

Well... it's been a challenging month. More for Betsy's family than for Scott and me. But pain and sadness are equal opportunity emotions, and Scott and I have been going through some very challenging feelings. Betsy was a dear close friend, and comrade for many years. There would be no Silver Lake Together without Betsy. And certainly no newsletter. Our initial thought was to suspend SLT and its newsletter. But that reaction came from sadness. After taking a couple weeks to process her passing, we decided we owe it Betsy and her legacy to carry on.

Please be patient with us. As we move forward, we know mistakes will be made. Ultimately, our goal is to continue with SLT knowing Betsy will be our guardian angel.

Scott and I send our deepest sympathies to Betsy's wonderful family. You all provided Betsy comfort, love and security during a very difficult time.

We love and miss you, Betsy.

Sincerely,
Anne-Marie and Scott



Nina Sorkin, 1944-2024

Nina Sorkin, a long time Silver Lake resident and community activist, recently passed away after a brief illness.

With over 40 years of service in both the public and non-profit sectors, Nina had an impressive record of giving back to the community, supporting a diverse range of causes that demonstrated her passion for helping women, children, and the homeless.

[Read Nina's Biography](#)

Silver Lake Crime Increases

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LAPD SLO Jose Ramirez reports Silver Lake and Franklin Hill crime statistics for the period July 7 to August 3:

Homicide: 0

Rape: 0

Robbery: 4

Aggravated Assaults: 3

Burglary: 8

Theft: 10

GTA (Grand Theft Auto): 7

BFMV (Burglary from motor vehicle): 14

Violent Crime: 5

Property Crime: 32



LA is planning for hundreds of thousands of new homes...just not in single-family zones

Los Angeles and California have a housing crisis, a well know issue that continues to

plague our city. High rents, expensive housing costs, and evictions are common.

To address the statewide housing crisis, the state has mandated a goals of planning for 457,000 new homes by 2029. But, our city's current zoning can't provide for that number of homes. The City has stated they will increase capacity by 250,000 homes...but not in areas zoned for single family homes.

Proponents of single family neighborhoods, which predominate, are in favor of the new plans. Affordable housing developers, tenant organizations, and advocates for the homeless do not support these plans.

And the debate will likely prolong the housing crisis.

[Read the full article on LA1st](#)



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