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CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Reservoirs Master Plan Meeting: Cheers, Jeers and Questions; Deadline for Online Survey is February 13

Residents concerned about the future of Silver Lake's iconic reservoirs turned out in full force for the fourth Reservoir Complex Master Plan Meeting on January 23. After a presentation of the latest plans for the reservoir complex, attendees broke into groups to choose elements they preferred. Based on summaries presented by the discussion groups, attendees again overwhelmingly chose options that protected nature and wildlife. Participants frequently applauded options they liked and expressed strong displeasure with options that did not reflect their beliefs.

During the meeting, presenters from the Master Plan design team noted that concerns about removing fencing would open the reservoirs to homeless encampments "have been heard." They also confirmed that traffic and the environmental impact of any changes to the reservoirs would be addressed in a future study – and that there has been no decision regarding who would operate the complex. Several attendees expressed concerns that because answers to survey questions are "bundled," there is no way to select some and veto others in that same bundle. One community group suggests that if there is an item in a question a survey taker does not want, he or she should oppose the entire question (see below).

TAKE THE ONLY SURVEY BY FEBRUARY 13

READ SILVER LAKE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY'S ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE GUIDE

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASTER PLAN AND SURVEY



Candidates for Los Angeles City Council District 4 will square off at a debate on February 16. From left to right: Sarah Kate Levy, incumbent CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu and Nithya Raman. Photo Los Feliz Ledger.

Save the Date: CD 4 Primary Election Debate, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, February 16, John Marshall High School

Current Council District 4 Councilmember David Ryu and challengers Nithya Raman and Sarah Kate Levy will take part in the only local debate scheduled in advance of the upcoming primary election for the council seat. According to the *Los Feliz Ledger*, the election forum is being presented by a coalition of seven District 4 neighborhood councils, including Los Feliz, Hollywood United, Bel Air-Beverly Crest, Central Hollywood, Greater Toluca Lake, Greater Wilshire and Hollywood Hills West. The free event will be moderated by KPCC Senior Politics Reporter Libby Denkmann and the public will have the opportunity to submit questions.

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Tenants of the Trees in the News Again - and It's Not Positive

Community members, many of whom are now Silver Lake Together advocates, worked tirelessly to resolve ongoing problems at Tenants of the Trees since it opened in 2015. While some reported issues – such as noise, loitering, filth and property damage to adjoining business have improved – the controversial bar continues to raise concerns in the community. Most recently, the *Los Feliz Ledger* reported that a patron accused a Tenants of The Trees bouncer and management of bigotry.

[READ THE LOS FELIZ LEDGER ARTICLE](#)

Dingbat: Archie Bunker's favorite Barb or Classic Silver Lake Architecture?



Edith and Archie Bunker photo, NPR 2013
L.A. Weekly photo, @James Black, 2016
Coincidentally, All in the Family's Archie Bunker, along with Edith, Gloria and Meathead, lived in Queens, New York at 704 Hauser Street, which does not exist.

When you hear the word “dingbat” do you think of Archie and Edith Bunker in the popular '70s TV show “All in the Family” or does a classic Silver Lake apartment building come to mind? Architect and Silver Lake Together Advocate Scott Plante explains why this mass-produced building became popular – and why the “soft story” construction poses earthquake risks. This is the second in a series of articles on architecture and urban design by Plante.

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included Silver Lake community leader and past Silver Lake neighborhood Council Co-chair Anne-Marie Johnson, shown here at a luncheon honoring award winners.



Nominations Open for CD 4 'Wonder Women' of the 4th

Council District 4 has announced that Councilmember David Ryu is seeking nominations for “Wonder Women” who are making a lasting impact for good on residents of the 4th District. The annual event is held honor of “Women’s Herstory Month” and each year four women are honored by CD 4. Nominees may be a woman of any age, who lives, works or provides a special community service or work product within Council District 4.

NOMINATE A 'WONDER WOMAN'

Submit nominations by close of business, February 21, 2020, along with a brief biography, headshot of the woman nominated and this application.

Award ceremony: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday March 22, 2020. Details will be announced.

New L.A. Voting System Explained



Just in time for the March 3 primary election, the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters is instituting new voting machines, new voting locations and new procedures for voting in

the presidential primary. Under the new system, registered voters can vote over an 11-day period at any regional voting center. Voters who are not a member of a political party will not see any presidential candidates on their ballots unless they request a different ballot for one of the parties that allows voting from unaffiliated voters. If you vote at the polls, you can request the ballot in person, but if you vote by mail, you need to fill out a postcard and mail it back in.

[WATCH A VIDEO EXPLAINING THE NEW SYSTEM](#)

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