



President's Letter

13 October 2025

Dear Neighbors,

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND POLICE SUPPORT

Come to meet our new Senior Lead Officer, Danny Chavez, scheduled for 6:30 pm on 21 October at the home of Nona Friedman and Al Wolovitch, 224 N. Ridgewood Place. Here is a chance to express concerns directly to our best LAPD representative. Please RSVP to nonasuz@icould.com.

ZONING, SINGLE-FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS AND SB79

I write in the aftermath of the fight over SB79, now signed by Governor Newsom into law. My sincere appreciation goes out to the many who participated in the fight, locally coordinated by the United Neighbors and Larchmont United (LUNA) organizations. Our best efforts resulted in two one-vote losses; we should remember that our Councilman Soto-Martinez and our State Senator, Maria Durazo, both voted against our neighborhood.

This law doesn't become effective until July 2026 and there is provision for Los Angeles to create an 'Alternative Plan.' We must ensure that the will to create such a plan exists and that it incorporates the American Dream – scaled down perhaps from “40 acres and a mule” but clearly a part of the current ethos.

I urge you to watch for mail from United Neighbors (Maria Kalban <mpkalban@gmail.com>) or LUNA (Sam Uretsky <sam@samuretsky.com>) and respond to their requests for letters and phone calls. If you are not on their mailing lists, please ask to be included.

LANDSCAPING THE TRAFFIC ISLANDS

The two traffic islands – at the Wilton Place-Wilton Drive intersection just south of 1st St and at the 2nd St-Wilton Place-Wilton Drive intersection – are maintained by our Association. At 1st St. the plumbing was damaged when a car ran through it. Our Councilman's office waffled forever until I gave up and paid for repairs from our funds. I am sure that some of us would like to create a planting or landscaping plan to make the islands beautiful. If that's you, please get in touch!

PERSONAL

I apologize for being a little slow to keep on top of things while I recover from unexpected and extensive back surgery. I'm getting there, thank you, but am clearly a step slower while I do.

Bob