



## President's Letter

19 April 2026

Dear Neighbors,

I apologize for the length of time since I last wrote to update you on the neighborhood. In my defence, I mention that I've undergone two extensive surgeries; I would be happy to donate the wire in my back if anyone is building a chicken coop! But I'm gradually recovering, thank you very much.

**CD13 CANDIDATE'S FORUM.** Zoom, Thursday 23 April, 7-9 pm, [pre-registration](#) required. RWNA has partnered with LUNA, Windsor Square and SASNA to sponsor this important event that gives you a chance to hear directly from all four candidates. The flyer from LUNA, attached below, contains links to register, to each candidate and to a question portal. It is important to support a candidate who will provide positive support for our Neighborhood and I am hopeful that this Forum will provide you with the information needed for the best decision and outcome.

**STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT.** You will soon receive a ballot (separate from the upcoming June election) requesting your approval of revised street lighting [assessment](#) that passed the City Council. As I read the descriptions, **all** properties within Los Angeles will be part of a new lighting district (LD) and will be taxed under it. Properties not currently in any LD will see a greater increase than those in existing districts. This is a link to an estimator of the possible assessment [amount](#) for individual properties. At present, much of RWNA is within a LD; if I've read it right, my property assessment could increase by \$40. The use of possible funds would be restricted to lighting problems such as repair times and deferred maintenance. The question will be decided from ballots returned, so don't let yours go to waste.

**PROSTITUTION, LAPD PATROLS.** This situation has apparently gone quiet and I have nothing new to report. Councilman Soto-Martinez' contacts to the Bureau of Street Lighting expedited repairs from the latest copper wire theft. I believe all lights in our area are working. LAPD, with impetus from our Senior Lead Officer Danny Chavez, has increased patrols in the 'action areas' and Vice officers regularly appear on Western where numerous arrests have been made. Hopefully these items have decreased the 'action' on our streets, but if you continue to see bad situations and let me know, I will make the Association's voice heard.

**SB79.** You are certainly aware that this bill became law, with an unhappy assist from our State Senator Durazo. The [United Neighbors](#) organization that fought so hard against it continues to develop mitigation strategies, the latest a draft letter for residents to send to our Councilman. It is attached below, please change it as you wish, fill in the blanks and send it off.

Thanks for reading.

Regards,

Bob

# Candidate Forum Flyer

A friendly reminder that the **CD13 Candidate Forum** hosted in partnership with **Windsor Square, Saint Andrew's Square, and Ridgewood-Wilton Neighborhood Associations** is will be held next Thursday evening.

**When: Thursday | April 23 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Where: Zoom**

**\*\*\*Registration is required to receive the Zoom link - click [HERE](#)\*\*\***

Andy Murr, a former print journalist who served as Los Angeles Bureau Chief for *Newsweek* for 25 years and a Windsor Square resident, will serve as moderator. This is a chance to hear directly from the candidates ahead of the June 2 primary as they speak to the issues impacting our neighborhood and take questions from the community.

**All four candidates running for City Council District 13 will be joining:**

- [Colter Carlisle](#)
- [Dylan Kendall](#)
- [Rich Sarian](#)
- [Hugo Soto-Martinez](#)

*\*If you'd like to learn more about a candidate, click their name.*

Have a question you'd like to ask the candidates? We'd love to hear from you. Submit up to three questions [HERE](#).

*\*Questions on similar topics may be combined.*

**We hope you'll join us for an informative and thoughtful conversation on April 23rd!**

## **Draft Letter to the Council Regarding Implementation of SB79**

Dear Council Member,

I am writing to you today on behalf of myself and my community. We supported Option C1 for the implementation of SB 79, as it represented the most equitable of the choices presented by the Planning Department. However, there are three key concerns regarding the current implementation plan that we wish to draw to your attention:

### **1. Preservation of Prevailing Setbacks**

We strongly oppose any changes to the prevailing setbacks in neighborhoods impacted by SB 79. Our studies demonstrate that the density permitted under SB 79 (C1) can be achieved without modifying existing setbacks. If these setbacks are not preserved, it will significantly alter neighborhood character and negatively impact the urban tree canopy; particularly with rear setbacks less than fifteen feet.

### **2. Notification of Impacted Residents**

We request that all affected residents receive notification by mail regarding SB 79. While the Planning Department has expressed concerns about the cost, proper notification is essential to ensure transparency and give residents a fair opportunity to understand and respond to potential impacts to their homes. This is a reasonable and equitable use of city resources.

### **3. Infrastructure and Safety Concerns**

Many neighborhoods within the half-mile radius affected by SB 79 lack basic infrastructure such as curbs, sidewalks, and street lighting. Residents, including children and pets, must walk in the street. With the potential for significant population increases (for example, from 100 to 1,000 residents at full build-out) and no parking requirements, these areas could become considerably less safe. We urge the Planning Department to recognize these conditions and defer development in such neighborhoods until appropriate infrastructure improvements can be made.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

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