

**[LOS FELIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL]
Helping You Help Each Other**

By Sarah Tressler, LFNC

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council has launched a new website, LosFelizHelps.org, to help us grapple with the ongoing coronavirus outbreak and city restrictions. The new site includes a “Los Feliz Help Hub,” where neighbors can ask for help, or offer to assist others in need. Users are able to specify what type of help they need or are able to provide, such as pet care, store runs and transportation.

The site also features a “Neighbor Check-In” section for those who wish to connect with others remotely via phone, text or email. Resources are also available for people who are more susceptible to the virus, those experiencing loss of income and those in need of small business assistance, housing or at-home education and childcare.

A list of local businesses that currently remain open will be posted and updated regularly. As always, you can get more information about how to contact your LFNC representatives at LosFeliz.org.

The LFNC Emergency

Radio Network is holding daily check-ins at 7 p.m. on Family Radio Service (FRS) channel 15. Anyone with a two-way radio (e.g., “walkie-talkies”) is welcome to check in to seek assistance, offer help, or just say hi. For more information, go to lofeliz.org and enter “radio network” into the search bar.

On March 12th, the LFNC issued a statement encouraging the community to use CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We stress the importance of those guidelines now—follow Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti’s March 19th “Safer at Home” emergency order, wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, and cover your coughs and sneezes. If you think you are sick, call your doctor.

And finally, be kind to yourself. Remember to take a break from the news. Eat well, exercise, get plenty of sleep, and allow yourself to do activities you enjoy. We are fortunate we can work together to keep our neighborhood well and to get through this as a community.

**[LOS FELIZ IMPROVEMENT ASSOC.]
Love Thy Neighbors in This Beautiful Place**

By LFIA Vice President Lynne T. Jewell

In the spirit of boosting morale during these trying times, the Los Feliz Improvement Assoc. (LFIA) asked its members to tell us what they love most about living in Los Feliz.

Members most frequently cited the close-knit neighborhood and friendly neighbors as their favorite benefits of living in Los Feliz.

“I’ve lived in a beautiful

house for 45 years,” said a resident who’s belonged to LFIA for over four decades. “I enjoy my neighbors—all of whom are friendly, talented and warm,” while another said they appreciated their neighbors “concern for the community.”

Some, meanwhile, touted the area’s walkability and convenience.

Los Feliz boasts a bounty of shops, restaurants and two

wonderful movie theaters, and thanks in part to the Metro Red Line, it has a close proximity to Downtown L.A.

Plus, as one member was sure to point out, it’s near a Trader Joe’s.

LFIA members also listed Griffith Park, historic architecture, history, trees and diversity as their pride of place.

“I love the Observato-

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**[ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL]
Homelessness Forum Goes On Without City Officials**

By Lauren Buisson

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC)’s sold out community forum on homelessness went forward last month despite the last minute withdrawal of city personnel who had initially accepted invitations to appear.

Although free, organizers required reservations due to high interest in the forum.

Held at the St. Athanasius at the Cathedral Center of St. Paul on February 27th, the roundtable discus-

sion brought together activists, clergy and service providers—along with housed and unhoused residents—to discuss the recent visible increase in tent encampments at Echo Park Lake, already an urgent issue for locals before the spread of COVID-19 further endangered those living in the park.

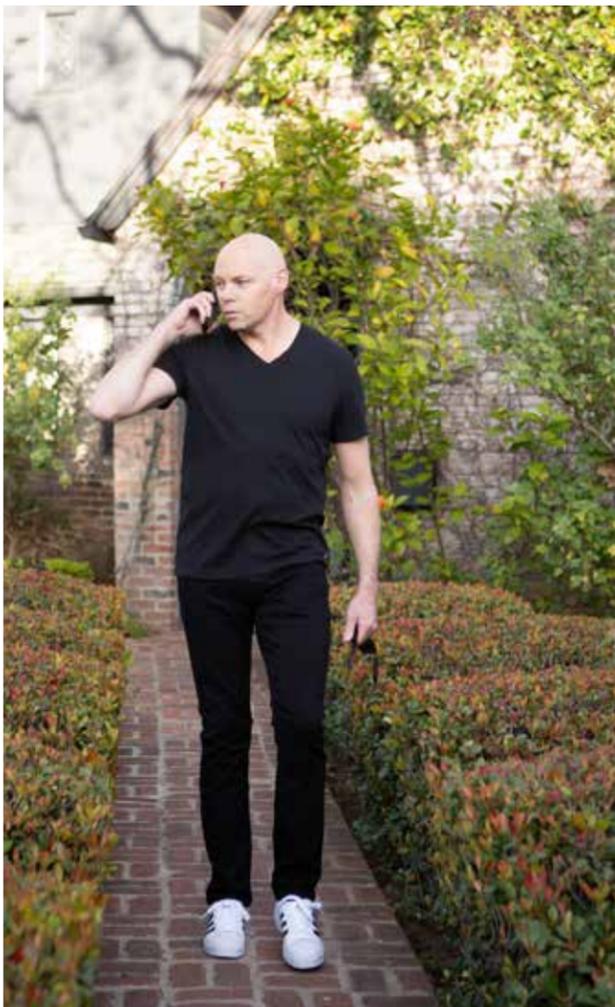
The forum was adroitly moderated by *Los Angeles Times* staff writer Emily Alpert Reyes, and panelists shared their per-

spectives and experiences of seeing and being homeless.

“This was the first step in addressing an issue and openly talking about it,” said Mo Najand, EPNC boardmember and forum organizer.

Tempers flared in the packed hall when organizers announced that no one from Council District 13, the Los Angeles Police Dept., the Recreation and Parks Dept. or the City Attorney’s Office would

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