

DEMOCRACY ALERT!!!

What would you think if members of the Bush Administration announced that the November election was cancelled, and they were going to just stay on for a few more years?
Would this be okay in Silver Lake?

Come to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council meeting:

Wednesday, July 2 at 7:00 PM
(Micheltorena School - 1511 Micheltorena St.)

VOTE to restore cancelled SLNC elections this year!!

Background: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council voted at a special meeting to suspend all Board elections until 2010. This means that the terms for every Board member were extended by one or two years without even asking for input from you – the voters who elected them. (The L.A. City Clerk will administer all NC elections starting in 2010, which means that the SLNC had to choose between extending current terms and having its annual election in 2008. Having a 2008 election gives you more say in who serves on this board. It will also allow voters to choose new board members this year rather than having any vacancies filled by appointment by the board from now until 2010).

Many community members have publicly objected to this and demanded a 2008 election, including current and former SLNC board members and leaders from the Silver Lake Improvement Association, the Silver Lake Residents Association and CSSLR. The SLNC Board was given several opportunities to have an election this year, but still refused - arguing it would be too much work and too expensive. In only 6 days, 182 Silver Lake stakeholders recently signed petitions forcing the Board to hold a community vote on whether to have 2008 elections.

Action: This is where you come in – come to the meeting on July 2 and VOTE (expected to be a quick show of hands to restore the democratic process). If enough of you can do this, it will force the SLNC to hold an election this year, as it has every year since it was created in 2003.

VOTE YES to return democracy and accountability to Silver Lake!

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