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**SENT BY EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT**

**RE:** Complaint Requesting the SLNC Board Act Immediately to Remove Non-Resident and Former Stakeholder Jerome Courshon from Position of At-Large Representative

As a resident of Silver Lake, it is critical I bring a matter of immediate concern for all constituents to the attention of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC), as well as the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA). It comes to my attention, by both information and belief, that At-Large Representative Jerome Courshon is no longer a resident nor maintains any ongoing business interests in Silver Lake yet remains seated on the SLNC Board. As Mr. Courshon no longer meets requirements for Neighborhood Council membership per SLNC By-Laws Article IV (“Stakeholder”), I request the Board investigate to remove Mr. Courshon from his leadership position as it is rendered illegitimate.

I hereby ask that this matter be added to the next Governing Board meeting per Article VIII (“Meetings”), Section 2 (“Agenda Setting”), which states that agendas are prepared with input from the community.

Mr. Courshon has made no secret in a number of copious social media posts on platforms such as Facebook and Next Door that he resides on Waverly Drive. On or about Sept. 13, he restated that he resides in Silver Lake on a “cut-through street”. (See EXHIBIT A-4.) His address is reported on public Web searches as being located at 2611 Waverly Dr. Apt. 6, Los Angeles, CA 90039. (See EXHIBIT A-3.) However, the building where he reports living is visibly vacant and undergoing a variety of construction-related work. (See EXHIBIT A-1.) In fact, a statutorily required project permit is posted publicly at Mr. Courshon’s public address, entitled “Addition to Existing Apartment Building.” (See EXHIBIT A-2.)

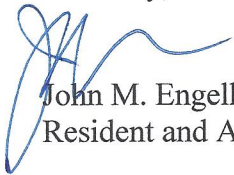
Because it is outside the norms, expectations and responsibilities of public service, it is neither equitable, fair nor allowed for Mr. Courshon to represent Silver Lake from whatever remote location where he now resides. I have received information, in fact, that Mr. Courshon is

currently residing in the Westside in one of the beach communities of Santa Monica or Venice. While his new residence might be well suited for public service in one of those neighborhood councils, the SLNC By-Laws states that it is a proximate cause for removal from the SLNC Board. (See SLNC By-Laws Article V, Section 9[A][5].)

Based on the evidence provided herein, if it is found that Mr. Courshon is indeed in violation, it would be incumbent upon the SLNC Board to remove him. Please take action on this forthwith to rectify this inequity in local electoral politics.

Please contact me at your convenience if there are any questions, concerns or requests for clarification regarding the content herein.

Sincerely,



John M. Engelke  
Resident and Activist

**cc:** John Darnell, Neighborhood Council Advocate, EmpowerLA  
Scott Plante, At-large Representative and Co-Chair SLNC Governing Board  
Anne-Marie Johnson, At-large Representative and Co-Chair SLNC Governing Board  
David E. Ryu, Councilmember District Four, City of Los Angeles



EXHIBIT A-1 – Exterior of 2811 Waverly Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90039



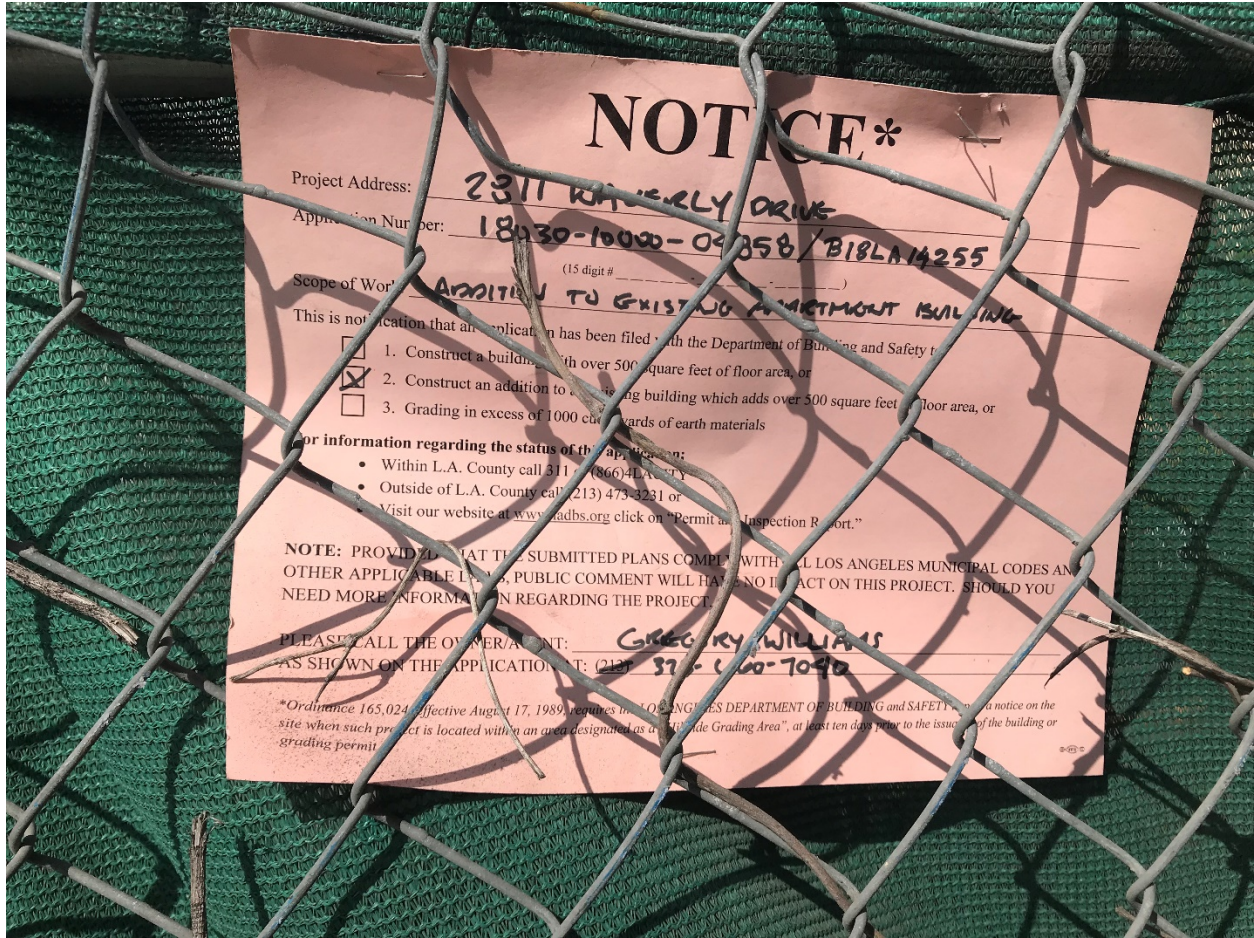


EXHIBIT A-2 – Permit Posting announcing construction project at 2811 Waverly Dr., Los Angeles, CA

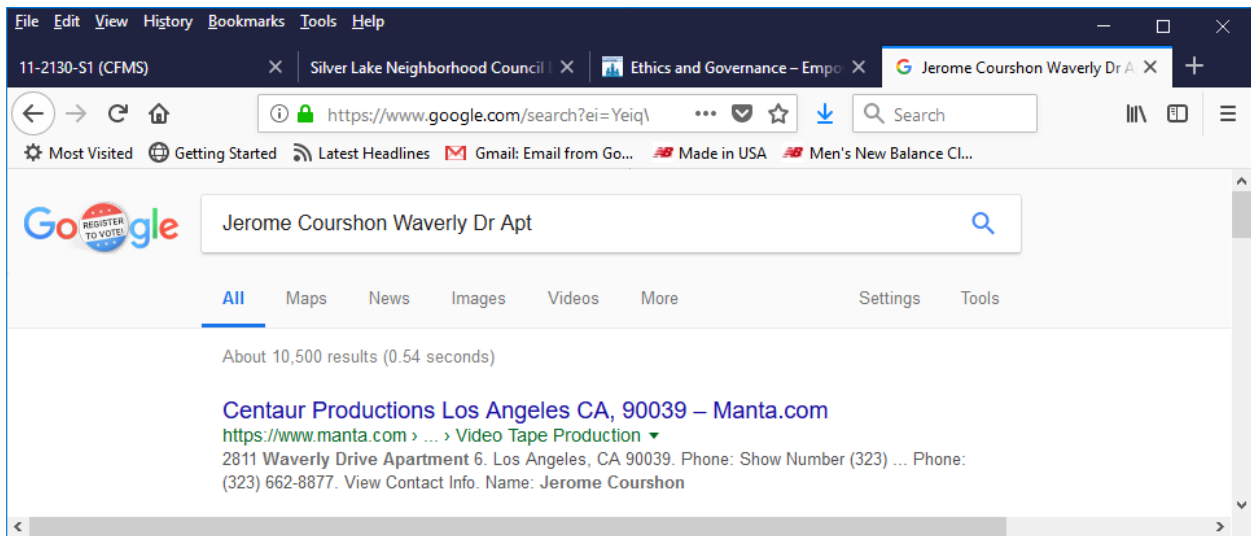


EXHIBIT A-3 – Jerome Courshon postal address as provided online

**Silver Lake Neighborhood Council**  
September 12 at 3:58 PM · 🌐

With Silver Lake students back in school, the LAPD reminds drivers to be extra cautious when traveling neighborhood streets – and for residents to keep a look out for traffic violators. Police also recommend that students waiting for a school bus stand five giant steps from the road and wait until the driver gives an OK to board. In addition, students should always walk on the sidewalk and when crossing the street, look left-right-left for cars. Bicyclists should always wear a buckled helmet.



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 **Jerome Courshon** Scott Gamzon knows this, but for the benefit of anyone who doesn't: Anything that I have stated with this post/thread, is a personal viewpoint. I even said that in one of my early comments. I do not speak for the Board, and of course I do not speak as the Board. Any opinions/views expressed on social media are my own. I live on a cut-through street that became dangerous as soon as the illegal road diet was implemented. (Illegal because it violated 2 State laws.) Pedestrians now have to be super careful walking the street, we've had numerous near hits, and we have had numerous car accidents on this cut-through street. Accidents that we never, never, never had before. There are parents now afraid to walk their babies in strollers on the street. Multiply this, by the other cut-through streets. The neighborhood is a nightmare now (in my opinion) re: the traffic. It is not because of traffic apps -- though those have not helped. It's not because the economy is better and more people are working. It's not because we have more cars. The main reason is the same one, as it's been all along.

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EXHIBIT A-4 – Facebook comment by Jerome Courshon posted on or about Sept. 13, 2018, announcing, “I live on a cut-through street” (ostensibly Waverly Dr.).