

Silver Lake LGBTQ Author and Historian Stuart Timmons Dies

Stuart Timmons, author and historian of Los Angeles' LGBTQ history, died at the age of 60 on January 28 at the Serrano North Convalescent Hospital in Hollywood. According to [West Hollywood Magazine](#), Timmons, a former resident of Silver Lake and lifelong LGBTQ activist, was the co-author of "Gay LA," the first definitive book about the LGBTQ culture in Los Angeles, and "The Trouble with Harry Hay," a biography of one of the early leaders of the gay rights movement. He also created walking tours of LGBTQ historic sites in Silver Lake and downtown Los Angeles. [The Pride](#) reported that despite suffering a debilitating stroke nine years ago, Timmons remained active in the West Hollywood and Silver Lake gay communities. View a SLNC History Collective video of Timmons [here](#).

February 11, 2017 was the 50th anniversary of the first public protest for gay rights and against police brutality and discrimination, which was held in front of the Black Cat Bar on Sunset Boulevard. A group of people marched again in front of the iconic establishment in honor of the anniversary and to remind the world how far LGBT rights have come – and what still needs to be done. The march is a reminder that the Silver Lake neighborhood is important to the history of civil rights and the overall history of Los Angeles. [Learn more](#).