

Education and Friends of Animals Committees Elect New Co-chairs; SLNC Appoints New Secretary

At recent SLNC committee meetings, Len Kendall and Daria Linvill were elected co-chairs of the Friends of Silver Lake Animals Committee and Jessica Salans was elected co-chair of the Education, Youth and Families Committee. At its February Board meeting, the SLNC named Betsy Isroelit, representative, Region 6 and co-chair of the Outreach Committee, to serve as the board secretary.

The Friends of Silver Lake Animals was formed to protect and promote animals, from wildlife to dogs and cats in the neighborhood. The mission of the Education Committee is to publicize and promote education opportunities for all stakeholders in Silver Lake; to strengthen the relationship between schools and community; and to advocate for all students, especially those at risk or in need of special attention.

Kendall, a 33- Silver Lake resident, husband and the proud owner of a French bulldog named [Gizmo](#), works for Golin, a global communications firm. He also serves as a board member for a non-profit organization named [My Block My Hood My City](#), which helps under-resourced teens around the country gain exposure to educational and professional opportunities normally not available to them. As co-chair of Friends of Silver Lake Animals, Kendall would like to work with the community to recruit volunteers for one-off beautification and maintenance needs; organize free events for dog owners (training, meet-ups, health screenings); and work on park enhancements, such as plants/trees, seating, mulch, etc.

Linvill, a 15-year Los Angeles transplant via San Diego, is a senior account executive at the *Los Angeles Times* specializing in digital native advertising. During her off-hours, she focuses her time on service, community projects, and personal passions. She works on her company's giving and community initiatives, as well as with local dog rescue organizations. She also likes to travel, hike, practice yoga, frequent Silver Lake's vegan restaurants and spend time at home with her two dogs.

Jessica Salans, newly elected co-chair of the Education, Youth and Families Committee, is a community activist and organizer as well as a writer and social media manager. She became involved in the Silver Lake community after volunteering for the Bernie Sanders' campaign and was recently elected to serve as sergeant-of-arms of the SLNC. She is currently a candidate for the City Council District 13 seat. Salans said her goal is to engage parents and young adults to join the committee and work toward creating a body that is representative of a wide demographic- young, middle aged and elder-who work with the SLNC to make tangible changes/solutions.