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Possibility of change

Re "Going nowhere" (Viewpoint, Dec. 14):

Maybe when the city of Los Angeles was scrambling to avert secession they never perceived the neighborhood council system as having any power. However, the neighborhood council system has begun to take on a life of its own. Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

Gerald Silver's article, while maybe heartfelt, is filled with inaccuracies and casts aspersions on a system that he is part of and accomplishes nothing more than convincing people not to get into the fight. That is counterproductive to the entire system, and that mentality if allowed to flourish will destroy any possibility for change.

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