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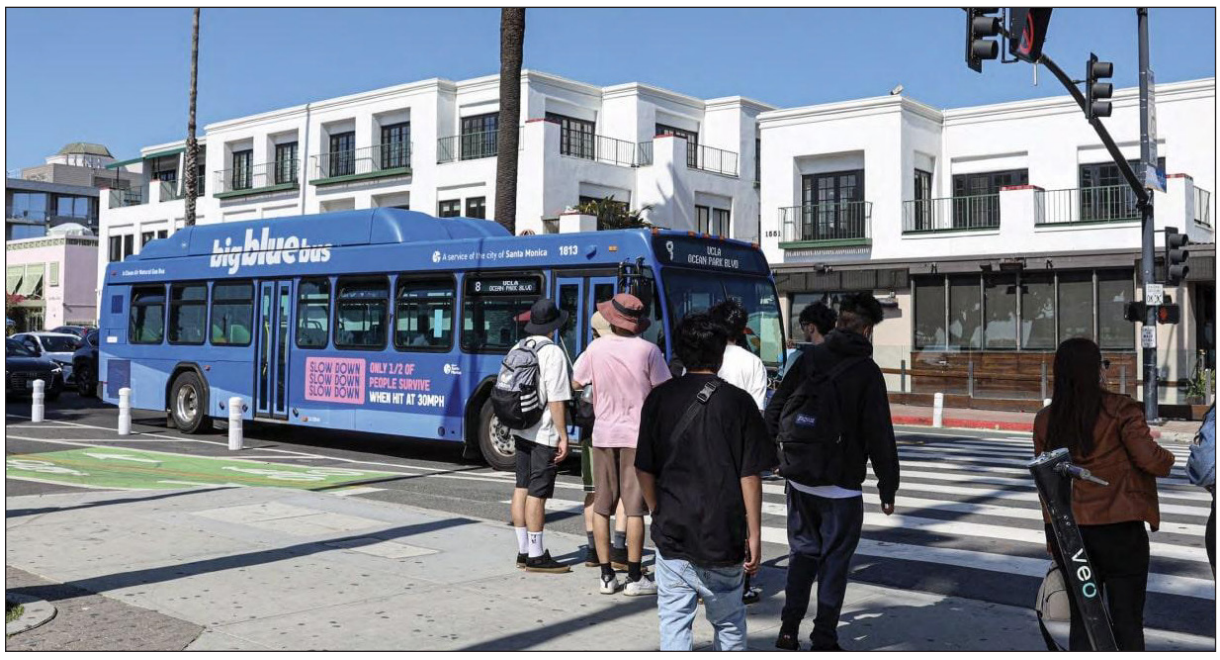
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Transportation department moves in sustainability and security are paying off with riders



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TRANSPORTATION: Big Blue Bus ridership was up this past year due to improvements in security and sustainability.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

An active city like Santa Monica requires robust public transportation options, something the City's dedicated department continued to work towards this past year.

This past week, the Santa Monica Department of Transportation released its annual report of actions during the 2023-24 Fiscal Year, aligning with City priorities like sustainability, connectivity and safety. The report includes statistics on Big Blue Bus ridership, as well as updates on new bike lanes and upgrades to buses.

"I'm proud to reflect on the remarkable progress we've made in creating a more connected, safe and sustainable transportation network," Department of Transportation Director Anuj Gupta said. "From expanding our pedestrian and bike infrastructure to deploying our electric bus fleet, our efforts have been guided by a commitment to equity, safety and environmental stewardship. These achievements are a testament to the collaborative spirit of our team and our partners, working together to make Santa

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Individual contribution limits during political campaigns are set to be raised

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica City Council is exploring options to triple individual campaign contribution limits after the 2024 Council election became one of the most expensive in city history.

At the Feb. 25 council meeting, a majority of the Council asked staff to research raising limits on the amount of money an individual can give to a local candidate saying the current caps do not actually level the playing field as intended.

Councilmembers supporting the item said independent expenditures (IEs) outspent candidate fundraising by a 3-to-1 margin, with Council candidates raising $430,098 compared to more than $1.3 million from IEs last year. The group, including Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin and Natalya Zernitskaya asked the City Attorney to return by April 8, with recommendations for raising the individual contribution limit to as much as $1,500. They said the current limits, raised from $370 to $410 in 2022, lag behind neighboring West Hollywood ($1,000) and Culver City ($1,120).

"This past election cycle was the most expensive Council race in Santa Monica's history... We have in the past kept our individual contribution limits low as an attempt

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Zbur bill would require flight over fight before lethal force could be used in home defense

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A proposal by a local lawmaker to restrict the use of lethal force for self defense has drawn a quick response from supporters and critics alike.

State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur introduced Bill 1333 last week to substantially narrow the legal justification for homicide in California. Homicide refers to any killing of a person by another while murder is the term for an illegal homicide. As it stands today, there are justifications for killing another person in the criminal code, largely linked to self-defense.

Under the proposed legislation, homicide would no longer be justifiable when committed in defense of property or habitation alone.

Key changes include a new "duty to retreat" provision requiring individuals outside their homes to attempt to safely withdraw from dangerous situations before using deadly force. The bill also explicitly states that homicide is not

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Patricia Lie-Nielsen

September 17, 1943 - February 17, 2025

Patricia Lie-Nielsen, lovingly known as Mimi, Cookie, and Pat, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2025, in Santa Monica, California, at the age of 81.

Born on September 17, 1943, in San Rafael, California, Patricia was the daughter of Charles and Larine Brown and grew up in the charming town of San Anselmo. Her father played a role in shaping the town as a master builder, while her mother was a journalist for the local paper, capturing the stories of the community. Alongside her brothers, Patricia spent her childhood exploring the beautiful natural surroundings and quaint shops of town, later graduating from Sir Francis Drake High School (now Archie Williams High School).

From an early age, Patricia developed a deep appreciation for beauty and style—qualities that would define her throughout her life. She was a style luminary and a true beauty in every sense of the word. With an effortless sense of fashion, she always chose the perfect outfit for every occasion, radiating elegance and charm. Her passion for aesthetics led her to work in boutiques and attend cosmetology school, where she further cultivated her gift for style and beauty.

Patricia's impeccable taste also extended beyond fashion—every home she lived in became a reflection of her warmth and grace, transformed into a space that was both inviting and stylish. She found fulfillment in real estate, working as an open house agent and property owner, where she oversaw interior design and renovations. She had an extraordinary ability to turn any space into a place of beauty, comfort, and sophistication.

IN LOVING MEMORY



1943-2025

Santa Monica, CA

Above all, Patricia's greatest joy was her family. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, always encouraging her children and grandchildren to follow their dreams, and always celebrating their unique talents. Her love was boundless, and her kindness left a lasting impression on everyone she met. As one cousin beautifully put it, "*She was not only beautiful on the outside but just as beautiful on the inside, because she had this incredible kindness.*"

Patricia also had a profound love for animals, a passion she passed down to her children. She filled her home with the joy of many beloved pets over the years, teaching her children the importance of care, compassion, and responsibility. Most recently, she cherished the company of her beloved cats, Rascal and Rocker.

She is survived by her children: Bo, Richard, John, and Shana; as well as her cherished grandchildren: Reilly, Ben, Scarlett, John Connor, Savannah, Johan, and Sophia. She is also survived by her brother, Harry. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Larine, and her brother, David.

A funeral service will be held on **March 3, 2025, at Saint Anselm's Church in Ross, CA.** A Mass will begin at **10:30 AM,** followed by a reception at **11:30 AM.**

Patricia will be remembered as the best Mama Mimi in the whole wide world, the Prettiest Girl in Town, and the Cutest Lil' Cookie there ever was. Her memory will continue to shine in the hearts of all who were graced by her light.

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Newsom wants to blame others for California's housing and homelessness failures

With just 22 months remaining in his governorship, Gavin Newsom knows that two interrelated promises he made to voters seven years ago — to erase or at least lessen the state's chronic housing shortage and its very high rate of homelessness — will not happen before he departs.

The pledges were foolish campaign posturing. State government had — and still has — very little ability to build housing or ameliorate the economic and societal underpinnings of homelessness.

Not surprisingly, therefore, both crises have worsened during Newsom's governorship. But rather than take his lumps for promising what he could not deliver, Newsom has tried to wriggle out of accountability.

For instance, when challenged by reporters about his pledge to build 3.5 million units of housing, Newsom replied lamely, "It was always a stretch goal."

He and the Legislature did pass numerous bills aimed at removing political and procedural hurdles for housing, while pressuring local governments to meet lofty quotas for rezoning land.

However the housing conundrum is much more complicated, involving economic factors, such as the high costs of construction, that are largely beyond the state's ability to overcome. It can cost as much as $1 million in some communities to build one unit of housing for low- and moderate-income families.

The state has spent about $24 billion on homelessness during Newsom's governorship, but the number of people without homes has continued to grow. As big as $24 billion appears, it probably would take four or five times as much to create enough shelters and other housing and provide the medical care and other services that would be needed to make a big dent in the problem.

In recent months, Newsom has increasingly shunned responsibility for the situations, mostly by pointing the finger at local governments, saying many have failed to ease the way for more housing construction or to spend state homelessness appropriations effectively.

His blame-shifting efforts switched to higher gear this week in the form of a website that purports to grade housing and homelessness efforts county by county.

Newsom's website essentially pats himself on the back for actions on both issues and declares "Now Californians deserve results from their local governments," adding, "It's time for accountability.

"No one in our nation should be without a place to call home," Newsom said in a statement. "As we continue to support our communities in addressing homelessness, we expect fast results, not excuses."



Photo by Dai Sugano, Bay Area News Group
SUSTAINABILITY: The homeless encampment near the corner of Osgood Road and Washington Boulevard in Fremont on Feb. 6, 2025.

It's a laughably ironic statement, given Newsom's penchant for making excuses.

Some local governments have dragged their feet in dealing with housing and homelessness. Affluent, Democrat-voting communities such as those Marin Country and the San Francisco Peninsula are particularly resistant to multi-family, low-income housing projects.

However Newsom's administration has been less than efficient in managing state homelessness programs, as a scathing report from the state auditor last year pointed out.

Local officials resent Newsom's efforts to pin responsibility for failure on them.

"Governor Newsom's latest in a long series of websites is just spin without the substance to back it up," Graham Knaus, CEO of the California State Association of Counties, said in a statement. "Counties aren't the bottleneck to addressing housing and homelessness. The real barriers to progress are the state-mandated bureaucratic hurdles that slow local governments down, forcing them to navigate a maze to get resources on the ground."

The mutual finger pointing is likely to continue for the next 22 months as Newsom attempts to end his governorship without lingering political baggage. However, were he to run for president in 2028, as national political media anticipate, video images of squalid encampments in California cities would be a potent tool for his rivals.

By Dan Walters. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



Weather

Monday: A 40 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. Breezy.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59.
Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 24ENT-0255 (Permit Extension)

1338 5th Street
APPLICANT: 1338 5th Street Owner, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: 1338 5th Street Owner, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The proposal is for a two-year extension of Administrative Approval 19ENT-0041 to extend the expiration of said entitlement from April 3, 2025 to April 3, 2027. The proposed project is a six-story, 120-unit mixed-use residential housing project. On July 19, 2022, the project previously received an administrative extension of one year, pursuant to SMMC 9.37.090(C)(1)(a). The additional two-year extension is subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission, pursuant to SMMC 9.37.090(C)(2).

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: **Cary Fukui, Senior Planner**
Re: 24ENT-0255

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
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1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
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MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Cary Fukui at (310) 458-2200 ext 2343, or by e-mail at Cary.Fukui@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Erratic wildfire performance puts LA Mayor Karen Bass in a political hole

We may be seeing the meltdown of one of California's highest ranking public officials, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass.

Ever since wildfires began sweeping through Los Angeles County neighborhoods, Bass has been a day late and a dollar short, as the old saying goes, in response.

It began with the embarrassing fact that when fires erupted, Bass was thousands of miles away in Ghana, attending the inauguration of the country's new president. That could have been just an unfortunate coincidence, but she traveled after the National Weather Service had issued sharp warnings that high and hot Santa Ana winds were creating "critical fire conditions."

Bass later blamed others for not warning her about the peril, but as Los Angeles Times columnist Steve Lopez wrote, "She should have called me. I had all the information I needed, along with a garden hose at the ready, and so did everybody else."

Bass rushed back to Los Angeles in a military plane but fumbled questions about her absence.

As recounted by the Times, "Standing in the city's Emergency Operations Center, the reporter wanted to know: What did Bass have to say to critics who were demanding she step down?

"Bass, standing with a clutch of city and county officials, promised a 'deep dive' into everything that had gone wrong. With the fires still raging, she made it clear she was done with the question.

"'I answered it in the morning. I answered it now. Won't answer it again,' she told the room full of reporters."

Although the entire news conference was posted on the county's Facebook page, the question-and-answer segment was omitted from Bass' page — and that wasn't an isolated case, the Times reported.

"On the mayor's Facebook page, video from a Jan. 8 evening wildfire news conference also excludes the Q and A segment. The same is true of the wildfire media briefing posted from the morning of Jan. 10."

In contrast, everything said in fire-related news conferences has been posted by county officials — implying that Bass is more concerned about her image than communicating with her constituents.

In the early days of the wildfire crisis, Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Kristin Crowley accused Bass of underfunding firefighting capability, and the mayor accused Crowley of failing to warn her of the impending fire danger.

Later, after the Times reported that Crowley had not pre-stationed fire trucks in endangered neighborhoods as had been done in the past, Bass added that to her bill of particulars against the chief and fired her.



Photo by Brittany Peterson, AP Photo
FIRES: Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass tours a staging area where city workers prepare to reinforce burned land ahead of rains in Los Angeles on Jan. 22, 2025.

That touched off a debate over whether Crowley was scapegoated or canned for poor leadership. Either way, it added to the image of a mayor who was flailing — as did media reports of discord between Bass and members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

It's a well-worn axiom that political careers are often made or ruined by how officeholders perform during crises.

Gov. Gavin Newsom eagerly took command during the COVID-19 pandemic, with virtually daily video reports. However, many of his administration's actions backfired, such as shutting down schools and paying out billions of dollars in fraudulent claims for unemployment insurance benefits.

Uncharacteristically, Newsom has remained in the background vis-à-vis the wildfires, letting Bass and county supervisors share the media spotlight while he concentrates on sweet-talking President Donald Trump into providing wildfire aid.

In a sense, Bass' erratic performance is not surprising. Before becoming mayor, she had spent her entire political career as a state or federal legislator, positions that require consensus building rather than take-charge action, particularly during crises.

Bass is up for re-election next year and if she wants another term, she'll be starting in a hole she dug herself.

By Dan Walters

Why Saving the Civic May Save the City

Editor:

If you ever want to know how Santa Monica City Council members feel about a certain issue, you'd be wise to look beyond the latest Council meeting agenda for answers.

I say this because our new Council (which includes four new members and three others with less than a full term on the job) has given the group trying to save and renovate the Civic Auditorium only until Friday, February 28th, to make a deal and never even mentioned it during Tuesday's Council meeting.

But I did, right off the bat. Item 1: Public Input. That's when anyone can comment for two minutes on any item or issue not listed on the agenda. I packed a lot in that two minutes, briefly reminding our younger Council newcomers about the Civic's storied past, but focusing more on how its potential second life could help revitalize a downtown which struggled even before the pandemic and continues to languish because of public safety issues, a financially-strapped mall, a Promenade that's past its prime and now the Palisades Fire.

I told them how other Councils had made Civic mistakes, how the city never really marketed it all that well and how red tape and rising costs made it increasingly harder for promoters to rent it, fill it and still turn a profit. I learned all this as a member of the original 'Save the Civic' group in 2012, when experts with the Urban Land Institute concluded the city should "Set the dream and renovate the Civic as a cultural icon." I was also there at City Council the night the Santa Monica Symphony's late conductor, Guido Lamell, brought his violin to City Hall and played his case for the Civic's saving. But his beautiful song, that Council and that effort, ultimately failed.

Other Councils lacked the foresight to somehow re-direct all the money that built the Broad Theater/SMC Theater complex at 11th & nowhere, and renovate the Civic instead. City Hall also failed to save our only bowling alley and all those yummy restaurants and shops across the street on Pico that could have created and enhanced a re-opened Civic experience. Who wouldn't want to have a nice dinner downtown, see a show at the new Civic, then go for a short stroll at the beach before heading home?

A renovated Civic Auditorium could be just what our city needs to resurrect and revitalize our downtown core. Imagine performers such as Sting doing a two or three-week engagement, followed by five nights of the Foo Fighters unplugged or a run of Beyonce at the Beach performances.

The five entities that make up RPG, the Revitalization Partners Group behind this current restoration effort, include concert pros such as 'Live Nation' and the 'Azoff Group.' RPG says they can re-create the Civic, preserve much of its landmarked features and bring in world-class entertainers at no cost to the city.

This week one City Council member penned an editorial against the idea under the headline, 'Save the Civic or Save the City.'

Why can't we do both?

Maybe the Civic can save the CITY.

Bottom line: The current Council should give these new negotiations a fighting chance. Let's see the numbers and a detailed proposal. Let's see what RPG can come up with. Did you know two of the RPG principals lost their homes during the fires? But that didn't stop them from also quickly putting together the Fire Aid Concert that raised $100 million dollars for fire relief. Sounds exactly like the kind of people we need to help the Civic earn its new future as Southern California's premiere beachside concert venue.

Voters have long forgotten the mistakes of past Council members who failed to seal a deal, but they will most certainly remember this current Council as either the one made the biggest mistake of all and killed the Civic forever... or the council that made history and saved it.

Sincerely,

John C. Smith, Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commissioner

Vacant promises

Editor:

Three years ago Parking Structure #3 was demolished to make way for "affordable housing," then it was decided to be a display of anime characters in domes and when that fell through a pickleball court was to be was to be built that disappeared into the either.

It's still a vacant lot.

Now, the City Council wants to demolish two more parking structures to make way for "affordable housing" once again. These are perfectly good structures that provide parking for vehicles when people can walk a short distance to the desolate Promenade and spend money in what little stores we have left.

The City Council should know better; "if it isn't broken, don't fix it." Yet, they couldn't collectively buy a clue foreseeing the major problems associated with demolishing said structures.

We're talking major gridlock during deconstruction with trucks hauling off material, people trying to go to or leave theirs jobs in the cars, airborne contaminants, lack of parking to visit the mall resulting in lack of people resulting in lack of revenue for the businesses. Ergo; layoffs and business closures in an ever increasing ghost town.

Ellis Raskin, an environment attorney and city council member, should know better to back this plan. There are consequences that will affect everyone. Those who endorse the demolition of the two, sound parking structures are hypocrites

Compared to the way the City Council collectively thinks in their hive mentality, I'm Oppenheimer.

Whitney Scott Bain, Santa Monica

Hidden Gem

Editor:

I would like to share with your readers a gem I discovered through Santa Monica College Emeritus. Held at Virginia Park, the Spanish folk singing class did more than allow approximately 20 students to sing along with the leader who plays guitar and calls out the pages and numbers of the songs we sang. It allows one to step into a group with a love of songs from all different countries where Spanish is the main language. Was I the only person who didn't speak Spanish fluently? No, there were others but the majority were women who often commented they grew up listening to and singing the songs. The class has been going on for at least 15 years with the same instructor.

In this time of divisiveness, it reminded me how beautiful music is when shared. Which is another strong reason to allow our Santa Monica Civic Auditorium to provide the community with live music shows. We don't need another hotel.

Diane Michelle, Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Increase the Maximum Allowed Height of Fences, Walls, and Hedges in the Front Setbacks of R2, R3, and R4 Zoning Districts and to Address the Rules for Measuring the Heights of Fences, Walls, and Hedges Located on Top of Retaining Walls.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum allowable height of fences, walls, and hedges in the front setbacks of R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts and to address the rules for measuring the heights of fences, walls, and hedges located on top of retaining walls.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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Address your comments to: **Shira Moch, Associate Planner**
Re: Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Limits Text Amendment

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Shira Moch by e-mail at shira.moch@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 24ENT-0254 (Permit Extension)
1323 5th Street
APPLICANT: 1323 5th Street Owner, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: 1323 5th Street Owner, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The proposal is for a two-year extension of Administrative Approval 18ENT-0283 and Minor Modification 20ENT-0009 to extend the expiration of said entitlements from March 23, 2025 to March 23, 2027. The project is a six-story, 52-unit mixed-use residential housing project. On July 12, 2022, the project previously received an administrative extension of one year, pursuant to SMMC 9.37.090(C)(1)(a). The additional two-year extension is subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission, pursuant to SMMC 9.37.090(C)(2).

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Address your comments to: **Cary Fukui, Senior Planner**
Re: 24ENT-0254

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Cary Fukui at (310) 458-2200 ext 2343, or by e-mail at Cary.Fukui@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00050 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Yui Chung, by and through Emily Shoji , Mia Chung by and through Emily Shoji for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Yui Chung, by and through Emily Shoji , Mia Chung by and through Emily Shoji with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: 1. Yui Emma Chung to Yui Emma Shoji 2. Mia Yuzu Chung to Mia Yuzu Shoji . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 03/21/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm **LOCATION** 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

California Democrats vowed to tackle affordability—but the agenda isn't yet clear

As California Democrats convened a new two-year legislative session in December, they were still reeling from Donald Trump's victory.

They'd just lost three legislative seats to Republicans. Voters rejected several progressive priorities on ballot initiatives. Kamala Harris had one of the worst showings in California for a Democratic presidential candidate in 20 years.

It was clear, according to most election experts, that voters were frustrated with rising costs under Democratic leadership.

With that in mind, Democratic Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas issued a plea to his 78 colleagues in the Assembly on the opening day of the new session.

"Colleagues, our constituents told us two very important things in November," Rivas said. "First, they continue to believe deeply in California's values of tolerance, of equality and of human rights … Second, our constituents, they don't feel that the State of California is working for them. That's their lived experience in this moment. Californians are deeply anxious. They're anxious about our state's cost of living."

He urged lawmakers to draft their legislation largely through the lens of affordability.

Last week was the deadline to introduce bills that will be debated over the coming months. Judging from the 1,160 or so bills Rivas and his Democratic Assembly colleagues filed, the Democratic affordability agenda appears to be a work in progress, according to a Digital Democracy analysis.

At least 250 of the Democratic bills appear to be "spot bills," or placeholders for future legislation. A Digital Democracy review of the other bills found that about 80 appear to be trying to make things more affordable in some way, but most appear to be one-offs that aren't organized around a sweeping, unified plan.

Nick Miller, a spokesperson for Rivas, said that's not a surprise. His office is also reviewing all the bills to see where they fit in the speaker's affordability agenda, which is still taking shape as the session gets started and as lawmakers grapple with the wildfires that burned thousands of homes in Los Angeles County.

Plus, he said, lawmakers are trying to figure out how to respond to the Trump administration, which has sought to gut federal agencies and has threatened to cut funds California relies on, including federal disaster relief. The California business impacts of tariffs and other pending Trump proposals are also still uncertain, Miller said.

"Those are real concerns that are front and center as we also vet the current (legislative) proposals to determine how they're going to save money for Californians, build more housing and improve services," Miller said.

WHAT ARE DEMOCRATS DOING TO MAKE CALIFORNIA AFFORDABLE?

But Rivas already has taken some action to address affordability.

He renamed the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee to the Economic Development, Growth and Household Impact Committee and said that it will hold hearings in the Capitol and throughout the state in coming weeks. He also announced plans to fast-track housing legislation next month aimed at getting wildfire victims back in homes quickly.

Meanwhile, Republicans and Senate Democrats also began unveiling affordability proposals on Wednesday.

Senate Democrats presented a bill package that they say aims to head off one major affordability concern in California: home insurance.

"Of course (affordability is) still a priority," Sen. President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire told CalMatters in a statement. "We can and will do more than one thing at a time. It's why our sweeping wildfire bill package and budget proposals aim to bring down soaring insurance costs, help expedite the rebuilding process and get more funding to impacted schools and students. And it's why we'll be advancing significant affordability-focused legislation in the coming weeks."

Republicans at a press conference on Wednesday proposed cutting gas taxes and taxes on tips and lowering energy costs.

"The Democrats talked a big game starting at the beginning of this year about affordability," Assembly Republican Minority Leader James Gallagher told reporters. "But where are the bills? Where are the bills from Democrats actually reducing people's costs?"

Learn more about legislators mentioned in this story.

Gov. Gavin Newsom also hinted at his legislative priorities for lowering housing costs Wednesday when he spoke to reporters in Los Angeles to announce a "California Jobs First Economic Blueprint" and $245 million in funding for jobs and business initiatives.

He said policymakers need to adopt the same mindset that sped up the regulatory process to clear fire debris and approve building permits to get Angelenos back into homes after the wildfires. He said "the inability of the state of California to get out of its own way" is driving much of the state's problems ranging from "homelessness, housing, the issue of our competitiveness, our tax base, all of it."

"I am all-in, fully committed to extending this emergency mindset to the pre-existing emergency in the state of California," he said. "We are now getting out of our own way as it relates to this recovery, and this mindset, it must be maintained moving forward."

HERE ARE SOME OF THE DEMOCRATIC AFFORDABILITY BILLS

CalMatters reporters used the Digital Democracy database to sort through hundreds of bills filed by the deadline last week, looking for Democratic proposals that sought to lower costs, create more housing or other affordability issues.

Some of the introduced bills are geared towards specific groups — such as extending access to free meals to K-12 students during emergencies and school breaks, or allowing students in need of temporary housing to park overnight at Cal State and community college campuses.

Others aim to reach a broader population, such as Fremont Democratic

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Pony Baseball begins





Matthew Hall

PLAY BALL: The Santa Monica Pony Baseball league held its opening ceremony last week with the introduction of the teams and recognition of volunteers.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Saving the Civic to Save the City

Editor:

Council Member Zwick, a new resident of Santa Monica who has no history here, has a strained view of what creates a great city and what can protect and save ours.

For the City to partner with RPG (Revitalization Partners' Group) to revive the Civic as a 21st century entertainment venue operating within the famous historic, landmarked Civic is visionary. A local, contemporary music and cultural venue designed to attract people of all ages weary of fighting east-bound traffic and parking problems to attend oversized venues will restore Santa Monica's reputation as a place to go, a place to be. A revitalized Civic can bring back visitors and tourists who spend money in hotels, restaurants, and shops but who now increasingly see Santa Monica losing its luster.

This is a long-term investment for a long-term income stream, not a short-term fire sale.

RPG partners have proven with their recent Fire Aid LA concerts that they are the perfect partner for the City to bring back the Civic's reputation as an exciting destination: over 30 artists performing on 28 platforms raising over $100 million, and all pulled together in two weeks.

Santa Monica residents will continue to own the Civic. The City and taxpayers will pay nothing towards its restoration, programming, and operation. RPG will pay the City to lease the building and do all the rest at its own expense. What kind of "give away" is that?

Our City Council is responsible for building and managing a community where people want to live, where they are proud to live. That means far more than maintaining streets, street lights, and meeting housing demands from Sacramento.

Sadly, Council Member Zwick apparently does not see protecting and enhancing Santa Monica's reputation as a special City as part of his responsibility. Hopefully wiser heads on Council do.

Bea Nemlaha, Ann Hoover, Zina Josephs, Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council related to proposed amendments to the Santa Monica Land Use and Circulation Plan (LUCE), Downtown Community Plan (DCP), and Zoning Ordinance for consistency with recent updates to State law and implement other changes, corrections, and clarifications, and amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard.**

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider Resolutions recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt 1) amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the City's General Plan and Downtown Community Plan (DCP) for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications, 2) amendments to the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to eliminate parcel size threshold for streamlined review of Housing Projects, increase the maximum square footage for Accessory Dwelling Units, revise provisions related to ministerially approved duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential, adjust the criteria for streamlined review of Housing Projects in Bergamot Zoning Districts on large sites, provide extensions for projects approved prior to January 6, 2025, convert parcel coverage development standards to Floor Area Ratio for the City's Residential Zoning Districts, and align density standards for the City's Multiple-Unit Residential Zoning Districts with the intensities envisioned in the LUCE, for consistency with recent updates to State law and making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications and, 3) amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for parcels located at 2644 30th Street and 1331 Wilshire Boulevard.

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Address your comments to: **Jing Yeo, Planning Manager**
Re: State Law Update Amendments

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about these amendments, please visit the Planning Commission webpage (March 19, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda) or February 19, 2025 PC Item 7C Resolution of Intention. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25NNCP00134 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Daniel Joseph Ebeling for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Daniel Joseph Ebeling with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Daniel Joseph Ebeling to Dan Joseph Ebeling . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 04/24/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: E Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 600 E Broadway Ave Glendale, CA 91206 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00092 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Viloleta Carillo for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Viloleta Carillo with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Viloleta Carillo to Viloleta Carillo Moliner . The court orders that all

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persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 04/11/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25VECP00087 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mehdi Tabibzadeh Nassiri for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Mehdi Tabibzadeh Nassiri with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Mehdi Tabibzadeh Nassiri to Daniel Nassiri . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 04/11/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: U Room: 620 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 6230 Sylmar Ave Van Nuys, CA 91401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Joan B. Knecht CASE NUMBER: 25STPB01502 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Joan B. Knecht, Sarah Joan Bittinger. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kurt W. Knecht the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests Kurt W. Knecht be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The

Petition to Admin Estate

will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The Petition requests the decedent's will codicils, if any be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: March 14, 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 44 Room - Address of Court: Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Kurt W. Knecht SBN 175133 2442 Butler Ave Los Angeles, CA 90064. Tel (310) 625-4235 Email: kurtknecht1@hotmail.com

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm
LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

At the halfway point, voting for Most Loved heats up

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monicans who love their local businesses have just two weeks left to help their favorite storefronts win the city's annual Most Loved contest.

Voting is open at smdp.com/vote across all categories and ends on March 14. Winners of Santa Monica's Most Loved contest earn far more than bragging rights. They're feted at the annual awards event (hosted by Santa Monica Brew Works with a specially created Most Loved IPA) receive official city commendations and can mingle with other business leaders. They are also featured in the widely distributed Most Loved magazine that has become a trusted resource at hotels, businesses and visitor centers for authentic local experiences. With thousands of businesses in the City, winners join an elite top 2%.

Supporting those businesses remains one of the best ways locals can boost their own communities.

Studies from the American Independent Business Alliance show that a significantly greater portion of money spent at local businesses remains in the community compared to spending at chain retailers. This local economic return creates advantages for communities with strong independent business sectors.

Local businesses typically contribute to their communities in multiple ways. They often create local jobs, support the local tax base, and frequently source products and services from other local businesses, creating a multiplier effect that strengthens the local economy.

Independent businesses also frequently support local causes and community organizations. This philanthropic activity helps strengthen social services, cultural programs, and educational initiatives at the neighborhood level.

This year, the chance to celebrate a local business takes on additional importance with many businesses experiencing ongoing challenges after January's wildfires. While most local businesses were not physically harmed, the loss in customers due to closures and other environmental fears has been deep, especially in Santa Monica's tourism driven economy.

Voting is easy. Many local businesses have QR codes in their storefronts to help you vote for them. There is a five category minimum for voting and a complete list of categories can be found online.

Business owners and managers who want to get their own QR codes or who have other questions about the contest are encouraged to visit the business resource page https://smdp.com/most-loved-business-resources/ for information on how to get free advertising assets including "vote for us" window clings.

Any additional questions can be sent to mostloved@smdp.com.

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LIONS ROAR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

February was a busy month for the Santa Monica Pacific Palisades Lions Club as we participated in a free vision exam on February 1st, held our Club Level Student Speaker Contest on February 5th, participated in the first Santa Monica Art & Literacy Festival meeting and continued our fundraising efforts and recovery planning for the Pacific Palisades.

The vision exam, held at the Westchester Senior Center, was done in partnership with California Lions Friends In Sight, LA New Millennium Lions Club and the Venice Marina LAX Lions Club. It was a busy event that started with setting up nine stations to efficiently perform a variety of eye tests to determine the attendees eye health, provide a prescription for free eyeglasses and have diabetes screening. With more than 20,000 eyeglasses to choose from, all attendees were happy and impressed with the ease and speed of the process.

The Student Speaker Contest included presentations from three Santa Monica High School students, each sharing different point of view on the topic, "Artificial Intelligence; friend or foe?" We were honored to have three judges, John Smith from KTLA, Terry Green from SMC and Matt Hall from the Santa Monica Daily Press, who also spoke to the students individually at the conclusion of the event to offer any pointers if they are eligible and want to try again next year. Our Club winner will be attending the Zone contest on March 7th. We wish him the best.

The Art & Literacy Festival will be held at Virgina Avenue Park on Saturday, April 26th from 10 am – 2 pm, and the theme this year is DINOSAURS! We had a great time doing craft projects with the children and are looking forward to it again this year. If you want to join us for this fun event, please let us know at smpplionsclub@gmail.com.

We are still taking tax-deductible donations through California Lions Foundation/SM-PP Lions Club - Palisades Fire Relief and donations directly to our SMPP Lions Club. For more information about donating go to our website, Facebook or Instagram. We have also been attending Pacific Palisades Community Council meetings, talking with their leadership and representatives from Traci Park's office about how we can help support their efforts to retain their sense of community. When we have more details, we will share our plans and we hope you might join us.

If you want to learn more about Lions Club activities, or would like to hear our guest speaker, Matt Hall, Editor in Chief, Santa Monica Daily Press at our meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, please contact Kingsley Fife at 310-367-2679 or smpplionsclub@gmail.com. Dinner will be catered by Teddy's at the Elks Lodge, 1040 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica. We would enjoy meeting you.

Susan DeRemer

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DEFENSE

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justifiable when a person uses more force than reasonably necessary to defend themselves.

Additionally, the proposal would restrict self-defense claims for individuals who initiated a confrontation or engaged in mutual combat. Such individuals could only claim self-defense if they made good-faith efforts to withdraw from the encounter or if they faced imminent danger of death or serious injury with no other means of escape.

Gun safety advocates praised the bill as a way to prevent armed extremism and vigilante violence.

"As Washington's priorities remain misplaced, California has a responsibility to step-up – and this legislation is crucial to saving lives," said Cassandra Whetstone, a volunteer with the California chapter of Moms Demand Action. "Our self defense laws should protect people responding to the imminent risk of harm to themselves or others, not those who are willingly putting themselves and others in danger. From a road rage incident to a conversation gone wrong, we have witnessed far-too-many senseless acts of gun violence across California and the country and we thank Assemblymember Zbur for stepping up to tackle this issue head on."

Supporters said the first-of-its-kind bill should be replicated in other jurisdictions.

"This legislation builds on California's gun safety legacy and lays the blueprint for the rest of the nation," Monisha Henley, senior vice president for government affairs at Everytown for Gun Safety. "White supremacists and other extremists have hidden behind self-defense laws to fire a gun and turn any conflict into a death sentence. Now, lawmakers have an opportunity to help stop that and save lives. We thank Assemblymember Zbur for his commitment to gun safety and listening to advocates and experts on ways to keep Californians safe from gun violence."

Critics lambasted the proposal as an attempt to criminalize home defense and protect criminals.

"Sacramento Democrats have spent the last 15 years tying the hands of law enforcement and coddling criminals, using and abusing ordinary Californians in their attempt to make criminals the real victims. Now, they're actively trying to tie the hands of our residents, who have had to defend themselves against re-released career criminals far too often," said Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco who has filed to run as a Republican candidate for Governor.

Bianco said the measure was tone-deaf given the passage of Prop. 36 last year.

The ballot measure was overwhelmingly approved with 68 percent of the vote statewide. It increases penalties for repeat theft and allows for more felony charges related to drug offenses. The measure was largely in response to the previously approved Prop. 47 that had decreased criminal penalties for low-level crimes.

"Prop 36 should have been a wake-up call - Californians are sick and tired of crime, and they are demanding that leaders in Sacramento do something about it. Unfortunately for us, Legislative Democrats can't put aside their backwards ideology," said Bianco. "It's time for a change."

Zbur said the critics had misconstrued the bill.

"AB 1333 was never intended to limit a crime victim's right to defend yourself, your family, and your home. The bill's goal is to prevent wannabe vigilantes like Kyle Rittenhouse from provoking violence and then claiming self defense after the fact," he said. "We will be amending the bill to make this crystal clear."

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AFFORDABLE

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Sen. Aisha Wahab's Investor-Owned Utilities Accountability Act, which caps electric rate increases for residential customers, and reduces the amount residents contribute to a wildfire fund.

"Those on a fixed income — our senior population, those on social security, those with a union job, a good paying union job — do not get six increases to their pay, and yet PG&E gets six increases to be able to toss onto ratepayers," she said at a hearing, adding that "ratepayers are not a bank."

Meanwhile, representatives for two of the state's most influential lobbying organizations agreed that it's still too early to make many conclusions about what bills might be the most impactful.

"We appreciate Speaker Rivas' commitment to focusing on affordability this legislative session," Ben Golembek, an executive vice president at the California Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement. "Californians spoke clearly in the last election that the cost of doing business here is too high. We look forward to seeing which bills are part of the affordability package and working together in an effort to reduce costs and regulations on businesses and customers alike."

Lorena Gonzalez, the president of the California Labor Federation, said she expects a lot of the bills that could move the needle on costs will show up in spot bills over the coming weeks.

But perhaps surprisingly, Gonzalez, a former Democratic Assembly member from San Diego, said she hopes lawmakers consider the real danger of having the state's few remaining oil refineries close, which would drive up California gas prices, already the nation's highest.

"We absolutely cannot afford to lose refineries in California," she said.

Whatever affordability legislation Democrats end up prioritizing, a new poll released Wednesday found it's a top issue for Californians. In the survey from the Public Policy Institute of California, about half of Californians cited the cost of living and inflation, housing costs and availability and the environment as the most important issues for the governor and the Legislature to work on in 2025.

Sarah Bohn, a labor economist at the institute, said making things affordable in the short term won't be easy for lawmakers, considering international and national issues "can sometimes really factor into volatile categories like food and energy."

But she said it's important to focus on "helping people get the skills they need to access good jobs and that help invest in communities." She said "there are a lot of levers" that lawmakers could try to pull.

"I don't know … how quickly they could be pulled to have it really feel like a big difference for Californians," she said. "But I think that's the direction to go in."

By Ryan Sabalow and Sameea Kamal. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



MONDAY | MARCH 3

DISABILITIES COMMISSION

6:30 p.m. SMI Room, Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community.

TUESDAY | MARCH 4

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Patrio Room, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Come learn and have fun with something new each week, like exercise, talking with friends, learning, guest presenters and health & wellness. For more information, call 310-458-8688.

TUESDAY TALES

10:30 - 11 a.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. This fun and engaging weekly series, featuring stories, songs and rhymes, travels to a different library location each week. Free tickets are available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5.

SMARTY PANTS STORYTIME

11 a.m. Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library, 4533 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey. Get ready for school by enjoying books, songs, rhymes and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. For ages 2-5 with their parent or caregiver.

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT FOR SENIORS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Senior care advocates from Wise & Healthy Aging discuss medication safety tips, how to maintain independence, and reduce the risk of complications. Attendees will receive a free pill box upon completion, while supplies last.

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS DISCUSSION

4:30 - 7 p.m. MLK Jr. Auditorium, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica Public Library kicks off Women's History Month with a panel discussion of Women Entrepreneurs. Panelists include City of Santa Monica Mayor Lana Negrete (Santa Monica Music Center), Laurel Rosen (One from the Heart), Amanda Rubin (AJA Vineyards Tasting Room), Minal Mondkar (Aura Seating), Yolanda Regalado (Sirens Java & Tea), and moderator Starleen Van Buren (El Camino College Small Business Development Center). RSVP to library@santamonica.gov to attend.

PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

6 - 9:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. On January 26, 2021, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to create a new Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission to promote, in partnership with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), the best practices in community-oriented policing for the fair treatment, safety, and wellbeing of all.

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5

PLANNING COMMISSION

6 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of well-being, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.

THURSDAY | MARCH 6

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave., Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub.

TECH & TASKS

2 - 4 p.m. Tutoring Center, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more.

HOUSING COMMISSION

6:15 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica.

AN EVENING WITH IONE SKYE

8 - 9:15 p.m. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater, 3131 Olympic Blvd. Actress and painter Ione Skye, known for her roles in "Say Anything" and more, discusses her memoir "Say Everything." Ticket plus signed copy of the book $50. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-ione-skye-tickets-1242367307059.

FRIDAY | MARCH 7

VASTHY AND FRIENDS

4 - 5 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. An interactive family musical for kids 4-10. Free tickets, free goody bags for the kids. For more information, visit santamonicaplahyouse.com.

SHABBAT DINNER AT THE BEACH

5:30 p.m. Shul on the Beach, 505 Ocean Front Walk. Watch the sunset over the ocean and embrace the warmth of Shabbat. Join Shabbat Across America and the Shul on the Beach Community along with fellow Jewish professionals, for a joyous evening filled with delicious food, fine wine, uplifting conversation, heartfelt singing, and inspiring Torah insights. Tickets $39-$44, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shabbat-dinner-at-the-beach-with-shabbat-across-america-tickets-1254160370429?aff=oddtdtcreator.

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SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

Owner: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Publish Dates: Week of March 3, 2025
Week of March 10, 2025

Question Deadline: March 21, 2025 @ 11:00am PST

Bid Due Deadline: March 26, 2025 @ 11:00am PST

Bid Due Location: All Bids will be received through the project website at https://projects.infinitycomm.com. Bids will not be received in any manner other than digital copies through the project website. All submittals are required to be in PDF format, unless otherwise noted, and must be less a file size of less than 10Mb.

Project Name: STRUCTURED CABLING for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Project Number: 0865-25C.1

Plans on File: https://projects.infinitycomm.com & https://portal.usac.org/suite/

In accordance with Section 7057 of the Business and Professions Code, only a Contractor with a "C-7 or C-10" license may bid.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted on March 18, 2025 at 11:00am located at: 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404.
This meeting is Mandatory, ALL Contractors attending will be required to sign in at the time of arrival and are also required to stay for the duration of the Pre-Construction Meeting.

All questions concerning this project shall be requested through the project website at https://projects.infinitycomm.com. All requests for information shall be submitted not less than five (5) days prior to the opening of the bid. Any questions submitted after the question deadline will not be answered. All questions will be submitted through the project website. Bidders shall submit only one question submittal. Al questions shall be included in the single submittal. DO NOT submit single question submittals. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the bidders response being negatively scored or rejected completely for failure to comply with the requirements of the RFP.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to the contract documents.

The projects and services depend on partial funding from the E-Rate program. The OWNER expects each Contractor to make themselves thoroughly familiar with any rules or regulations regarding the E-Rate program. All contracts entered into as a result of these Form 470's will be contingent upon specific funding by the SLD at the percentage rate submitted. The percentage rate applicable to a particular Form 471 is the maximum that the District is liable for. The Contractor will be responsible to bill the government (USAC) for the balance. No billing or work shall be commenced before April 1, 2025. On the day of the bid the Contractor shall supply their Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and must certify that their SPIN is "current".

This project is anticipated to start after April 1, 2025, and is anticipated to have a duration of 120 days. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than the project finish date. Liquidated damages in the amount of $500.00/day are included in this contract. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than August 2026.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. Each bid package will be awarded separately and independent of one another. The OWNER may, at their option, choose to award the projects to one contractor or any combination of contractors.

The OWNER has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute this contract. These rates are on file at the SCHOOL DISTRICT office located at location. Copies may be obtained upon request. A copy of these rates shall be posted at each jobsite. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one-half.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded (CONTRACTOR), and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all works employed by them in the execution of the contract. It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to determine any rate change that may have or will occur during the intervening period between each issuance of written rates by the Director of Industrial Relations. During the Work and pursuant to Labor Code §1771.4(a)(4), the Department of Industrial Relations shall monitor compliance with prevailing wage rate requirements and enforce the Contractor's prevailing wage rate obligations.

Each Bidder must be a DIR Registered Contractor when submitting a Bid Proposal. The Bid Proposal of a Bidder who is not a DIR Registered Contractor when the Bid Proposal is submitted will be rejected for non-responsiveness. All Subcontractors identified in a Bidder's Subcontractors' List must be DIR Registered contractors at the time the Bid Proposal is submitted. The foregoing notwithstanding, a Bid Proposal is not subject to rejection for non-responsiveness for listing Subcontractor the Subcontractors List who is/are not DIR Registered contractors if such Subcontractor(s) complete DIR Registration pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2). Further, a Bid Proposal is not subject to rejection if the Bidder submitting the Bid Proposal listed any Subcontractor(s) who is/are not DIR Registered contractors and such Subcontractor(s) do not become DIR Registered pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2), but the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, must request consent of the District to substitute a DIR Registered Subcontractor for the non-DIR Registered Subcontractor pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(3), without adjustment of the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations, including but not limited to prevailing wage compliance and Skilled and Trained Workforce requirements.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) DAYS after the date set for the opening of the bids.

A BID BOND shall be required and shall be supplied with the CONTRACTOR'S bid on the day of the bid. All bids shall be presented under sealed cover and accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, a cashier's check, certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the trustees. The security shall be in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the amount bid. A bid shall not be considered unless one of the forms of bidder's security is enclosed with it.

A Payment Bond and Performance Bond for contracts over $25,000.00 WILL BE required prior to the execution of the contract. The Payment and Performance Bond shall be in the form called for in the contract documents. Payment Bond and Performance Bond shall be provided upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Performance and Payment bonds shall be supplied prior to the beginning of construction. A Certificate of Insurance shall be required as well before work can begin.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Contract Code, Sections 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute certain securities for any funds withheld by OWNER to ensure their performance under the contract. At the request and expense of CONTRACTOR, securities equivalent to any amount withheld shall be deposited, at the discretion of the OWNER, with either OWNER or with a state or federally chartered bank, as the escrow agent, who shall then pay any funds otherwise subject for retention to CONTRACTOR. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to the CONTRACTOR.

Securities eligible to investment shall include those listed in Government Code, Section 61430, bank and savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by CONTRACTOR and OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for funds withheld and shall receive any interest on them. The escrow agreement shall be essentially similar to the one indicated in the General Conditions.

In accordance with Education Code section 17076.11, this district has a participation goal for disabled veteran business enterprises of at least 3 percent per year of the overall dollar amount of funds allocated to the district by the State Allocation Board pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 for construction or modernization and expended each year by the school district. Prior to, and as a condition precedent for final payment under any contract for such project, the contractor shall provide appropriate documentation to the district identifying the amount paid to disabled veteran business enterprises in conjunction with the contract, so that the district can assess its success at meeting this goal.

TRANSPORTATION

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Monica a model for resilient urban mobility."

The commitment to the environment starts with the electric bus fleet, expanded to 19 in service this year serving Big Blue Bus routes. This accounts for 10% of the total fleet, with the buses running for 333,561 miles in total. Reduced greenhouse emissions from this action were estimated to be over 22,000 pounds, and the department's long-term plan is to include charging infrastructure on the entire fleet.

Electrification is part of the zero-emission movement for the department, aided by a $22.9 million grant from California's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. The grant added five battery electric buses to the BBB fleet, part of the effort to have a zero-emission fleet by 2030.

Advances to BBB also extend to the new Transit Safety Officer program that was implemented last year, providing real-time assistance on both high-traffic buses and at key stops. The improvements led to an 11% growth in BBB ridership in 23-24 as compared to the prior year, reaching 8.6 million riders in total. Ridership spiked the highest on weekdays, going up 12% in daily average from the prior year. The average Saturday and Sunday had 6% and 9% more traffic, respectively.

The department isn't just BBB, however, also turning its attention to security and sustainability enhancements on the vehicle and bike fronts. To promote biking city-wide, roughly 3.8 miles of new and upgraded bike lanes were installed, as well as 39 new curb extensions. To keep riders safe on the streets, the department refreshed 222 crosswalks, added two new ones, and added new stop signs at key intersections.

For driver safety, the department installed 37 new security cameras in various Downtown parking structures, also adding a security firm to patrol the areas. A collaboration with the Santa Monica Police Department and Metro Los Angeles also led to more transit security, which went hand-in-hand with Metro's 2024 introduction of the TAP-to-Exit program at the Downtown Expo Line station.

The 24-25 plan for the department, aside from implementing the BBB Brighter Blue plan, is to continue increasing battery electric buses, as well as collaborate with regional partners on transportation options for the 2026 World Cup and LA28 Olympic Games.

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COUNCIL

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to provide greater access to the average person," Hall said, adding, "We're asking to explore options to remove the politics of raising the limit by tying the amount to inflation and we are attempting to give greater access to local politics to candidates who don't come into a race with significant [expenditure] backing to give them a reasonable shot of raising enough money."

Raskin was the first to express his support, saying, "What the intent of this item is, is to recalibrate the balance of how money is spent between independent expenditure committees and candidate control committees ... This gives candidates more flexibility to accept larger donations from people that would otherwise contribute to independent expenditures."

Zernitskaya was also in support, saying, "This item would just try to see how we could be more in parity with our sister cities, and try to give folks who might not be well off enough to self fund a campaign the chance to really have a fighting chance in a in a very expensive political climate."

Councilwoman Caroline Torosis had previously said she wouldn't vote for the item, but not because she disagreed.

"It's no surprise that I plan to be running for reelection in 2026 and so I don't think that it would be appropriate for me to vote yes for this. However, I do want to note that I've actually done research on this increasing individual contribution limits does actually provide more equity with respect to the candidates that can run," she said.

"I just want to point to our mayoral race, Rick Caruso spent $160 per vote, Karen Bass spent $10 per vote. Candidates that have money to self fund are at an enormous advantage, especially when the contribution limits are as low as they are here, and that increases the influence of outside expenditure committees ... It provides an opportunity for well-funded, independently-funded candidates to buy air time and increase their messaging."

Negrete highlighted a number of pros and cons.

"I can see both sides, so I definitely agree [but] I don't know that by raising it – and especially by the amount that was suggested, tripling it almost – would stop IEs or PACs from being created," she said.

"And I actually think there's another version of that ... Some of us had to knock on doors every single day the entire campaign, because we couldn't sit back and rely on people who could write the full check for the maximum amount, or know that we had PACs and IEs that were out there, like get accepting donations of well beyond $1,500 more like $10,000 and up. So for me, I have a hard time for virtually the same reason ... I wish we could cap what IEs and PACs could do that would really be controlling it, but we can't do that."

Zernitskaya explained that her intent in signing on to this item was not just to raise it to $1,500 immediately, but to study what other cities are doing and to figure out how Santa Monica could be more in line with our peer cities on what's allowable.

"No matter what we do, it's still going to always be very expensive and unfortunately, really difficult to run a campaign. So I'm not opposed to also looking at other ways we could help diversify candidate pools as part of this," she said.

The item was ultimately moved by Hall and seconded by Raskin and passed 6-1 with only Torosis voting against it.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTFILENUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 1/28/25 2025018203The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Turn Up The Heat Culinary 31368 Via Colinas #103 Westlake Village, CA 01362. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/ are Michael Clarke 302 Sonora Ave Camarillo, CA 93010. If corporation or LLC- Print State of This is Business is Conducted: An Individual . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Michael Clarke Title: Owner Michael Clarke . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/28/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 1/16/25 2025009606The following person(s) is (are) doing business as1.) Allied Post 2.) Los Angeles Post Production Group 827 15th St. #1 Santa Monica, CA 90403 Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Allied Media Inc 2632 Wilshire Blvd #272 Santa Monica, CA 90403 If ~~corporation or LLC- Print State of~~ This is Business is Conducted: A Corporation . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/15. Registrant /Corp/LLC Name Allied Media Inc Title: CFO Wendy Woodhall . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/28/2025NOTICE:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/13/25 2025030171The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Amphion Productions 1342 Lachman Lane Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/ are Matthew S Westfall 1342 Lachman Lane Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 If corporation or LLC- Print State of This is Business is Conducted: An Individual . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant / Corp/LLC Name Matthew S Westfall Title: Owner Matthew S Westfall . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/13/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25CHPCP00038 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Jenny Joo for Change of Name. TO ALL

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INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Jenny Joo with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Jenny Joo to Francis Jenny Kim . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 04/02/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 9425 Penfield Ave Chatsworth, CA 91311. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00058 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Edward Joseph Cousin for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Edward Joseph Cousin with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Edward Joseph Cousin to Francis Joseph Reilly . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 05/05/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00037 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Janet Pui-Man Trinh for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Janet Pui-Man Trinh with this court for a decree of changing

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names as follows: Janet Pui-Man Trinh to Janet Pui-Man Lee . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 03/14/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, Ca 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00049 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Karl Campanella-Dysart for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Karl Campanella-Dysart with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Karl Campanella-Dysart to Karl Dysart Campanella . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 03/21/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, Ca 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00033 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mary Adrienne Hunter for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Mary Adrienne Hunter with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Mary Adrienne Hunter to Adrienne HunterPomerantz . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this

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court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 03/21/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, Ca 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00066 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Simi Kim Singh for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Simi Kim Singh with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Simi Kim Singh to Simi Kim Singh-Mitchell . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 03/28/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, Ca 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00069 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Giselle Reeve Hathcock for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Giselle Reeve Hathcock with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Giselle Reeve Hathcock to Lizzie Blue . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 03/28/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa

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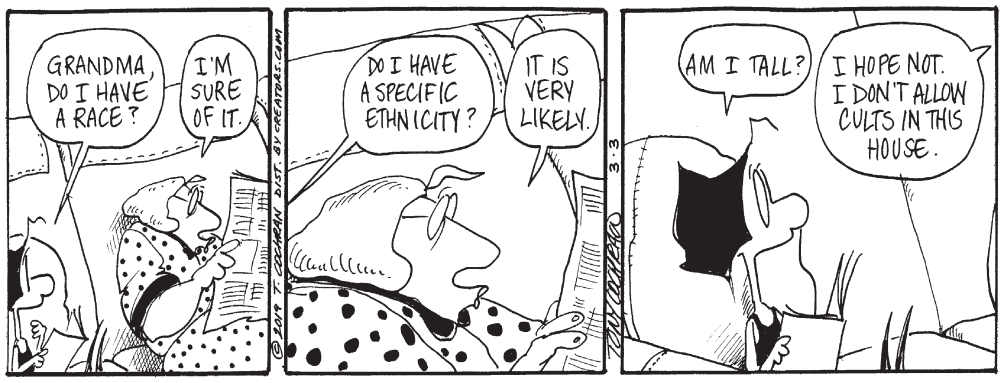
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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.24STCP04135 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Sophia Margaret Rosetti for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Sophia Margaret Rosetti with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Sophia Margaret Rosetti to Sophia Margaret Cohen . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 04/11/2025 Time: 10:00 a.m, Dept: 86 Room: 836 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 500 East Broadway Glendale, CA 91206 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

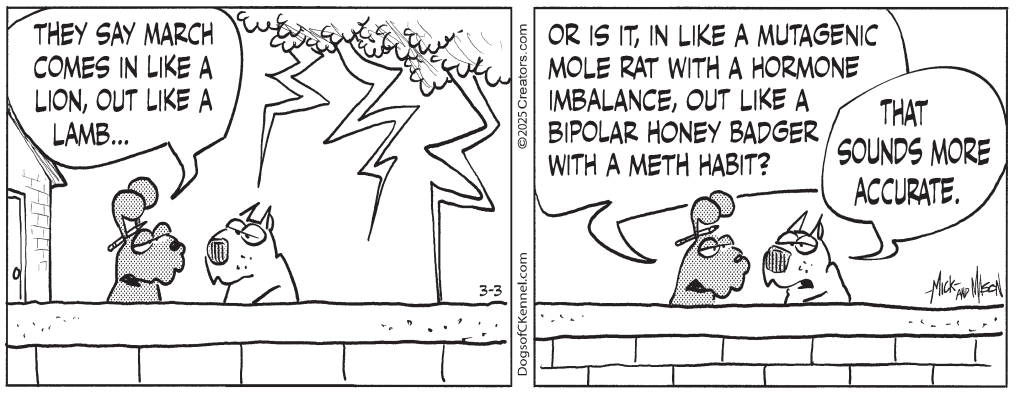
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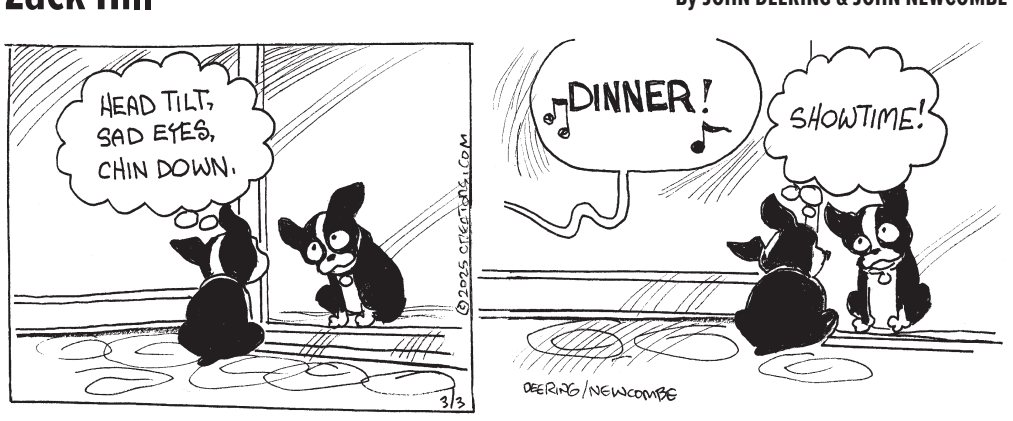
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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This is the year your vitality surges, fueling bold moves and exhilarating adventures. More highlights: A stroke of good fortune transforms a relationship into something deeper and more rewarding. Your natural magnetism draws in people who uplift and delight you. A creative pursuit brings unexpected acclaim, and you'll revel in the joy of being truly seen. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 12, 29, 38 and 44.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've a talent for connection. You'll keep things light and skim the surface of topics until you find the one that rings. That's when you'll go deeper, but only slightly... just enough to get the rapport that starts a relationship rolling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a bit of a tangle today: ambition, responsibilities, reconciling certain aspects of a relationship with your self-image - it's all a lot, but that's the thing about tangles. One snip of the scissors can free up the whole thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll strike an excellent balance in relationships, helping but not imposing or enabling. Your presence, care and effort matter, but true connection isn't about carrying the full weight; it's about walking alongside each other, offering support without taking over.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The biggest barrier to progress? Certainty. Check your assumptions. The willingness to change one's mind is a sign of intellectual humility, showing openness to growth and to learning from others, our experiences and our mistakes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being wrong isn't fun, but it's definitely inevitable, as no one is right 100% of the time. People who know they are flawed are less flawed than the ones who believe they are beyond reproach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some memories are like insects caught in amber, perfectly preserved - untouched by time, unchanged by retelling. You'll revisit such a moment, and your recollection is accurate, but the facts will mean something different to you now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's always nice when the kind words and the true words are one in the same. You'll also stumble across truths that have the potential to land badly, and in that case, you'll apply your famous finesse and save the day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life has shaped a certain kind of longing, and that longing latched onto something that seemed to promise excitement and tenderness. Now comes the big question. If you close in on this, will the reality be as beautiful as the dream?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Expand your vision beyond what just one source can provide. For instance, instead of waiting for one person to be the answer, put the question out wider. There are many who will want to show up for you and they won't need to be lured with incentives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While one part of you craves intellectual growth, physical excellence and spiritual enlightenment, another just wants to binge a good streaming series. The good news? These desires don't have to compete. Inspiration and renewal come from unexpected places.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is kind to test the light of awareness. You're dancing around a truth today and not sure how much of it to bring into the light. James Thurber said, "There are two kinds of light - the glow that illuminates, and the glare that obscures."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The best things in life aren't free; they're earned through dedication, loyalty, passion and respect. Meaningful connections and opportunities will be bartered using these emotional currencies today in exchanges that deepen your sense of purpose.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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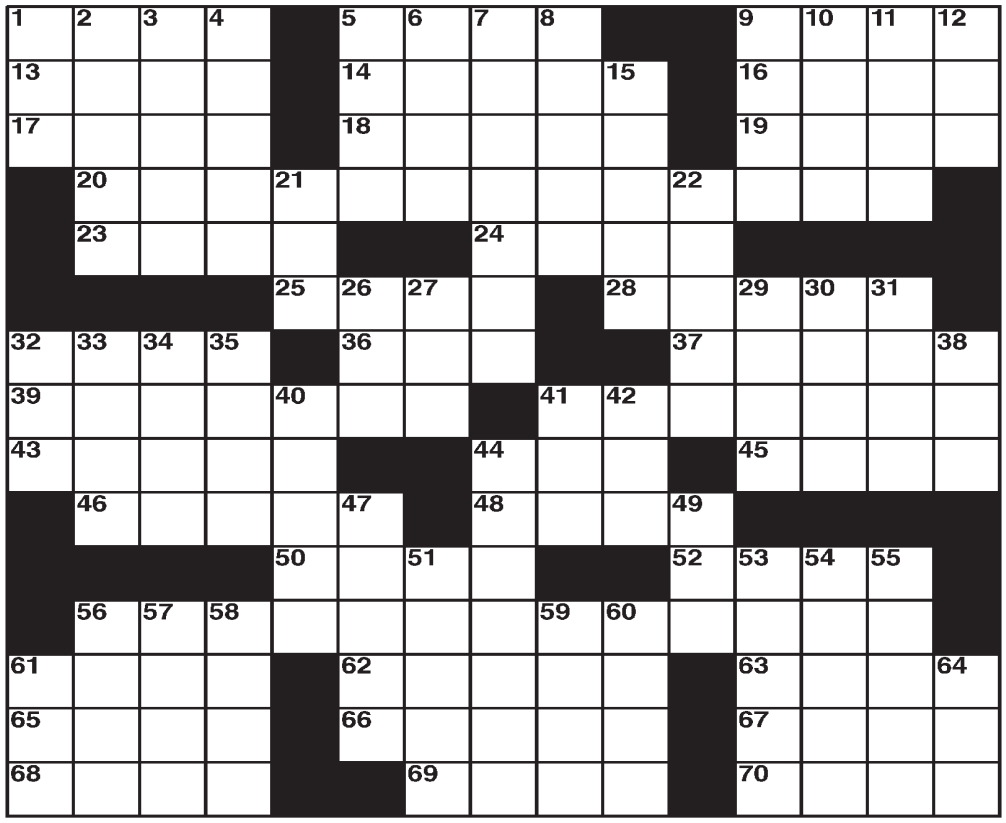
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ACROSS

1 "That's a shame!"
5 Campus military program: Abbr.
9 Golfer's warning
13 Misplaced
14 Nebraska's largest city
16 Border on
17 Slightest trace
18 Invalidate, as a contract
19 Raining cats and __
20 Pruning maples' high branches
23 Feeling achy or angry
24 "That makes sense now"
25 __ apart (in shreds)
28 Very funny people
32 Begin to melt
36 Puppy's tail movement
37 Be too boastful about winning
39 With 41-Across, cleaning second-story panes
41 See 39-Across
43 Playful aquatic mammal
44 America's Uncle
45 *Frozen* snow queen
46 __ boom (aircraft sound)
48 Intense publicity
50 Voice of Apple devices
52 Sugar cube
56 Battling skyscraper blazes
61 Infant
62 __ Allan Poe
63 Expose a secret
65 Any line on a grocery list
66 Unravel, as a mystery
67 Ready, willing, and __
68 Volleyball dividers
69 Serve a meal to
70 Pen __ (author's alias)

DOWN

1 Arabian Nights' __ Baba
2 Steals from, as a pirate
3 "Outer space" prefix for -naut
4 Set of steps between floors
5 Go wandering around
6 Prefix meaning "all"
7 __ lotion (bottle brought to the beach)
8 Drinks very quickly
9 Disappear gradually
10 Woodwind instrument
11 Room-size floor coverings
12 Space aliens: Abbr.
15 Make changes to
21 Was introduced to
22 Rule over a kingdom
26 Possess
27 Dusting cloth
29 Ye __ Shoppe
30 Hammer or screwdriver
31 Lumber mill cutters
32 Number of singers in a duet
33 Berets and caps
34 Regarding, in memos
35 "At what time?"
38 Airport screening agency: Abbr.
40 Leprechauns' nationality
41 By the __ (incidentally)
42 Mischievous child
44 Roofing tile
47 Gives as an example
49 Yale student, informally
51 Get __ (throw out)
53 City-related
54 __ toast (thin, crisp bread)
55 Biblical song
56 Destiny
57 "A likely story!"
58 Workout centers
59 Donated
60 Flintstone or Astaire
61 Recycling container
64 Insect in a hive



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