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# Homeless services leader to complete 50th marathon in 90 days at LA Marathon

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SMDP Staff Writer

When Rowan Vansleve crosses the starting line at Sunday's Los Angeles Marathon, he will have already run 49 marathons in the previous 89 days.

The president of Hope the Mission, America's largest rescue mission, will complete his 50th marathon at the iconic race, capping a 1,300-mile fundraising journey aimed at drawing attention to Los Angeles County's homelessness crisis.

"I see the scale of this crisis every single day. In Los Angeles there are tens of thousands of people living outside, and it can start to feel normal to people who aren't close to it," Vansleve said. "I never want it to feel normal."

The Australian-born nonprofit leader has raised more than \$115,000 toward a \$250,000 fundraising goal. Hope the Mission provides shelter and services to more than 3,000 people on any given night across Southern California.

Vansleve said the punishing schedule of running a marathon nearly every day has tested him physically and mentally. But he said the most difficult aspect has been the solitude.

"Honestly, the hardest part hasn't



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**RUNNER:** Hope the Mission president, Rowan Vansleve, runs his 50th marathon Sunday, capping a 1,300-mile homelessness awareness journey.

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# Metro D Line subway extension to open May 8, connecting Downtown LA to Beverly Hills

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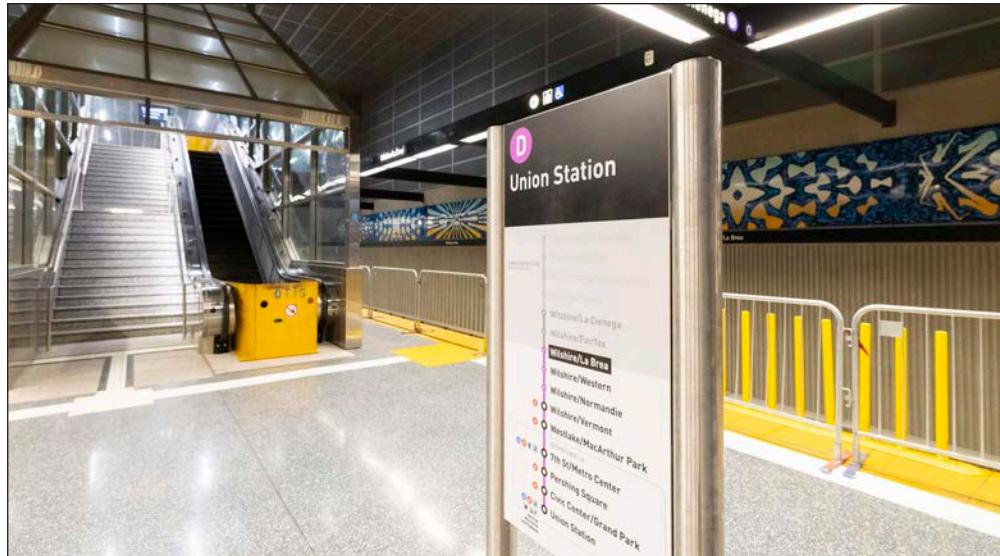
Daily Press Editor

The first phase of the long-awaited Metro D Line subway extension will open May 8, bringing three new underground stations to the Mid-Wilshire corridor and linking Downtown Los Angeles to Beverly Hills by rail for the first time.

Metro Board Chair Fernando Dutra announced the opening date, confirming the 3.92-mile Section 1 expansion will carry passengers west from the existing Wilshire/Western station in Koreatown through Hancock Park, Windsor Square, the Fairfax District and Carthay Circle. The three new stations — at Wilshire/La Brea, Wilshire/Fairfax and Wilshire/La Cienega — will give riders a seamless, single-seat trip from Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles to the gateway of Beverly Hills in approximately 20 minutes with no transfers.

“Traveling through Mid-Wilshire to experience the culture, cuisine and commerce across diverse neighborhoods will be easier, faster and more accessible,” Dutra said. “That connectivity from Downtown LA to the westside will serve as a lasting legacy for all Angelenos.”

The opening arrives more than three years behind the project’s original 2023 target and roughly \$700 million over the initial \$2.8 billion Section 1 budget, which now stands at \$3.51 billion. The extension is part of Metro’s Twenty-Eight by ‘28 initiative, a sweeping effort to complete major transit projects before



Metro

**EXPANSION:** A new section of the train system will open soon.

Los Angeles hosts the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

### THREE NEW STATIONS, DOZENS OF DESTINATIONS

Each of the three new stations anchors a distinct cultural and commercial hub along one of the region’s busiest corridors.

The Wilshire/La Brea station serves the western edge of Koreatown and Hancock Park, offering rail access to the Korean Cultural Center, the Marciano Art Foundation, the Ebell Theater and several well-known restaurants. The Wilshire/Fairfax station sits at the heart of

what Metro is calling “Museum Row,” providing access to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, the Petersen Automotive Museum, the La Brea Tar Pits, Craft Contemporary, The Original Farmers Market and The Grove. The station also borders Little Ethiopia, Park La Brea and the historically Jewish Fairfax District.

The westernmost stop, Wilshire/La Cienega, marks the entry to Beverly Hills and the stretch of upscale dining known as “Restaurant Row,” including the original Lawry’s The Prime Rib, as well as the Beverly Center shopping complex.

All three stations will be fully ADA accessible and include commissioned artwork through Metro Art reflecting the character of the surrounding neighborhoods. Security will include 24-hour coverage, transit security officers, train-riding security teams and surveillance cameras throughout, along with taller fare gates equipped with motion sensors and anti-evasion technology.

Section 1 was funded primarily through Metro’s 2008 Measure R transportation sales taxes. Local sales tax revenue helped secure federal matching funds including a \$1.25 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement, \$66.4 million in supplemental New Starts funds and a \$749.3 million TIFIA loan.

### A LONG ROAD THROUGH MID-WILSHIRE — AND THROUGH COURT

The D Line extension’s path was not without controversy. Beverly Hills mounted one of the most expensive municipal legal campaigns in recent Southern California transit history over Metro’s plans to tunnel beneath Beverly Hills High School. The Beverly Hills Unified School District filed its first lawsuit in May 2012, citing concerns about methane gas, seismic risks and terrorism. The city itself filed a separate suit in February 2013.

Local officials led a “Stop the Purple Threat” campaign and gathered more than 5,300 signed petitions urging federal officials to withhold funding for the project. However, Metro prevailed at every turn. Los Angeles

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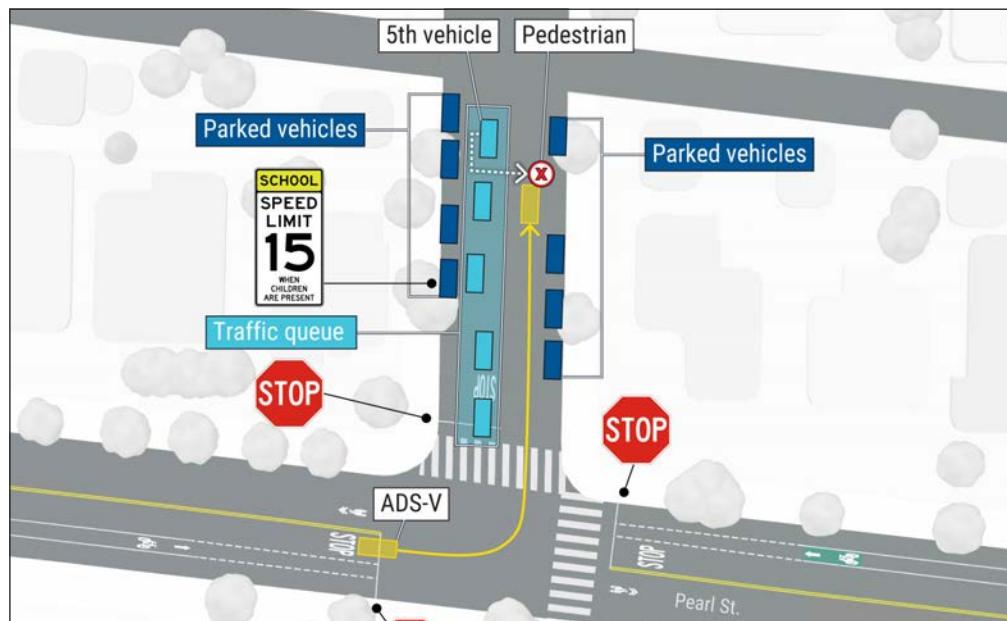
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# Federal safety board releases preliminary findings in Waymo-student collision near elementary school



**ACCIDENT:** The Waymo was traveling at about 17 miles per hour.

NTSB

**MATTHEW HALL**

Daily Press Editor

Federal transportation safety investigators have released preliminary findings in the January collision between a Waymo autonomous vehicle and a 9-year-old student near a Santa Monica elementary school, detailing the sequence of events that led to the low-speed crash.

The National Transportation Safety Board released its summary March 3, describing how a Waymo-operated 2024 Jaguar I-Pace struck the student pedestrian Jan. 23 at approximately 8:30 a.m. as she crossed midblock on 24th Street near Pearl Street in a school zone.

The unoccupied vehicle had just completed a passenger drop-off on eastbound Pearl Street at the stop sign in front of the school before turning left onto 24th Street and proceeding north, according to the NTSB. The crash occurred approximately 40 feet north of the boundary of an adjacent 15-mph school zone, in an area posted at 25 mph.

According to the NTSB, video from a school surveillance camera and from cameras mounted on the Waymo vehicle showed that a queue of five vehicles had formed in the southbound lane of 24th Street at the stop-controlled intersection with Pearl Street. The student exited the right rear door of the fifth vehicle in that queue, moved toward the front of her vehicle and entered the roadway, crossing at a rapid pace between her vehicle and a Chevrolet Suburban stopped ahead of her.

The Waymo vehicle was traveling north at 17 mph when it braked and struck the student near its front-right headlight assembly, the NTSB said. After the impact, the student fell, then walked to the east curb on her own. The vehicle continued braking and came to rest within the northbound travel lane almost immediately.

A Waymo remote assistance agent in Novi, Michigan, contacted 911 following the collision and later directed the vehicle to move to the curb north of the crash site, the NTSB said. The vehicle remained at that location until Santa Monica police arrived. The student reported minor injuries and did not require

medical transport.

The NTSB noted that weather conditions at the time were clear, the roadway was dry, and daylight was present. The agency said all aspects of the crash remain under investigation as it works to determine probable cause, with the intent of issuing safety recommendations to prevent similar incidents.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Defects Investigation opened a separate preliminary evaluation of the crash Jan. 28. In its investigation summary, NHTSA said it is examining whether the Waymo vehicle exercised appropriate caution given its proximity to the elementary school during drop-off hours and the presence of young pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

NHTSA said its investigation will scrutinize the automated driving system's intended behavior in school zones and surrounding areas, particularly during normal school pick-up and drop-off times, including its adherence to posted speed limits. The agency said it will also investigate Waymo's post-impact response. The vehicle was equipped with Waymo's fifth-generation automated driving system, a platform with an estimated population of 3,067 vehicles.

Santa Monica police, who conducted an on-scene investigation the day of the incident, said preliminary information indicated the student had entered the roadway outside of an available crosswalk and away from an on-duty crossing guard. The incident remains under review by the department, which is listed as a party to the NTSB investigation along with Waymo.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District confirmed it was aware of the incident and said the student is safe. At the time, the district said it was in communication with the school and the family.

Waymo said it voluntarily contacted NHTSA the same day as the collision and said it will cooperate fully with investigators.

The NTSB cautioned that its preliminary findings are subject to change as the investigation continues.

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## Surf report WATER TEMP: 61.5

**FRIDAY**  
**POOR**

**SURF:** 1-2ft  
Knee to thigh

Clean up day with a few rideable peaks to track down. Get the morning tide push. Jumbled NW swell mix from Thursday backs down through the day. It's not big but should be rideable on the early morning tide push. Shape is on the peaky/broken up side and there's a touch of SPAC swell in the mix. Wind looks to improve for the morning after Thursday's onshores.

**SATURDAY**  
**POOR**

**SURF:** 1-2ft  
Knee to thigh

Decent size still around, keeping an eye on winds. Might be too off-shore for smaller spots. SSW swell leftovers and a potential refresh of NW swell mix should make for some modest to fun-zone corners. We'll need to keep an eye on the wind forecast as models hone in on potentially strong offshore flow for a good chunk of the day. The more aggressive guidance looks borderline too strong for the expected size, but that could still change over the next few days.

## Weather

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 72. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west southwest in the morning.

**Friday Night:** Clear, with a low around 58. North wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 75. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 60.

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2026/03/06	Fri	4:31 PM	0.91 L
2026/03/06	Fri	10:53 PM	4.92 H
2026/03/07	Sat	05:34 AM	0.58 L
2026/03/07	Sat	11:30 AM	3.33 H
2026/03/07	Sat	4:47 PM	1.45 L
2026/03/07	Sat	11:20 PM	4.75 H
2026/03/08	Sun	07:25 AM	0.79 L
2026/03/08	Sun	1:26 PM	2.73 H
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Jackpot: 496 M

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Jackpot: 8 M

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## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26CHCP00048. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 9425 Penfield Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311. Petition of HYUN WON BAE for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner HYUN WON BAE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: HYUN WON BAE to SYLVIE HYUNWON BAE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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: 04/07/2026, Time: 8:30AM, Dept: F43. The address of the court is same as noted above. 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. Date: 02/03/2026. DAVID B. GELFOUND, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/13/2026, 02/20/2026, 02/26/2026, 03/06/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00062. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Jeremiah Tommy Jordan Sergio Orozco Orozco Largo for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jeremiah Tommy Jordan Sergio Orozco Mares Largo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jeremiah Tommy Jordan Sergio Orozco Largo to Armando Centeno. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00065. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica 90401, West. Petition of Chloe Alexander Misner for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Chloe Alexander Misner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Chloe Alexander Misner to Anouk Chung. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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: 03/20/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. 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. Date: 02/03/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/13/2026, 02/20/2026, 02/27/2026, 03/06/2026

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00068. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Brianna Franco Damasceno for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Brianna Franco Damasceno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Brianna Franco Damasceno to Brianna Damasceno. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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: 03/30/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. 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. Date: 02/05/2026. Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 02/13/2026, 02/20/2026, 02/27/2026, 03/06/2026

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26STCP00562. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse. Petition of Leonardo Sebastian Sanchez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Anthony Mendez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Leonardo Sebastian Sanchez to Leonardo Sebastian Mendez-Sanchez. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this

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# Los Angeles and Bay Area voters will decide whether to hike already high sales taxes

This year California voters will choose a new governor, fill other statewide offices, elect 100 state legislators and 52 members of Congress and weigh an array of knotty ballot measures.

Meanwhile, officials in the state's largest urban centers, Los Angeles County and the San Francisco Bay Area, will test voters' appetite for raising sales tax rates — already among the nation's highest, — to levels never before seen in California.

Los Angeles officials are asking voters in the June primary election to add another half percentage point to rates that already top 10% in most of the county's cities, raising money to offset reductions in federal health care spending.

And voters in four Bay Area counties will decide in November whether to add another half percentage point, while those in San Francisco will be asked for a full percentage point — all to close the operating deficits of the Bay Area Rapid Transit system and local bus and trolley services.

They are the latest in a string of increases that have virtually destroyed a state law limiting local add-on taxes to 2 percentage points over the statewide rate of 7.25%. Local officials seeking to go beyond that cap routinely ask the Legislature to grant waivers and they are routinely approved.

California consumers spend about a trillion dollars a year on taxable goods, and the 7.25% statewide rate — the highest of any state — generates more than \$70 billion a year, roughly half of which goes into the state's general fund budget, with the remainder being divided among cities, counties and special districts.

When local override taxes are added, California's sales tax rate averages 8.99%, according to the Tax Foundation, or seventh highest of any state. With local rates, the range is as high as 11.25% in some Los Angeles County cities.

The sales tax hikes being sought this year are not without controversy.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, who led the effort for a health

care tax increase, said it is needed to offset a loss of \$2.4 billion in federal aid over the next three years. But it has drawn opposition from the California Contract Cities Association, whose members get services from county governments under contract.

There are 73 contract cities in Los Angeles County and the association's executive officer, Marcel Rodarte, told supervisors in a letter that adding a half percentage point to the overall county tax rate could thwart efforts by cities to raise their rates. "Cities said if we wanted to do our own sales tax measure (increase), this makes it more difficult for cities," Rodarte said.

Meanwhile, the Bay Area transit tax measure renews a long-running dispute over whether BART and other transit systems are too beholden to their unions and have refused to adjust to the decreased ridership that began during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature have given the Bay Area systems a \$590 million loan to avoid deep reductions in service, but they can't tap the money unless voters agree to raise taxes by an estimated \$980 million a year.

Critics say transit officials are trying to scare voters into supporting the tax increase by describing doomsday effects if they don't back the measure.

Bay Area News Group columnist Daniel Borenstein, wrote recently, "We can't keep putting Band-Aids on the region's transportation financing problems. The plea for the loans to cover ongoing operating expenses stems from a failure to right-size operations to meet post-pandemic demand. That's especially true of BART, which is threatening voters with shuttered stations if the sales tax measure doesn't pass in November. Never mind that BART is carrying less than half as many passengers as it was before the pandemic while providing more train service. It's nuts."

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Malibu

#### Malibu to Host 25th Annual Chumash Day Powwow March 28-29

The City of Malibu will host the 25th Annual Chumash Day Powwow and Intertribal Gathering at Malibu Bluffs Park on Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29, honoring the region's original Chumash residents.

The name "Malibu" derives from the Chumash word "Humaliwo," meaning "where the surf sounds loudly."

"The Annual Chumash Day Powwow and Intertribal Gathering is an opportunity for the City of Malibu to honor the original people of this land," Mayor Bruce Silverstein said.

Members from tribes across the western and southwestern United States will gather to sing, dance, socialize and heal. Chumash elder Beverly Folkes will lead the opening invocation and prayer.

The event will feature tribal ceremonies, dances and special performances. Twenty Native American artisan vendors will sell jewelry, flutes, moccasins, pottery, dream catchers and other items. Food vendors include Bison Burger, Drizzle, LA Donut, Salt 'N Pepper, Tropic Truck and Westside Banh Mi.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days, with Grand Entry at noon. During Grand Entry, spectators should stand, remove hats and refrain from photography.

Admission is free. Parking is available at Ioki Lot (23575 Stuart Ranch Road) and Malibu City Hall (23825 Stuart Ranch Road) with free shuttle service to the park.

For more information, visit [www.MalibuCity.org/ChumashDay](http://www.MalibuCity.org/ChumashDay).

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### Los Angeles

#### UCLA Researchers Partner with Watts Organization for Clean Soil Event

UCLA researchers and community partners will host a free soil testing and clean soil demonstration Saturday at MudTown Farms in Watts, offering residents strategies to address contamination from legacy industrial land use.

The event, co-sponsored by the Watts Labor Community Action Committee, runs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at MudTown Farms urban farm park, 2001 E. 103rd St.

"Soil testing is a necessary first step, but it's not a solution," said Dr. Kirsten Schwarz, associate professor at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and leader of the LA Urban Soil Social Impact Collaborative. "Things like adding clean soil, compost, mulch, keeping your yard planted; all of these techniques can reduce potential risk."

MudTown Farms staff have collected soil samples from 58 Watts homes to monitor contamination impacts. Soil will be screened for heavy metals, and participants will receive consultations on minimizing exposure to contaminants.

The Collaborative will pilot a soil banking concept, mixing clean excavated sediment with locally sourced compost. Research from partner organization TreePeople found Los Angeles County produces over 160,000 tons of clean, native sediment annually from construction projects. Attendees can participate in the soil mixing process and take clean soil home.

The Collaborative previously conducted three similar events in the Altadena-Pasadena area following the 2025 wildfires, testing nearly 600 samples for approximately 250 residents. Saturday marks the team's first event in the Los Angeles Basin, with additional events planned across the region. To learn more about The Collaborative, visit <https://www.la-soil.org/>

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City of Santa Monica

### CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

#### Project Name

**SP2779 General Contractor On-Call Public Works - Process Mechanical**

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, OpenGov or <https://secure.procurenw.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents.

The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via OpenGov immediately after bid close

**MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:**  
No Pre-Bid Job Walk required.

**PROJECT ESTIMATE: ANNUAL AMOUNT: \$50,000 to \$1,000,000**  
**5-YEAR AMOUNT: up to \$5,000,000**

**CONTRACT DAYS: 5-Year on-call agreement**  
**LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: Not Applicable**

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: <https://secure.procurenw.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>. The Contractor is required to have an **A license** at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

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#### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

#### BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

**SUBJECT: To Inform Development of the FY 2026-27 Action Plan for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input to inform the development of the 2026-27 Annual Action Plan, which is due to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the new program year. The Annual Action Plan delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of an estimated \$1.1 million in CDBG and \$600,000 in HOME funds to address the City's housing and community development high-priority needs as specified in the Council-adopted 2025-29 Consolidated Plan, which can be viewed at: <https://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs>

**DATE/TIME: THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 AT 6:00 PM**

Check agenda at [www.smgov.net/rpc](http://www.smgov.net/rpc) prior to meeting to confirm start time. The agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to a regular meeting and 24 hours prior to a special meeting. Please check the agenda prior to the meeting for changes.

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

#### HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Oral public comment can be given in person on the day of the meeting. Members of the public unable to attend in person, but wishing to provide comment are strongly encouraged to submit written comments via email to [RecreationAndArts@santamonica.gov](mailto:RecreationAndArts@santamonica.gov). Written public comment submitted before 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments. All written comments shall be made part of the public record and will be included in the final submission to HUD.

#### ACCOMODATIONS

The agenda is available in alternate formats upon request. The City Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible. If you require any special disability related accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreting, access to an amplified sound system, etc.), please contact [RecreationAndArts@santamonica.gov](mailto:RecreationAndArts@santamonica.gov) at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Translation service available upon request.** Please contact the [RecreationAndArts@santamonica.gov](mailto:RecreationAndArts@santamonica.gov) at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Transportation Information:** City of Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines and the Metro Expo Line serve City Hall. Parking is available on Main Street, Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

**ESPAÑOL** Esto es un aviso de audiencia pública para invitar a cualquier parte interesada a participar en la preparación del Plan de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2026-27. Si necesita más información, por favor llame a Lupe Madrid en el Departamento de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos al número (310) 458-8310.

## MARATHON

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been the physical pain—it's the loneliness," he said. "When I'm running with people it's incredible—there's energy, conversation, community. But some of these miles are done alone, and those quiet stretches can be tough mentally."

His 49th marathon in Washington, D.C., proved particularly grueling, with temperatures reaching only 33 degrees.

"I was cold, exhausted, and everything hurt," Vansleve recalled. "But those moments also remind me why I'm doing it."

The experience reinforced a core belief that now shapes his message: people are not meant to face struggles alone.

"Through this journey, I learned that we are made for community," he said. "Just like I'm not finishing this challenge alone, ending homelessness will only happen when we build real community and keep walking alongside people as they rebuild their lives."

Extreme physical challenges have become a hallmark of Vansleve's fundraising approach during his 15 years with the organization. He has bicycled from Santa Monica to Washington, D.C., run 350 miles from Las Vegas to Los Angeles, walked more than 1,200 miles from Seattle to Los Angeles, and spent 100 hours living unsheltered on city streets. Those efforts have collectively raised \$5 million for homeless services.

"The idea is simple: if I'm willing to push myself far enough, people start paying attention, and when they pay attention, they start helping," Vansleve said. "And that's how we bring more people inside."

When exhaustion threatens to overwhelm him during a race, Vansleve said he focuses on

individuals rather than statistics.

"Hope has more than 3,000 beds, and we serve thousands of people every year, but in those moments I don't think about the big numbers," he said. "I think about the one kid living with their family at the Woodlands shelter whose life has changed because they finally have a safe place to sleep. And then I think about the one person who is still outside tonight because we simply don't have enough beds."

Vansleve acknowledged he is not an elite athlete and will not threaten any course records Sunday. But he hopes spectators lining the 26.2-mile route take away a simple message.

"I want people to understand that homelessness isn't some abstract issue—it's about real people," he said. "A neighbor. Someone's son or daughter. Someone who deserves dignity and a real chance to rebuild their life."

He also wants Angelenos to know that progress is possible.

"At Hope the Mission we see lives change every single day. Families come inside. People recover. People rebuild," Vansleve said. "So when people see me finish my 50th marathon, I hope they see more than just my tired legs. I hope they're reminded that change happens when we show up together, care enough to get involved, and decide they want to be part of the solution."

The Los Angeles Marathon takes place Sunday, March 8, following the "Stadium to the Stars" course from Dodger Stadium through Hollywood and Beverly Hills to Century City.

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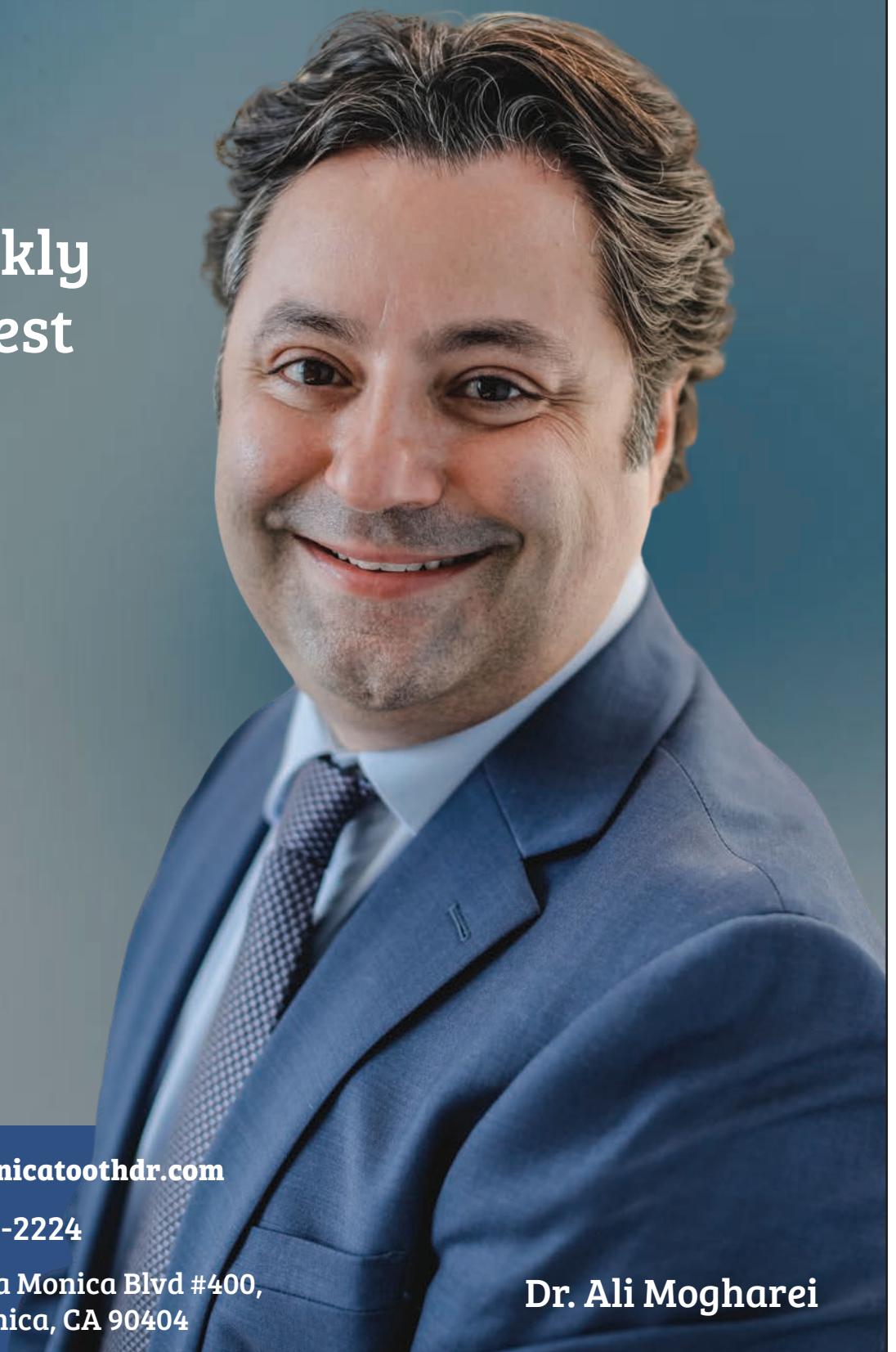
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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

March 6, 2026

**City of Santa Monica  
Housing and Human Services  
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 19  
Santa Monica, CA 90401**

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Santa Monica Housing Authority.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about Monday, March 23, 2026, the Santa Monica Housing Authority (SMHA) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Project-Based Voucher funds under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake a project known as Tierra Apartments for the purpose of providing affordable senior housing. The development to be located at 1402 Wilshire Boulevard/1211-1217 14th Street will consist of 80 affordable apartments for seniors and two manager's units on a .58 acre site in the City of Santa Monica.

Tierra Apartments is proposed by Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization established in 1989. The purpose and need for the project is to provide affordable housing for seniors in the City of Santa Monica with supportive services on-site. The project is seeking 40 SMHA Project-Based Vouchers. Rent requested for the 40 one-bedroom apartments with PBVs is \$1,971 each for 20 years. The project has been deemed a 100 percent affordable housing project. Total project cost is estimated to be \$77,438,621.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Santa Monica has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at <https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-news> and at the City of Santa Monica Housing Division at 1685 Main Street, Suite 180, Santa Monica, CA 90401. The ERR may be examined in person by appointment by contacting [housingcomments@santamonica.gov](mailto:housingcomments@santamonica.gov) or by leaving a message at (310) 458-8217.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to [housingcomments@santamonica.gov](mailto:housingcomments@santamonica.gov) or by dropping them off at the Housing Office (9:00AM to 4:00PM, Monday-Thursday) or Housing 24/7 Dropbox Box at 323 Olympic Drive Santa Monica, Ca. 90401 located in front of the Housing Office. All comments received by Monday, March 23, 2026 will be considered by the City of Santa Monica prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Santa Monica certifies to HUD that Oliver Chi, in his capacity as City Manager, and in his capacity as NEPA Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Santa Monica Housing Authority to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Santa Monica's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Santa Monica; (b) the City of Santa Monica has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing at [hudlosangelesoph@hud.gov](mailto:hudlosangelesoph@hud.gov) and [CPDLA@hud.gov](mailto:CPDLA@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Oliver Chi, City Manager and NEPA Certifying Officer

**AVISO DE DETERMINACIÓN DE NO IMPACTO SIGNIFICATIVO Y AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS**

6 de marzo, 2026  
Ciudad de Santa Mónica  
Departamento de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos  
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 19  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Estos avisos satisfacen dos requisitos de procedimiento separados pero relacionados para las actividades que llevará a cabo la Autoridad de Vivienda de Santa Mónica (*Santa Monica Housing Authority*).

**SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS**

A partir del lunes, 23 de marzo, 2026, la Autoridad de Vivienda de Santa Mónica presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE. UU. (HUD) para la liberación de fondos de Vales Basados en Proyectos (Project-Based Voucher funds) bajo la Sección 8 de la Ley de Vivienda de los Estados Unidos de 1937, según enmendada, para emprender un proyecto conocido como Tierra Apartments con el propósito de proporcionar viviendas asequibles para personas mayores. El desarrollo, que estará ubicado en 1402 Wilshire Boulevard/1211-1217 14th Street, constará de 80 apartamentos asequibles para personas mayores y dos unidades para el administrador en un sitio de 0.58 acres en la Ciudad de Santa Mónica.

Tierra Apartments es propuesto por Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, una organización sin fines de lucro 501(c)(3) establecida en 1989. El propósito y la necesidad del proyecto es proporcionar vivienda asequible para personas mayores en la Ciudad de Santa Mónica con servicios de apoyo en el lugar. El proyecto está buscando 40 Vales Basados en Proyectos (PBV) de la SMHA. El alquiler solicitado para los 40 apartamentos de una habitación con PBV es de \$1,971 cada uno por 20 años. El proyecto ha sido considerado un proyecto de vivienda 100 por ciento asequible. Se estima que el costo total del proyecto es de \$77,438,621.

**DETERMINACIÓN DE NO IMPACTO SIGNIFICATIVO**

La Ciudad de Santa Mónica ha determinado que el proyecto no tendrá un impacto significativo en el medio ambiente humano. Por lo tanto, no se requiere una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental bajo la Ley de Política Ambiental Nacional (National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA) de 1969. La información adicional del proyecto está contenida en el Registro de Revisión Ambiental (ERR) en el archivo en <https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-news> y en la División de Vivienda de la Ciudad de Santa Mónica en 1685 Main Street, Oficina 180, Santa Monica, CA 90401. El ERR puede examinarse en persona con cita previa contactando a [housingcomments@santamonica.gov](mailto:housingcomments@santamonica.gov) o puede dejar mensaje en (310) 458-8217 para solicitar una cita.

**COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS**

Cualquier individuo, grupo o agencia puede presentar comentarios por escrito sobre el ERR a [housingcomments@santamonica.gov](mailto:housingcomments@santamonica.gov) o dejándolos en el buzón de entrega 24/7 de Vivienda en 323 Olympic Drive, Santa Mónica, CA, 90401, ubicado frente a la Oficina de Vivienda. Todos los comentarios recibidos hasta el lunes, 23 de marzo de 2026 serán considerados por la Ciudad de Santa Mónica antes de autorizar la presentación de una solicitud de liberación de fondos. Los comentarios deben especificar a qué Aviso se refieren.

**CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL**

La Ciudad de Santa Mónica certifica ante HUD que Oliver Chi, en su capacidad de Administrador de la Ciudad y en su capacidad de Oficial Certificador de la NEPA, consiente en aceptar la jurisdicción de los Tribunales Federales si se presenta una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades relacionadas con el proceso de revisión ambiental y que estas responsabilidades han sido satisfechas. La aprobación de la certificación por parte de HUD satisface sus responsabilidades bajo la NEPA y las leyes y autoridades relacionadas y permite a la Autoridad de Vivienda de Santa Mónica utilizar los fondos del Programa.

**OBJECIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDO**

HUD aceptará objeciones a la liberación de fondos y a la certificación de la Ciudad de Santa Mónica por un periodo de quince días después de la fecha de presentación prevista o de su recepción real de la solicitud (lo que ocurra más tarde) solo si se basan en uno de los siguientes fundamentos: (a) la certificación no fue ejecutada por el Oficial Certificador de la Ciudad de Santa Mónica; (b) la Ciudad de Santa Mónica ha omitido un paso o no ha tomado una decisión o determinación requerida por las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR parte 58; (c) el beneficiario de la subvención u otros participantes en el proceso de desarrollo han comprometido fondos, incurrido en costos o emprendido actividades no autorizadas por 24 CFR Parte 58 antes de la aprobación de una liberación de fondos por parte de HUD; o (d) otra agencia Federal que actúe de conformidad con 40 CFR Parte 1504 ha presentado una conclusión por escrito de que el proyecto es insatisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las objeciones deben prepararse y presentarse de acuerdo con los procedimientos requeridos (24 CFR Parte 58, Sec. 58.76) y se dirigirán a la Oficina de Vivienda Pública de HUD en Los Ángeles en [hudlosangelesoph@hud.gov](mailto:hudlosangelesoph@hud.gov) y [CPDLA@hud.gov](mailto:CPDLA@hud.gov). Los posibles objetores deben comunicarse con la Oficina de Vivienda Pública de HUD en Los Ángeles para verificar el último día real del periodo de objeción.

Oliver Chi, Administrador de la Ciudad y Oficial Certificador de la NEPA

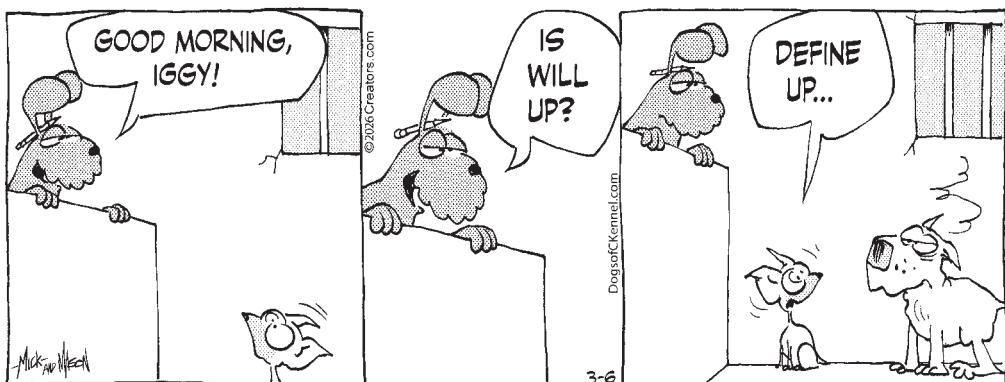
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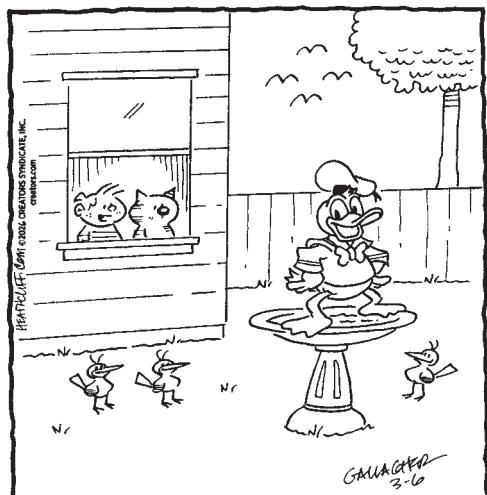
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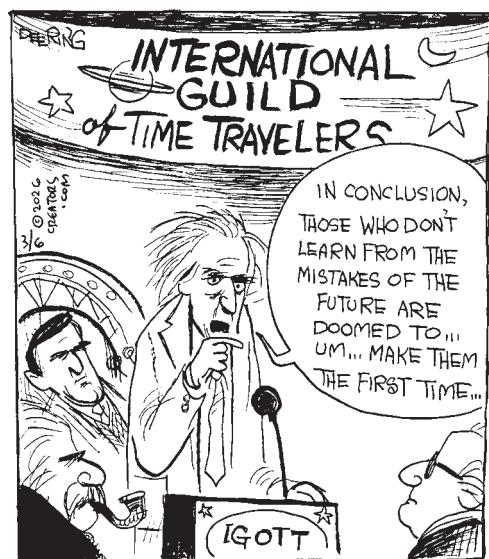
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**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). People will be drawn in by your easygoing ways. You don't rush the moment or push an agenda. You accept life's tempo and become part of the music. That relaxed presence gives others room to dance.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Today you show how well you know yourself. Good style doesn't require reinvention. You simply stand by your choices. You know what you like to say, how you like to dress and how you regard others. Your consistency is a form of confidence.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're less interested in being impressive and more interested in being effective, honest and rested. This change rearranges your priorities naturally, without drama, and frees up energy.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Today goes better when you trust your first read of situations. You're seeing things clearly right now, without overthinking. Act on what you notice early, and the rest of the day organizes itself around that clarity.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You love people who can tell you something you don't know, bring you a new vision of the world and make you curious. Your friends do that, and so will new people coming into your realm this season.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone will ask for help on a project. You may realize your own tasks are still waiting. Still, you're generous and inclined to lend a hand anyway. Helping others makes your own work feel lighter and strangely satisfying.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You follow through, respond thoughtfully and don't create unnecessary messes. That reliability builds trust. It sticks long-term. Someone notices how dependable you are, even if they haven't said it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most of the things you want can't happen overnight or all at once. Planning makes you feel better about what you can control. You'll bring order to your world with a plan that will keep getting revised and refined as you go.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's impossible to produce purely good or purely bad outcomes, so do your best and keep going. Most of what you're doing is working, and that's something to celebrate in motion. You'll check off a dozen more items on your list before the week is over.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's no such thing as one investment that always pays you back. Sometimes you must give your best energy to yourself, sometimes you give to the needy, sometimes you invest in the strong. Every day you reassess - an ongoing learning exercise.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are many ways to get to a result. Intention makes a difference. Motive has its own vibration. It's not just what is accomplished that matters, but why. It will be important in how the plot unfolds today. Investigate.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your talents will shine. Because you take chances, your work feels alive rather than merely correct. You're vulnerable and authentic. Your efforts to be real, even when reality doesn't feel so pretty, will strike a chord in others.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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**Newsday Crossword**

**CROSS**

- 1 Intensified
- 6 Trudge through mud
- 10 Cookbook qty.
- 14 *Ghostbusters* goo
- 15 Reclusive
- 16 Cork's country
- 17 Smoke detector sounds
- 18 Cookie finisher
- 19 Sci-fi counselor of '90s TV
- 20 Don highly stylish clothing
- 23 1910s Hupmobile competitor
- 24 Fencing deception
- 25 Where vinyl is bought
- 31 Mini, e.g.
- 32 Pore-tightening cosmetic
- 33 Home sellers' resource, briefly
- 36 Docs for ducks
- 37 Contemptible person
- 38 Rendezvous with
- 39 \_\_\_-ops (opinion influencers)
- 40 Drink slowly
- 41 Scorch some
- 42 Movie house booth
- 44 GM division since 1908
- 46 Combustion engine syst.
- 47 High jinks
- 53 Script instruction
- 54 Ski resort's tentlike structure
- 55 No moniker for Twist
- 57 She sits beside Zeus on Olympus
- 58 Present prefix
- 59 Blunders

- 60 Tough journey
- 61 Former Security Council member
- 62 The \_\_\_ of the five vowels is nowhere in the clues or solution

**DOWN**

- 1 PC port
- 2 Beseeched
- 3 Common fishing spot
- 4 Tiberius, Nero, etc.
- 5 Concluding course
- 6 Thin cut
- 7 Motive preceder
- 8 "She's the only \_\_\_ trust"
- 9 Hygienic, like doctors' tools
- 10 '80s block-dropping

- blockbuster
- 11 *Odyssey* tempter
- 12 "Here's to Oktoberfest!"
- 13 *Teléfono* MNO
- 21 Turf sold in rolls
- 22 Look closely
- 25 Evite reply
- 26 Squeezes (out)
- 27 Beijing or Boulder
- 28 Heron kin
- 29 Put \_\_\_ (employed)
- 30 Inception
- 33 On the \_\_\_ (getting better)
- 34 World's biggest tire producer
- 35 Slow cooker concoction
- 37 "I'm envious!"

**THE PURLOINED LETTER** by Matthew F. Edited by S.N. [www.stanxwords.com](http://www.stanxwords.com)

- 38 "New York, New York" singer in the film
- 40 Delightful
- 41 DJ's bye-bye
- 42 Short-form video host
- 43 Discontinued Pokémon console
- 44 Competitive lightweight
- 45 Join forces
- 47 Liquefy
- 48 Borrows without expecting to return
- 49 Coffee vessels
- 50 Recipe step
- 51 Pronounce indistinctly
- 52 Close kin
- 56 WV winter hrs.

**Sudoku**

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

4	7	6	9	1	5	3	8	2
2	9	1	8	3	7	6	5	4
5	8	3	2	6	4	1	7	9
8	1	7	3	2	9	5	4	6
9	6	4	5	8	1	7	2	3
3	5	2	7	4	6	8	9	1
1	2	9	6	7	8	4	3	5
7	4	5	1	9	3	2	6	8
6	3	8	4	5	2	9	1	7

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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**METRO**

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County Superior Court ruled for the agency in April 2014, and a federal judge issued summary judgment for Metro in May 2020. In a July 2022 eminent domain trial, BHUSD sought \$53.8 million for subsurface tunnel easements; the jury awarded \$1,046,610. The district's total legal spending exceeded \$20 million, much of it drawn from school improvement bonds. Tunneling under the campus was completed without incident.

By 2026, the relationship between the city and Metro has shifted considerably. The two now describe themselves as partners. Beverly Hills conducted an emergency drill with Metro at the La Cienega station in January and hosted a community meeting in February, with another scheduled for March 11 at Beverly Hills City Hall. Current city concerns have turned from blocking the subway to managing its arrival — specifically, the effects of La Cienega serving as a temporary end-of-line station until Section 2 opens in spring 2027.

**“RIDE THE D” GOES VIRAL**

The May 8 announcement set off more than construction timelines — it ignited a viral moment for Metro's merchandise team.

Within hours of the opening date being made public, Metro's online store released a line of “Ride the D” T-shirts and crop tops, priced at \$20 and \$21 respectively. The agency's social media accounts leaned into the double entendre. A post on X reading “Give the gift of the D before opening day 5.8.2026!” drew more than 400,000 views within roughly 24 hours. Metro's Instagram account declared simply: “The D is coming!”

The initial stock sold out overnight. Metro restocked by approximately 2 p.m. the following day, but the restocked supply also

appeared to sell out quickly, with the unisex T-shirt listed as unavailable on Metro's online shop as of early March.

**TWO MORE SECTIONS STILL TO COME**

Section 1 is the first of three phases making up the full 9-mile D Line extension, which will ultimately connect Downtown Los Angeles to Westwood at a total projected cost approaching \$9.5 billion — up from an original estimate of roughly \$8.2 billion.

Section 2, spanning 2.6 miles and adding stations at Beverly Drive and Century City, is approximately 83 percent complete and targeted to open in spring 2027 at a cost of roughly \$2.9 billion. Section 3, covering 2.5 miles to stations at Westwood/UCLA and Westwood/VA Hospital, is about 75 percent complete and is targeted for fall 2027 at approximately \$3.3 billion. Contractor Tutor Perini/O&G is handling both remaining sections; Metro temporarily halted their work for three weeks in October 2022 after recording more than 50 injuries.

All tunneling across the entire extension was completed April 2, 2024. When fully built out, Metro projects the line will carry approximately 78,000 daily riders, with a direct Westwood-to-Downtown trip taking about 25 minutes.

“The stations are filled with beautiful artwork making the journey to one's destination an experience in itself,” said Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins. “I can't wait for everyone to enjoy and discover the vibrance of mid-Wilshire without the traffic.”

The Westwood/UCLA station is slated to serve the 2028 Olympic athlete village, with Metro projecting the full extension will be operational roughly six months before the July 2028 Olympics opening ceremony.

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**FRIDAY | MARCH 6****BEACH WALK MEDITATION**

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Santa Monica Lifeguard Tower 24 2400 Ocean Front Walk Los Angeles. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. Developing mindfulness doesn't have to happen in a quiet room without any distracting sights or sounds. In fact we can develop our mindfulness while out in nature; feeling the warmth of the sun on our backs and the cool ocean splashing around our feet. Let's practice meditation in motion while creating a potent wellness experience that enhances mental clarity, alertness, and overall well-being. We'll meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 am at lifeguard tower 24 -see a red, yellow, blue, orange, white FLAG. After some basic instructions we'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline at a natural pace from tower 24 towards the Santa Monica Pier and back. Free—Donations are accepted. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beach-walk-meditation/16206460/2026-03-06T08>

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**SATURDAY | MARCH 7****LA PARKS & REC PARENT & ME SKATEBOARDING CLASS**

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Venice Beach Boardwalk under The V Sculpture) 1800 Ocean Front Walk Los Angeles. Join LA Rec & Parks for a fun and beginner-friendly Parent & Me Skateboarding Class led by skateboarding Hall of Fame icon Lonny Hiramoto. Designed for kids under 12 and their parents, this program builds confidence, skills, and connection — all in the heart of Venice Beach. \$80.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/la-parks-rec-parent-me-skateboarding-class/18271465/2026-03-07T08>

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