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Santa Monica to host 'No Kings' rally Saturday as part of nationwide day of action



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NO KINGS: Santa Monicans have participated in several protests since Trump won reelection and another will take place this weekend in Palisades Park.

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica residents will join what organizers describe as the largest single-day mobilization since President Donald Trump returned to office when the “No Kings 3” rally takes over Palisades Park on Saturday, with a featured speaker, community fair and road closures expected to draw a large crowd along

the oceanfront.

The protest, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Montana Avenue and Ocean Avenue, is part of a nationwide day of nonviolent action spanning more than 1,400 cities across all 50 states. Ocean Avenue will be closed to vehicles beginning at 10 a.m.

Political strategist Steve Schmidt, founder of the Lincoln Project and co-founder of the Save America Movement, is set to speak at

the Santa Monica event. Schmidt previously served as a senior adviser to President George W. Bush, Sen. John McCain’s 2008 presidential campaign and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

A Democracy Fair will be set up at picnic tables north of the Rose Garden inside the park, featuring representatives from organizations including the ACLU, Indivisible, Meals on Wheels, Stonewall Democrats, Field Team

6, Rapid Response West LA and others. The performing group Singing Resistance will perform at the south end of the Ocean Avenue road closure.

The city of Santa Monica said it is closely monitoring the event and will uphold participants’ First Amendment rights while warning that criminal behavior will not be

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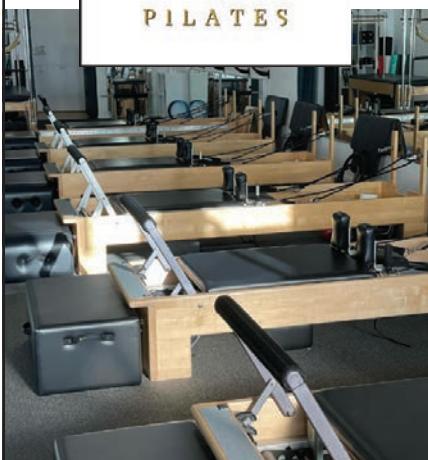
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Council clarifies grant rules amid backlash from neighborhood groups

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council voted 6-1 Tuesday to reaffirm and clarify the rules governing its Neighborhood Organization Grant Program, moving to reopen the application period after three of the city's seven neighborhood groups rejected the funding over restrictions they said threatened their independence.

Mayor Caroline Torosis, who convened a special meeting to address mounting confusion over the \$49,000 annual program, said the council's core priorities had not changed.

on using funds for newsletters and mailers, a new requirement to collect demographic information from members, and what they said were restrictions that extended well beyond the council's stated rationale of keeping public money out of candidate endorsements.

Friends of Sunset Park accused the council of using the grant requirements to restrict divergent viewpoints, calling the new demands unreasonable and noting that the city had previously helped fund neighborhood mailers before shifting that responsibility to the groups — then restricting their ability to produce them. The North of Montana Association took particular aim at the demographic data collection requirement, calling it a fabrication of a nonexistent problem and arguing the rules implied the council would judge groups based on their composition rather than their work. Northeast Neighbors raised a fiscal objection, questioning why the city planned to spend \$200,000 reviving a city-produced newsletter called Seascope as a replacement for neighborhood publications — four times the size of the entire \$49,000 grant budget.

The controversy traces to an earlier council vote that overhauled the program after at least two neighborhood organizations made political endorsements. The groups said no public money was used for political purposes and said the Council were retaliating against them for endorsing other candidates.

The council suspended the program saying more controls were needed to safeguard public money and that a new framework was needed to distribute the \$49,000 based on the number of households each group represents, rather than the previous flat \$7,000 per group.

While verbal directions were given last year, the written applications submitted to the neighborhood groups seemed to do far more than just restrict endorsements.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council moved to align the application language with its original September direction and directed staff to produce a frequently asked questions document to address ongoing confusion.

Among the clarifications: neighborhood organizations may send mailers and communications to inform residents about meetings, events and programming — but may not use funds to build membership lists.

The council also clarified that groups are not required to obtain pre-approval for individual expenditures, only to submit a proposed annual budget at the start of the grant period. Groups may also host meetings for office, provided those gatherings are conducted in a neutral, informational format.

On ballot measures, the council specified that groups may conduct informational education and outreach, provided those activities are informational in nature.

Regarding demographics, City Manager Oliver Chi said the city would develop an online form that board members — not general members — would be asked, but not required, to complete. The only requirement

“Nothing in our original direction is changing, but we are seeking to further clarify what we originally had directed”

- Caroline Torosis, Mayor

“Nothing in our original direction is changing, but we are seeking to further clarify what we originally had directed,” Torosis said. “Neighborhood organizations should not be discouraged from applying because the guidance was unclear to them or they felt it contradicted original guidance.”

The council's stated goal remains unchanged: public funds cannot be used to endorse political candidates. Councilmember Ellis Raskin drew a distinction during the meeting between that narrower prohibition and broader political activity. “The policy decision we made was about endorsing political candidates — candidate-specific action was where we drew the line,” Raskin said.

The special session was called after Friends of Sunset Park, the North of Montana Association and Northeast Neighbors each voted to decline their grants, citing what they described as overreaching restrictions on their operations.

All three groups objected to a prohibition

GUEST COMMENTARY

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It's supposed to be a race for governor, but candidates and voters seem disengaged

The shortage and costs of housing are, by any rational standard, one of California's most pressing issues, which is why several thousand advocates of affordable shelter gathered in Sacramento this week to ponder potential solutions.

Housing California, the event's sponsor, invited candidates for governor to participate in a panel discussion of how they would approach the housing crisis.

Neither of the two Republican candidates, Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco, appeared, which was not surprising given the left-leaning tenor of the event.

It was, however, odd that only four of the eight Democratic candidates showed up, since it was a terrific opportunity for them to impress a large audience of political activists, with just a few weeks remaining before voters begin marking and mailing their ballots for the June 2 primary election.

Of the four who participated in the housing panel, just one candidate, billionaire Tom Steyer, is in the top tier of candidates, as revealed in a new poll by the UC-Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies, with just barely 10% support.

The other three — state school Superintendent Tony Thurmond, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former state Controller Betty Yee — collectively garnered just 6% support among the sample of voters, with Thurmond and Yee at 1% each.

Although California is a thoroughly blue state, the two Republicans were 1 and 2 in the poll, thus feeding worries among Democratic leaders that they could wind up that way in the June 2 voting if none of the Democrats catches fire.

Among the Democrats, Congressman Eric Swalwell and former Congresswoman Katie Porter polled highest at 13% each, followed by Steyer at 10%, former Attorney General Xavier Becerra at 5%, with Villaraigosa and San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan at 4%.

Mark DiCamillo, director of the poll, told the Los Angeles Times he is stunned by how fragmented and disengaged voters are about choosing the state's next

governor.

"This is historic for me," DiCamillo said, "and especially given that none of the candidates have really a positive image rating with voters, also startling. I mean, perhaps one of the reasons why voters are disengaged, they're just not enthusiastic about any of the candidates. They're kind of sleepwalking to this election."

The lethargic nature of the contest is also demonstrated by the inability of the California Federation of Unions to settle on one Democrat, instead giving endorsements to four of the eight.

One could say, therefore, that the passive attitude of candidates vis-a-vis this week's housing conference captures the broader lack of enthusiasm among candidates and voters.

This should be a referendum on how California deals with not only housing and homelessness but the many other issues that Gavin Newsom will leave behind when he exits the office next January, almost certainly embarking on a quest for the White House.

However, the gubernatorial campaign so far has revealed very few differences among the eight Democratic candidates on those issues, nor any truly novel proposals. In response to questions about housing, homelessness, health care and living costs, the four who did participate in Thursday's panel generally responded that they would spend a lot more money and impose new taxes on corporations and wealthy Californians to pay for it.

Given the paucity of new ideas and the overall lethargy, one could almost hope that Hilton and Bianco do finish 1-2 and give the state a Republican governor for the first time in two decades. The Capitol conflict that would ensue as a GOP governor battles with a Legislature dominated by Democrats would at least be interesting.

It would be karmic justice for a Democratic Party that apparently is incapable of generating enough energy to power a light bulb.

Dan Walters, CalMatters Opinion Columnist



Surf report WATER TEMP: 64.4

THURSDAY FAIR SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh

Surf up a touch as some more swell shows up. AM winds look light, then more PM onshores due. Long-period SSW swell mix bumps up, along with a little NW swell, pushing in more widespread thigh to stomach high waves, as top spots see better sets. Light winds and a fair tide early morning will be followed by a draining mid day low. Afternoon incoming tide push helps but low-end moderate onshore W winds expected to develop then too.

FRIDAY FAIR SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh

Fading but still fun zone waves, most size in the morning. Best winds due then too. Easing mix SSW swell and smaller NW swell, still has thigh-waist high surf rolling in for the morning, then waves taper off during the day. Dawn patrol high tide slows things a bit, then shape improves through mid morning on the ebbing tide. Incoming afternoon tide push gets an assist, but low-end moderate WNW onshores also expected to develop then.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 78.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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2026/03/27	Fri	05:28 AM	4.90	H
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2026/03/27	Fri	7:50 PM	3.86	H
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Notice of Online Public Auction Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2026A)

Whereas, on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online public auction.

TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online public auction, TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, April 18, 2026, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at the online public auction at www.govease.com/los-angeles.

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The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, June 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at the online public auction at www.govease.com/los-angeles beginning Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Information regarding this sale is available at ttc.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at www.govease.com/los-angeles and submit a deposit of \$5,000 or 10 percent of the spend limit that is set by each registered bidder, whichever is greater. Bid deposits must be in the form of a wire transfer, cashier's check, electronic check (eCheck), or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on February 20, 2026.

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Laughs, Legacy, & Food & Wine Events

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the Bergamot Comedy Festival, Malibu's Annual Chumash Day, Women's Herstory at City Hall, Yes Chef Food Fest, and much more!



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SHOW: Bergamot comedy fest is this weekend.

Bergamot Comedy Festival: The Fest brings together up-and-coming and underrepresented comedians for shows, panels, and community programming that spotlight voices not always seen on traditional stages. Over the course of the week, attendees can expect multiple comedy showcases, free educational panels, networking opportunities and discussions with industry professionals — all designed to give performers greater exposure and local audiences a chance to discover new talent. March 24–28, The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave. bergamotcomedyfest.org

Malibu's 25th Annual Chumash Day Powwow: 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. Saturday & Sunday, March 28-29, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. malibucity.org/ChumashDay

Making Herstory at City Hall: A Candid Conversation with Santa Monica's Women Mayors: Celebrate Women's History Month with a panel of Santa Monica's women mayors, featuring current Mayor Caroline Torosis and former mayors Gleam Davis, Judy Abdo, Lana Negrete, and Pam O'Connor. They'll share their personal stories, offer advice for women looking to succeed in local politics, and answer audience questions. Saturday, Mar 28, 2026 2:00 PM - 3:30p.m., Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. santamonica.gov/events/4affybqvqyt3nzynj06hgddq8cj/202603281400

Juneshine's Watercolor In The Wild Afternoon: Enjoy a beginner painting workshop with kombucha. 🍷 Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m., 2914 Main St. [instagram.com/reels/DUKKVJxkeaL/](https://www.instagram.com/reels/DUKKVJxkeaL/)

Santa Monica Playhouse Presents 'Matty': The show tells the life story of Christy Mathewson, legendary Hall of Fame pitcher for the New York Giants from 1900 to 1916. Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, 1:30 p.m. santamonicaplayhouse.com/matty.html

Mas Vino Please's Wine & Wax evening: They'll be vibing with DJ @daisyodell and there will be curated wines by Mas Vino 🍷 Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m., 700 Wilshire Blvd. [instagram.com/p/DWPbSFwEizF/](https://www.instagram.com/p/DWPbSFwEizF/)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Red Cross Data Shows Gen Z Leading Volunteer Growth in Los Angeles

New American Red Cross data reveals a multigenerational portrait of volunteerism in Los Angeles, with Generation Z emerging as the fastest-growing volunteer group.

Among the more than 9,000 Red Cross volunteers in the Los Angeles Region, Gen Z comprises 48 percent of the volunteer base, driven largely by student-led Red Cross clubs. Millennials account for 34 percent, followed by Baby Boomers at 9 percent and Gen X at 7 percent. The Silent Generation represents less than 1 percent but contributes decades of service.

“Generation after generation, our community has shown that compassion is one of its greatest strengths,” said Jacquelyn Clites, regional chief executive officer for the Los Angeles Region. “In the wake of last year’s devastating wildfire, volunteers of all ages and backgrounds once again came together when help couldn’t wait.”

Over the past year, the Los Angeles Region responded to 458 local emergencies, supported more than 167,000 blood and platelet donors, provided over 9,000 services for military members, veterans and their families, and honored four people with National Lifesaving Awards.

During Red Cross Month in March, the organization is offering free A1C screening on all blood donations and a \$15 Amazon.com gift card by email to those who give blood through March 31. Red Cross Giving Day is March 25.

Visit redcross.org to volunteer, donate or find lifesaving skills classes.

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- Jacquelyn Clites, regional chief executive officer for the Los Angeles Region

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Metro Launches New Safety Website and Data Tool

Metro announced the launch of its new Safety Hub, a centralized online resource designed to provide riders, employees and the public with information about safety efforts and results across the transit system.

The Safety Hub serves as a comprehensive entry point for information about Metro’s public safety initiatives and progress. Developed with significant input from Metro riders and the agency’s Public Safety Advisory Council, the hub explains how Metro is working to improve safety across its system, which recorded 305 million boardings in 2025.

The hub will be updated regularly with data on security activity, reported crime, ridership and other key metrics, as well as context to help explain trends and how safety strategies are evolving over time. It also connects users to Metro’s Public Safety Dashboard, which provides timely data on security activities, crime demographics, response times and other key statistics.

The dashboard is aligned with Metro’s Public Safety Analytics and Bias-Free Policing Policies, reinforcing the agency’s commitment to equitable, accountable public safety practices.

“Safety is foundational to everything we do at Metro,” said Metro Board Chair Fernando Dutra, also a Whittier City Council member. “The launch of our Safety Hub reflects our commitment to openness and accountability. By making this information readily accessible, we are empowering our riders and the public with a transparent look at our progress and the actions we’re taking to build a safer transit system for everyone.”

Metro Board Member and Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, lead author of the motion to create the data dashboard, emphasized the importance of transparency.

“We cannot ignore the connection between systemic racism and public safety, and we cannot improve what we do not track,” Mitchell said. “This furthers our effort to provide the public and our riders with clear insight into how safety data is collected, analyzed and reported to inform outcomes rooted in fairness, equity, and accountability.”

Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins said the hub represents a significant step in strengthening safety and customer confidence.

“Keeping our riders and employees safe is Metro’s top priority,” Wiggins said.

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Wine Tasting 101 Class: Discover the art of wine tasting with Sommelier Murphy Perng, who will walk you through a tasting of six different wines from the world's preeminent winemaking regions. You'll learn how to see, smell, and taste wine, how to identify its aromas and flavors, and how to assess its quality based on an analysis of its length, balance, intensity, and complexity. Wednesday, April 1, 6p.m., Gourmandise School, 395 Santa Monica Place [cookingschoolsofamerica.com/thegourmandiseschool/index.php](https://www.cookingschoolsofamerica.com/thegourmandiseschool/index.php)

ONGOING: Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio; Arts, Culture & Creativity Month (April)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Jeni's Ice Cream Releases The 'Grand Dessert' Tour Flavors: Skip the three-course meal and head straight for the scoop shop for "Favorite Childhood Dessert" nostalgia leveled up with sophisticated riffs on old-school classics. Flavors include Key Lime Pie with a salty-sweet graham cracker swirl, a Black Tie Tiramisu with mascarpone and ladyfinger crumbles, and Basque Cheesecake, pairing burnt-sugar caramel with a ribbon of signature brambleberry jam. 64 Winward Ave., Venice [jenis.com/collections/spring-flavors](https://www.jenis.com/collections/spring-flavors)

All-You-Can-Eat Moo Korean BBQ Arrives at Downtown SaMo: The restaurant features a tabletop grilling format, where diners cook their own selections, with an all-you-can-eat menu priced at about \$50/person. 231 Arizona Ave. (at the corner of 3rd St. Promenade) [themookbbq.com](https://www.themookbbq.com)

Wine Camp: An Intro to Wine at FIG: Sip, learn, and savor with Ian Blackburn, founder of Learn About Wine. This monthly series features guided tastings and an elegant Bordeaux-paired dinner, offering expert insights and exceptional wines in the intimate setting of The Potting Shed. Guests will explore winemaking techniques, taste a curated selection of varietals, and gain confidence in describing flavor profiles and food pairings during this engaging two-hour experience led by an expert sommelier. \$150. Saturday, March 28, 3p.m., 101 Wilshire Blvd. [instagram.com/figsantamonica](https://www.instagram.com/figsantamonica)

Prime Rib Sundays at Chelsea: Served alongside their regular menu, guests can get a choice of soup or salad starter followed by roast Prime Rib served with cheddar bacon scalloped potatoes, sauteed spinach, au jus, and creamed horseradish. \$65/person. 2460 Wilshire Blvd. [chelseasm.com](https://www.chelseasm.com)

Openings: ¡Salud! Venice: Bringing the vibrant spirit of Mexico City's café culture to the Westside, husband-and-wife duo Richard and Celia Sanchez Lara opened this dual-concept space. By day, it's a bright specialty coffee shop serving signature Nutty Mazapan Lattes and elevated Latin breakfasts like the Barbacoa Hash; by night, the lights dim for a high-energy transition into an intimate cocktail bar featuring tequila-forward drinks and a curated tapas menu. 417 Washington Blvd. [saludvenice.com](https://www.saludvenice.com)

Venice Boardwalk Castanea Sicilian Cafe Offers Hands-On Espresso and Coffee Classes: Learn barista techniques in hands-on espresso and coffee classes on select Thursday and Friday nights, including April 2 and 10, 7p.m., 1307 Ocean Front Walk <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coffee-espresso-class-tickets-1979226286101>

Further Afield: Yes Chef Food Fest LA Debut: After back-to-back sold-out runs in New York, the viral culinary phenomenon arrives in LA for a massive two-day "gastronomic playground." This isn't your typical parking lot food fair; it's an immersive experience featuring live 300-pound bluefin tuna cuttings, a 100-pound pig roast by Chef Aaron May, and a "pickle fountain" courtesy of Kaylin + Kaylin. Guests can sample limited-edition dishes from over 30 global and local heavyweights while enjoying roaming caviar bumps, freshly shucked oysters, and handcrafted cannolis included with entry. Saturday & Sunday, March 28 & 29, Reframe Studios, 4561 Colorado Blvd. [yescheffoodfest.com](https://www.yescheffoodfest.com)

More Further Afield: Vegan Street Fair (Westwood): One of the largest free vegan events in the country, taking over the streets of Westwood. Saturday & Sunday, March 28-29, [veganstreetfair.com/losangeles](https://www.veganstreetfair.com/losangeles)

Looking Ahead: U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship (4/2-5); Santa Monica Film Festival (4/11-13); SaMo International Jazz Festival (5/1-9); Netflix Is A Joke Fest (5/4-10)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Laughs, Legacy, & Food & Wine Events

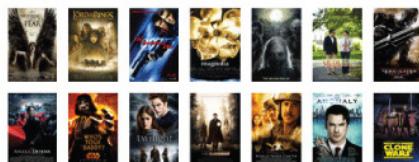
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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to Align Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.125, Duplexes and Lot Splits on Parcels Zoned for Single-Unit Residential, and Other Applicable Sections as Necessary with State Law as Modified by Santa Monica's 6th Cycle Housing Element.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance to modify the City's implementation for the allowance of duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential ("SB 9") to align with State law requirements, as modified by Santa Monica's certified 6th Cycle Housing Element for parcels greater than 10,000 square feet. On March 4, 2026, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Number 26-005 (PCS) recommending adoption of the proposed amendments.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 AT 5:30 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 councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
Re: Duplexes and Lot Splits

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov

VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Ross Fehrman, Planning Manager, by e-mail at ross.fehrman@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 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.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov

PROTEST

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tolerated.
 “The city respects everyone’s First Amendment right to peaceful protest and wants to ensure our community can do so in a safe manner,” the city said in a statement. “Individuals taking advantage of the situation with criminal acts will be subject to arrest and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

City officials released an extensive list of prohibited items for protest participants, including firearms and replicas of any kind, knives, lumber, baseball bats, glass and metal bottles, body armor, laser pointers, aerosol sprays, chains, torches and open flames, bricks and rocks, and helmets of any type. Umbrellas are prohibited unless it is raining, and must be 16 inches or smaller when collapsed with a blunt tip.

Residents witnessing a crime in progress are asked to call or text 911. Non-emergency incidents can be reported to dispatchers at (310) 458-8491. The city also encouraged residents to sign up for emergency alerts by texting SMVISIT to 888-777 or registering at santamonica.gov/alerts.

Event organizers said all No Kings events adhere to a shared commitment to nonviolent protest and that organizers have been trained in de-escalation techniques.

The Santa Monica gathering is one of more than 3,000 events taking place nationally Saturday under the No Kings banner, with the largest regional demonstration expected in downtown Los Angeles.

More than 50,000 people are expected to rally and march at Gloria Molina Grand Park, across from Los Angeles City Hall at 200 N. Spring St., beginning at 2 p.m. The march is scheduled to begin around 3 p.m. along a 1.5-mile route and is expected to conclude by 5 p.m.

The Los Angeles event is being organized by 50501 SoCal in partnership with more than 30 organizations, including SEIU, the ACLU, the Human Rights Campaign, Black Lives Matter Grassroots LA, United Teachers Los Angeles, the California Federation of Teachers and Indivisible, among others.

Scheduled speakers include Dr. Melina Abdullah of BLM-LA Grassroots, Becky Pringle of the National Education Association, and Frank Meeink. Musical performances will be provided by Iman Jordan, recipient

of the 2025 Grammy Harry Belafonte Award, and San Diego-based hip-hop group The Neighborhood Kids. The rally will also include a land blessing and drum circle by representatives of the Gabrieleño Nation, comprising the Tangva, Khiz and Tataviam indigenous tribes.

Among the planned visuals: a 20-foot-tall helium balloon depicting Trump in a diaper, a 15-foot-tall balloon depicting Trump in a Russian military uniform, and a 20-foot-wide banner reading “No Kings for U.S.”

Organizers said the Los Angeles march is a direct response to federal immigration enforcement activity in the region, including ICE raids and the deployment of National Guard and U.S. Marine Corps personnel, and frames its demands around the impeachment and removal of the Trump administration

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- Emily Williams, a lead organizer for 50501 SoCal

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and the abolition of ICE.
 “A lot of people want to help, they just don’t know where to start,” said Emily Williams, a lead organizer for 50501 SoCal. “No Kings is that starting point. It’s about community, about showing up for each other, and about turning concern into real action.”

For a full list of national events, visit NoKings.org. For information on the Los Angeles march, visit mobilize.us.

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Notice of Public Hearing – Measure R Parcel Tax

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will conduct a public hearing on the matter of the 2026-27 Special Parcel Tax (*Measure R*) regarding applying a Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) adjustment. The public hearing will be held on April 23, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the Santa Monica-Malibu District Office at 1717 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 and via Zoom. The link to provide public comment via Zoom may be found at the top of the agenda. Agendas may be found at <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4047>. Subsequent to the public hearing on April 23, 2026, at the regularly scheduled meeting, it is the intention of the Board of Education to adopt a resolution to levy the tax at the rate of \$545.65 per parcel, which includes a 3.0% CPI adjustment. The CPI-U for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, base year 1982-84=100, from February 2025 through February 2026, was used to calculate the adjustment. Information to apply for the Measure R Senior Exemption may be found at <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/3905>. The application form and supporting documentation must be completed, signed and returned by June 30, 2026. To be added to the mailing list, please email MeasureR@smmusd.org

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BID: 031626SF Elevator Service

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter called “the District” will receive up to, but not later than, the below-stated date and time, bids for: Furnish all prevailing wage labor, materials, equipment, transportation necessary to provide full and complete monthly preventative maintenance service, as needed trouble-call service, testing and repairs in accordance with bid scope and documents

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#>.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: 04/02/26, by 2:00pm

All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above.

Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District via the bidding website, prior to the date and time set forth, shall be considered.

The Bidder is required to have at time of bid submission and throughout the duration of the project: CSLB C-11 license, CADIR registration, & CADIR DOSH CCCM. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District’s Request for Bids.

Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

Post Dates: 03/19/26 & 03/26/26

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica will be holding a public hearing for the following:

2026 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report

Beginning in 2022, the California Water Code requires urban water suppliers to conduct an Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment and submit an Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report to the California Department of Water Resources on or before July 1 of each year. The Draft 2026 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report recommends the City of Santa Monica remain in a Stage 2 Water Shortage Stage and continue implementation of Stage 2 Water Shortage Response Actions, which are detailed in the City’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

A Public Hearing for the 2026 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report will be held on June 9, 2026, at 5:30pm.

A copy of the Draft 2026 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report will be made available on the Water Resources Division website in advance of the City Council meeting at: www.santamonica.gov/UWMP

For comments, questions, and inquiries, please e-mail: water.resources@santamonica.gov



Notice of Adoption of a Resolution of Intent to Consider Proposals for a Joint-Occupancy Agreement to Design, Build, and Finance Student Housing on Certain Real Property Situated at the Santa Monica College Bundy Campus

On March 3, 2026, the Board of Trustees for Santa Monica Community College District ("District") adopted a resolution declaring its intention to receive and consider Public-Private Partnership developer proposals to enter into a pre-development agreement and any subsequent Joint-Occupancy Agreement and related lease for purposes of designing and preparing for the financing of a student housing development at Santa Monica College Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Los Angeles, CA. The location of the site is approximately three acres in the City of Los Angeles next to Bundy Drive.

The Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting on July 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Pacific Time, in the Business Building, Room 111 located at 1900 Pico Boulevard, at which time the Board of Trustees will receive and consider the proposals.

The District is publishing the language of the resolution, as well as the time and place of holding the meeting to consider proposals in accordance with Education Code Section 81398.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPER THROUGH A JOINT OCCUPANCY LEASE ON THE REAL PROPERTY REFERRED TO HEREIN AS SANTA MONICA COLLEGE BUNDY CAMPUS

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 81390 et. seq. provides community college districts such as the Santa Monica Community College District ("District") with the authority to enter into long-term leases and agreements related to real property and buildings with not-for-profit agencies, private persons, firms, or corporations ("Private Party") to be used jointly for no longer than 66 years;

WHEREAS, the District issued RFQ #110323 – SMC Student Housing Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on November 8, 2023 to find a qualified and experienced public-private partnership partner to develop student housing for District to shortlist developers on the basis of achieving District's goals to increase student retention and financial accessibility;

WHEREAS, the District intends to receive and consider proposals on July 7, 2026, for a Public-Private Partnership student housing development ("Project") under a joint occupancy lease ("Lease") with a Private Party at Santa Monica College Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Los Angeles, CA. The Bundy Campus is demarcated by the dotted yellow line on Exhibit A and the location of the student housing site (approximately three acres) is shown by the blue, dotted line on Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the District will direct staff to issue Requests for Proposals and Terms for the Project pursuant to Education Code Section 81390 et. seq. to the developers that have been shortlisted under RFQ #110323 – SMC Student Housing RFQ, and reserves the right to reject all proposals and to withdraw the Property from the possible lease thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined, and ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Monica Community College District as follows:

The Superintendent/President and/or her designee are hereby directed to do all of the following:

- (1) issue Requests for Proposals and Terms ("RFPs"), for a Public-Private Partnership developer for a student housing development ("Project") under a joint occupancy lease/agreement(s) at Santa Monica College Bundy Campus ("Property") to the developer teams shortlisted under RFQ #110323 – SMC Student Housing RFQ;
- (2) conduct said process pursuant to the authority and methodology as required by Education Code Section 81390 et. seq.; make amendments to such terms thereof as he or she deems appropriate; identify the most qualified and successful proposers; reserve the right to reject all proposals and to withdraw the Property from the possible lease thereof if it is determined to be in the District's best interests; otherwise take steps to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and make such recommendations regarding all of the foregoing for consideration thereof by the Board;
- (3) such RFPs will provide that:
 - a. the Lease term will not exceed sixty-six (66) years; and
 - b. the proposals will comply with Education Code Section 81390 et. seq., and
- (4) the Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting on July 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Pacific Time in the Business Building, Room 111 located at 1900 Pico Boulevard, at which time the Board of Trustees will receive and consider the proposals and staff's recommendations thereon.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2026.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

By: /s/ Kathryn E. Jeffery, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

By: /s/ Lisa Rose
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT A
Santa Monica College Student Housing Site



COUNCIL

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would be that groups ask their board to access the form.

Chi acknowledged fault for some of the confusion. "The interpretation of what the council directed — certainly I think as we've reviewed everything further — is on me," Chi said. "I didn't catch some of the wording in the actual application."

The council's vote to reopen the application period means groups that previously opted out may now reconsider.

However, the clarified system was met with skepticism from the groups that had already declined to participate.

"It is the position of the board of Northeast Neighbors that the City Council made no changes to the grant program that would warrant revisiting our decision," said Northeast Neighbors Board Member Tricia Crane.

"I'm surprised how much the discussion and vote disturbed me last night. I couldn't sleep for several hours after the meeting ended," said Clare Thomas, President Friends of Sunset Park. "I haven't formally discussed this with the board of FOSP but I can't see how we would change our decision."

The NOMA Board also said they would meet to discuss the situation but said they saw little change other than clarifying that the demographic info is just for Board members.

No specific information about revised application language had been provided by the city by press time.

Councilwoman Lana Negrete was the lone "no" vote, saying the special meeting was an unnecessarily complicated way to go about the situation and disrespectful to the staff that had been working with the groups.

"My only comment, I would say that, respectfully, I think staff works with the neighborhood groups and it's, I don't know,

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feels like throwing them under the bus a bit about the wording and just that this clarification probably could have happened just directly with the neighborhood groups because now we're up here redesigning it," she said.

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Petition to Admin Estate

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Cynthia Ann Montenay, aka Cynthia Ann Hugoboom. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Vanessa Michelle Roche in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. The Petition for Probate requests that Vanessa Michelle Roche be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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: April 20, 2026 | Time: 8:30 AM | Dept: 2D Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse. 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. Attorney for Petitioner: Christina Gallagher Nelson, Fox Rothschild LLP, 345 California Street, Suite 2200, San Francisco, CA 94104. Tel: (415) 364-5540

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LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

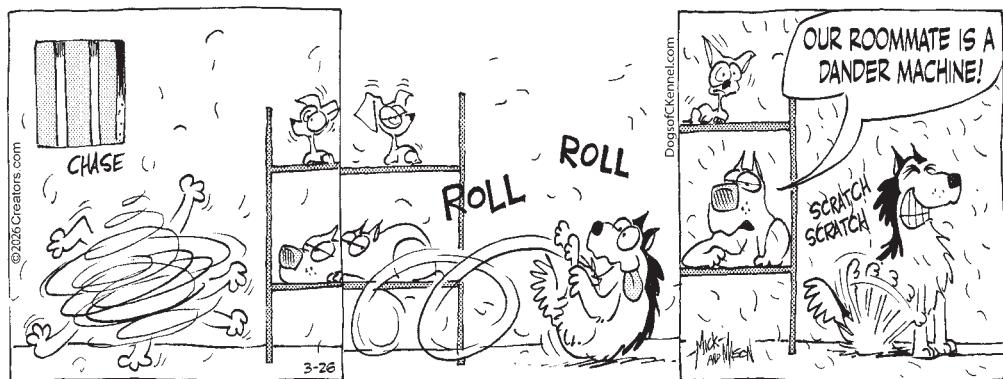
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 26)

Enter your Year of Stardust Paths when imagination, insight and intuition guide you toward extraordinary experiences. Every single day holds a touch of wonder and reward, sometimes obviously and others because you refuse to see things any other way. More highlights: Luck and inspiration arrive in helpful and playful forms. Educational success, romantic spark and an unexpected windfall. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 34, 17, 42 and 8.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your sweetness is noticed. A dog lingers by you. A bird holds its perch. Even the wind seems to hug you. There's a wordless welcome from the living world - proof that gentleness is a language spoken fluently by every creature with a pulse.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). For most of Earth's history, pond scum ruled. At times you feel convinced it still does. Try not to get discouraged by the messes you'll sort out today. Evolution favors persistence, not slime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Grandiosity is big thinking without the structure to make it happen. It's performance without a story. It's a rising balloon, easily popped. Take heart: Your aim is not grandiosity, but it is a grand vision you will build, revise and stress test.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today features less self-awareness and a quieter inner narration - no self-judgment loops. The experience of self is more immediate, less story-driven. Even so, it still benefits you to get acknowledgment and a sense of belonging.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's truth underneath a disagreement - something you both agree on. For instance, your methods may clash, but you can recognize how you both have good intentions. Return to those and you can keep the relationship between you strong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Tie up the loose ends. It's even more important today, like tying off the end of a balloon. The effort it took to blow it up and give it shape can be undone in a matter of seconds without that one little knot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You already know what works, and it's pretty basic: sleep, water, exercise, sunlight and nutrition. In the spirit of reciprocity, you will nudge others toward the often overlooked but simple staples that have helped you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Big challenges activate you and don't give you a chance to get all up in your head. There's instinctive wisdom in your body. Reflexes will protect you and progress your interests, too. It's playing out faster than intellectual processing or planning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Think of what you're playing at today as a team sport. It would be bad sportsmanship to try to play every position or try to make every point yourself. Sometimes it's better to set others up for the win than to take it home yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Work politics get tricky; the cheese isn't worth the trap. While others whisper, posture and tally invisible points, you'll be busy doing actual work. Funny thing? The scoreboard favors the one who doesn't appear to be playing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you feel overloaded and responsible for too much for too long, inner alarms go off: productivity alarm, paperwork alarm, relationship alarm, existential meaning alarm... these things are not equally urgent. Get calm. That's the most important thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You could insist on your way. You could draft a memo, build a case, hold the line. Or... you could smile and let this one go. The impact is harmless, the energy saved is real, and the kindness will go a long way.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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- 43 Capital on the Atlantic coast
- 44 Reason to recognize an employee
- 48 Touch of frost
- 49 What centers shoot for
- 50 Reason to recognize an employee
- 58 Monopolize a mirror
- 59 Barbadian singing star's nickname

DOWN

- 60 Soup bean
- 62 Deer snack
- 63 Blunted blade
- 64 Bad quarter
- 65 Stingray kin
- 66 What Sussex snoozers catch
- 67 Move sideways
- 1 It's a bafflement
- 10 Tech support suggestion
- 11 Emu cousin
- 12 Spoken out
- 13 Molasses products
- 21 End zone pair
- 22 Declared
- 25 Actor Channing
- 26 Lone Star shrine
- 27 Tidy
- 28 Byronian "before"
- 29 Something seen
- 30 Maître d's outfit
- 31 "Can't believe it!"
- 32 Gallantry
- 33 George Eliot's surname
- 8 Give (out)

- 38 Dirt collector
- 39 All-important
- 40 "...more or less"
- 42 Sci-fi sound effects
- 43 Cinema areas
- 45 Overturn
- 46 A Mozart hangout
- 47 Napped noisily
- 50 What some filters catch
- 51 Marine predator
- 52 Ponce de ___
- 53 Biggest cheese
- 54 Ready (for)
- 55 Besides that
- 56 Not hot
- 57 Overconfident
- 61 Major span

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S 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.

8	3	2	6	5	4	7	1	9
6	5	7	9	1	8	4	2	3
9	1	4	2	3	7	8	5	6
4	2	8	1	7	6	9	3	5
3	9	1	5	4	2	6	7	8
5	7	6	3	8	9	1	4	2
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026029120. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 6TH OFFICIAL, 306 N TROTWOOD AVE, SAN PEDRO, CA 90732-2734, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): ISHIKAWA PRESS LLC, 306 N TROTWOOD AVE, SAN PEDRO, CA 90732-2734. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ SO TANAKA, MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 2/9/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/05/2026, 03/12/2026, 03/19/2026, 03/26/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026042122. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE MINDFUL WORKSPACE, 800 N FRONT ST, APT 1615, BURBANK, CA 91502, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): JOSE J PARILLI, 800 N FRONT ST, APT 1615, BURBANK, CA 91502. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ JOSE J PARILLI, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/03/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/12/2026, 03/19/2026, 03/26/2026, 04/02/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026048854. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE WIN-DOW SANTA MONICA, 930 MONTANA AVE., SANTA MONICA, CA 90403, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): WIN SANTA MONICA LLC, 1901 LINCOLN BLVD., VENICE, CA 90291. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ PAUL HIBLER, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 3/4/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/12/2026, 03/19/2026, 03/26/2026, 04/02/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026056721. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CHAPTER AND CHARMED, CART BLANCHE, FIG AND FLEUR, 30306 BARCELONA RD, CASTAIC, CA 91384, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): MOSAIQ CREATIVE PRODUCTIONS LLC, 30306 BARCELONA RD, CASTAIC, CA 91384. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON, MANAGER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/13/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/26/2026, 04/02/2026, 04/09/2026, 04/16/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026023694. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JUICE BOX, 601 Wilshire Blvd, 315, Santa Monica, CA 90401, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): JUICE BOX LIVE LLC, 601 Wilshire Blvd, 315, Santa Monica, CA 90401. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ [Signature not visible], [Title not visible]. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/02/26. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/12/26, 03/19/26, 03/26/26, 04/02/26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026059115. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DUFFY1MUSIC, 2835 HADDINGTON DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90064-4442, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): AARON ZIGMAN, 2835 HADDINGTON DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90064-4442. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ Aaron Zigman, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/17/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious 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 before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 03/26/2026, 04/02/2026, 04/09/2026, 04/16/2026

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THURSDAY | MARCH 26

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviértase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM en el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Para más información llame al (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-03-05T11>

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. We are dedicated to fostering a strong community, supporting local businesses, and advocating for sustainable practices. Join us in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/oakwood-roots-farmers-and-wellness-market/14548473/2026-03-05T11>

MATHEMATICS: MANAGING ANXIETY AND TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

11:15 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. An SMC counselor will help you with managing anxiety and provide test-taking strategies. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mathematics-managing-anxiety-and-test-taking-strategies/18206827/2026-03-26T11>

JAZZ NIGHT AT SHORESIDE RESTAURANT

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Shoreside® Restaurant & Bar 1515 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Ease into the weekend with live Jazz featuring different local artists each week, ranging from vocalists, pianists and event four piece bands. Pair the music with seasonal cocktails and shareable bites - whether you're lounging in the lobby or unwinding poolside, the vibe is effortlessly chic. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jazz-night-at-shoreside-restaurant/18330383/2026-03-26T18>

WESTSIDE DIGITAL MIX: MARCH MIXER

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica. Viva Vernal Equinox! Spring is upon us, and so is another Westside Digital Mix - Thursday, March 26, in Santa Monica. As always, WDM will be blooming with brilliant and engaging humans in media, entertainment, and tech sectors gathering over beverages & hosted appetizers, connecting here in the Entertainment Capital of the Universe. Grab your Early Bird Ticket and join us at LouLou Santa Monica, where we'll be treated to 'la belle vie' - the good life! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/westside-digital-mix-march-mixer/18290966/2026-03-26T18>

TULUM THURSDAYS AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA

6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica PI #300 Santa Monica. Tulum Thursdays at LouLou Santa Monica Every Thursday from 6:00 PM . Step into LouLou's signature Bohemian Chic haven where the

elegance of Tulum meets the coastal glamour of Santa Monica. Sunset rooftop vibes Afro-Tribal House beats by DJ Yanicrash Live percussion performances Cocktails, cuisine & curated moments . Inspired by the spirit of Ibiza, Mykonos, and the Riviera Maya, Tulum Thursdays are a ritual of rhythm, flavor, and barefoot luxury. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tulum-thursdays-at-loulou-santa-monica/18215748/2026-03-05T18>

FRIDAY | MARCH 27

ALL ABOUT THE NEWS WITH JUDY

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. All About the News With Judy Learn English by discussing today's headlines. The class includes reading, writing, and speaking. Build reading comprehension and learn to express yourself verbally. For more information. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/all-about-the-news-with-judy/17428017/2026-03-27T10>

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (MSB 126 Planetarium) Math & Science Building, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show - Using SMC's 4K Digistar projection system, Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent will talk about the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, and present a virtual tour of constellations and other night-sky celebrities making their appearance in the evenings ahead. The Night Sky Show is followed by the Feature Program. General Admission: \$10 Children (3-12): \$7. Show Combo (Include the Feature Program at 7 p.m.): \$16 adults, \$10 children (3-12) (A \$1 per ticket service fee will be charged by the ticketing company.) There will be a short intermission prior the start of the Feature Program. No children under age 3 at Friday evening shows. Visit: <https://www.smc.edu/calendar/#event-details/b179db56-3639-4bf1-9300-4ef0b4100fce>

BERGAMOT COMEDY FEST: STAND-UP SHOWCASE (PURPLE GROUP)

8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave Unit F4 Santa Monica. A launchpad and hub for top industry executives, tastemakers, and audiences to discover the best up-and-coming comedians. \$33.77. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bergamot-comedy-fest-stand-up-showcase-purple-group/18363477/2026-03-27T20>

SATURDAY | MARCH 28

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Elks Lodge 1040 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Treasure Hunt Starts Here! Don't miss out on our community garage sale, where you can find great deals on pre-loved items. From furniture to clothing and everything in between, discover hidden gems at unbeatable prices. Indoor event with plenty of parking. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/community-garage-sale/18341984/2026-03-28T08>

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and

A woman in blue scrubs is smiling and assisting an elderly man. The man is wearing a light-colored sweater and glasses, and is holding a green dumbbell with his right hand raised. The background is a bright, indoor setting.

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