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Palisades High School students will return to class at the Sears Building in Downtown Santa Monica on April 22



Darryl Harvey

SCHOOL: The Sears Building will soon house students from Palisades High School who are returning to in-person learning while their main campus is being rebuilt.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Palisades Charter High School students will soon return to in-person classes at their temporary "Pali South" campus in downtown Santa Monica's historic Sears building, ending weeks of virtual learning following the devastating Palisades fire.

Students will resume face-to-face instruction on April 22 after spring break, marking a significant milestone in the school's recovery efforts.

"We're excited to be with you here this evening to begin preparation for our return to in-person school on Tuesday, April 22 at the historic Sears building in Santa Monica," Principal Pamela Magee told families during a presentation this week. "We know that this has been a challenging period for everyone in our school community."

The 302 Colorado Ave. location, previously

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Council approves new tools to target nuisance properties

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The Santa Monica City Council introduced an ordinance Tuesday that would strengthen the city's public nuisance laws and give code enforcement officials additional tools to address problem properties.

The ordinance amends two sections of the municipal code, expanding the definition of public nuisances and creating new incentives for violators to correct violations.

Code Enforcement Manager Daniel Mick presented the changes, which he described as giving staff "more tools to better address public nuisances that are created and maintained in the city."

Key changes include expanding the definition of "responsible party" to include not just those who commit violations but also those who support or maintain them, such as business owners and property managers. The ordinance also defines additional violations that constitute public nuisances.

Among the new provisions, property owners who commit five or more violations within a 12-month period of tenant protection codes, housing anti-discrimination codes, or building regulations would be subject to enhanced penalties. Other additions include making illegal subdivisions of dwelling units and failing to comply with the city's mandatory seismic retrofit program public nuisances.

The ordinance would establish a "correctable citation" program, allowing fine amounts to be reduced by 50% if the violation is corrected by the date indicated on the citation and the reduced fine is paid within 30 days of providing proof of correction.

"It encourages and provides financial incentives for violators to correct the violation to achieve greater compliance, which ultimately reduces the need for further enforcement resources to be spent on the same violator or activity," Mick told the council.

Council members expressed concerns about the city's ability to enforce the new rules with existing resources. When asked by Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Torosis if code enforcement could enforce the new ordinance with current staffing, Mick acknowledged resource constraints but emphasized the department could only use a tool if they had it at their disposal saying it would be worse to have need of a resource and not have access to it.

Councilmember Jesse Zwick questioned how the city would ensure proper tracking of repeat violators.

"How can we ensure that we're properly cataloging persistent problems and that we're creating sort of strict standards for escalating them?" Zwick asked.

Mick said his department had been working to streamline processes and identify repeat violators through more regular reporting. "Now that we have, hopefully, this tool coming into effect, now we can work with the city attorney very closely," he said.

> How can we ensure that we're properly cataloging persistent problems and that we're creating sort of strict standards for escalating them?
> - Jesse Zwick, Councilmember

Several council members also raised concerns about enforcement of vacant property regulations. Mick said his department had recently sent approximately 170 letters to vacant property owners in the city, giving them until the end of the month to bring their properties into compliance with vacant property standards.

Mayor Lana Negrete questioned why some notorious problem properties, such as the former Pavilions motel, had taken years to address. "It seems fairly obvious that there's constant calls for service from PD, and they seem to be violating lots of things," Negrete said.

Staff acknowledged past enforcement challenges but emphasized a different approach under current leadership saying they have reset their expectations for targeting problems.

Mick also announced plans for a "vacant properties task force" that would bring together various city departments including building, code enforcement, police, fire, planning, housing, and rent control to address vacant property issues collectively.

Council members expressed concern about the city's ability to collect fines, with data showing only 32% of citation dollars are collected and only 37% of citations are partially or fully paid. Four categories — short-term rentals, vending, shared mobility devices, and tenant relocation — account for 73% of uncollected dollars.

City Attorney's Office representatives indicated they are exploring options such as property liens for outstanding penalties.

The council unanimously approved the introduction of the ordinance with amendments clarified by the city attorney. The ordinance will return for a second reading before becoming law.

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Uber, Lyft drivers could unionize under new proposal



Photo by Louis Bryant III for CalMatters

EQUIPMENT: Ride-hail drivers attend a rally announcing new legislation that allows drivers to join a union, at the state Capitol in Sacramento on April 8, 2025.

After years of tussling with gig companies, California's labor unions want to once again expand workers' rights — this time by allowing ride-hailing drivers to unionize.

And as in tussles past, expect steep opposition from the businesses.

Backed by California's Service Employees International Union, Democratic lawmakers unveiled a measure Tuesday that would allow drivers to bargain with companies like Uber and Lyft for better pay and benefits, a step toward more protections for gig workers.

"We stand for the principles that all work has dignity," said Oakland Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, who introduced Assembly Bill 1340, at a Tuesday press conference. "We stand for the right of every worker to truly have a voice."

The SEIU said more than 600,000 ride-hail drivers statewide would benefit if the legislation is adopted and signed into law.

Uber said in a statement that the proposed legislation would make rides in California more expensive "while threatening the flexible jobs thousands depend on."

"Drivers have been clear: They want to stay independent and keep the freedom to choose when and how they work, with access to meaningful benefits," the statement said.

Lyft spokesperson CJ Macklin declined to tell CalMatters where the company stands on the measure, but said that Proposition 22, approved by voters in 2020, reflected voters' will and that the company is working to "improve drivers' experience."

The effort for worker unionization mirrors a voter-approved ballot measure in Massachusetts, the first state to give app-based drivers the right to collective bargaining.

Uber and Lyft have so far won the labor battle

In California, the effort comes nearly five years after rideshare companies blocked an attempt to recognize gig workers as employees.

A state law that took effect in 2020, known as AB 5, would likely have entitled those workers to unemployment benefits, minimum wage and more. But gig companies fought it in court and poured more than $200 million into Prop. 22. Voters approved the ballot measure to keep gig workers as independent contractors while the companies promised better benefits the same year. Companies like Lyft, Uber, DoorDash and Instacart spent tens of millions of dollars — more than 10 times the opposition — in support of Prop. 22. After its passage, gig companies raised their prices.

But no state agency has been enforcing Prop. 22 since it took effect, leaving workers waiting years in hopes of their wage and benefits complaints being resolved.

The passage of Prop. 22 snuffed out hope for gig workers to be recognized as employees in California, said Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, president of the California Labor Federation, who authored AB 5 as a member of the Legislature. She said this year's proposal is second-best to the initial law.

"We think the right to collectively bargain around a number of issues as independent contractors is far superior to nothing," she said in an interview. "We are supportive of this, but it obviously is not what we had originally hoped for."

At the Tuesday event, many ride-hail drivers deemed Prop. 22 an empty promise from companies like Uber and Lyft, arguing that the companies did not deliver on better wages and benefits.

"Now, we are just their money makers," said Francisco Magdaleno, a ride-hail driver of nine years in Los Angeles. "This is why we love to have a union. I want us drivers to be able to negotiate, to make things better for

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4**

FRIDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: Waist to shoulder 3-4FT+

First proper Southern Hemi swell of the season on track to fill in through the day. It won't be the first swell we've seen out of the South Pacific, but this Southern Hemi looks like the strongest so far, sent up by a potent SPAC storm that has matched or exceeded model guidance with seas pushing 35'+. The long-period SSW will gradually build through the day, showing best over the afternoon. Decent winds due then. We'll lock in the details over the next few days, but this is one you'll want to watch.

SATURDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: Chest to overhead 4-6FT

Nice shot of SSW swell tops out through the day. Wind looks ok, best in the morning. Our first proper round of SSW swell is expected to top out through the day, enough NW swell mix in play to keep the beach-breaks broken up. Winds looking light/variable in the morning, manageable WSW onshore for the afternoon.

Weather

Friday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 70.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 55.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 68.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

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2025/04/11	Fri	09:19 AM	4.38	H
2025/04/11	Fri	3:13 PM	0.57	L
2025/04/11	Fri	9:26 PM	5.11	H
2025/04/12	Sat	03:51 AM	0.07	L
2025/04/12	Sat	09:53 AM	4.14	H
2025/04/12	Sat	3:31 PM	0.90	L
2025/04/12	Sat	9:44 PM	5.24	H
2025/04/13	Sun	04:23 AM	-0.12	L
2025/04/13	Sun	10:27 AM	3.86	H
2025/04/13	Sun	3:49 PM	1.23	L
2025/04/13	Sun	10:03 PM	5.30	H
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Mega#: 17
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Draw Date: 4/9
7 21 26 37 44
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/9
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Draw Date: 4/9
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- **Submission Deadline is May 8, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

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Pavement Management System Update
Project No. SP2754

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in the Pavement Management System Update project.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to provide the following services: surveying, compiling, and analyzing current pavement conditions across all City roadways, assessing budget needs, and preparing a pavement rehabilitation plan.

RFP questions to be submitted to via OpenGov, no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 21, 2025.

Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than 3:00p.m. on May 5, 2025.

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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Other states do housing better than California; a new study shows how they do it



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

CONSTRUCTION: New housing construction in a neighborhood on the outskirts of west Fresno on June 15, 2023.

Overwhelmingly Californians rate the intertwined issues of housing supply, living costs and homelessness as the state's most pressing issues, as a recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California confirms.

The terrible trio, as one might term it, also draws constant verbal acknowledgement from the state's politicians, from Gov. Gavin Newsom down, and he and legislators have enacted dozens, perhaps hundreds, of measures to address it.

Nevertheless there's little evidence that their efforts have had material impact. Either the three situations are beyond the capacity of politics to address — a distinct possibility — or the political efforts to date have not been vigorous enough.

Why, one must wonder, is California plagued while residents of other states enjoy lower housing and living costs and experience much lower rates of homelessness? Shouldn't our political and civic leaders be examining what these other states are doing right, or are they so afflicted with self-righteous hubris that they cannot entertain such a thought?

A new and very detailed study of housing policies in the nation's 250 largest metropolitan areas confirms that California is an outlier when it comes to increasing housing supply and moderating its costs.

Titled "BUILD HOMES, EXPAND OPPORTUNITY," the report is a product of the George W. Bush Institute at Southern Methodist University.

"America's fastest-growing cities offer lessons on how America can address its housing affordability crisis," the report declares. "Based on our analysis of the 250 largest metropolitan areas and a deep dive into 25 large metros in the Sun Belt and Mountain states, places scoring best for pro-growth housing and land-use policies are mostly large Sun Belt metros from the Carolinas through Texas to Utah."

The metros doing the best job of meeting their housing demands, the report says, have policies that make it easy for developers to build. That includes allowing higher-density housing in "substantial fractions of every city," reducing minimum lot sizes, allowing residential construction in commercial areas, reducing or eliminating parking requirements and embracing innovative technologies such as modular construction and 3D printing.

In addition to adopting specific housing policies that spur development, the report continues, metros that are meeting demand also pursue complementary policies,

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Beach

Ocean Water Quality Advisory Lifted for Fire-Impacted Beaches

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has lifted the ocean water advisory for fire-impacted beaches stretching from Las Flores State Beach to Santa Monica State Beach.

The decision follows extensive testing by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, which analyzed ocean water samples on five separate dates between January and March, and beach sand testing conducted in late February.

Tests for metals, nutrients, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) — chemicals typically found in wildfire runoff — revealed no fire-related contaminants at levels dangerous to human health.

While beachgoers may now safely enter the water and use the beach areas, public health officials continue to warn residents to avoid fire debris both in the water and on beaches near burned properties. The debris may contain harmful substances and physical hazards such as glass, metal and sharp wooden fragments.

Officials note that high tides could carry additional fire debris into the ocean from inland areas where cleanup efforts are still underway, particularly near properties destroyed by recent fires along Pacific Coast Highway.

Residents are advised to check current ocean water quality reports, as non-fire related bacterial advisories remain in effect. Information is available on the Department of Public Health's Ocean Water Quality website or via the county's beach closure hotline at 1-800-525-5662.

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LOS ANGELES

Caltrans Seeks Public Input on Lincoln Boulevard Bus Lanes Study

The California Department of Transportation is inviting public feedback on a feasibility study for extending peak-hour bus lanes along a three-mile stretch of Lincoln Boulevard from Venice Boulevard to West Manchester Avenue.

The study aims to identify community needs while exploring options to maximize existing right-of-way and improve transit speed and reliability along the State Route 1 corridor.

Caltrans will host an open house beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at Oakwood Recreation Center in Venice, where staff will provide information and answer questions about the proposed project.

Community members can also complete an online survey available in English and Spanish at bit.ly/4c8xYfh through May 7. All feedback will be incorporated into the study and planning process.

The study segment runs through the City of Los Angeles, though Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus is the primary transit provider in the area with its Route 3 and Rapid 3 lines. Other bus operators along this corridor include Culver City Bus Lines, Los Angeles Department of Transportation's LAnow On-Demand Shuttle, LADOT Commuter Express and LA Metro.

This section of Lincoln Boulevard was previously identified as a "hotspot of low speeds that could benefit from bus lanes" through the Better Buses for California initiative.

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Chamber Music Palisades Presents Eclectic Evening of French and American Works

Chamber Music Palisades will present a diverse program featuring French composers, a world premiere, and classic orchestral works in an intimate setting on Wednesday, April 30, at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica.

The concert will showcase works by French composers Ibert, Ravel, Saint-Saens and Poulenc, alongside a world premiere by local American composer Adrienne Albert titled "Cross Talk" for flute, clarinet and piano. The program also includes Holst's "Jupiter" from The Planets arranged for wind quintet and piano, and Rachmaninoff's Six Pieces for four-hand piano.

Performers include returning pianists Bernadene Blaha and Kevin Fitz-Gerald for four-hand piano, Jonathan Davis (San Diego and Pacific Symphonies) on oboe, Judith Farmer (Los Angeles Opera) on bassoon, Sergio Coelho (Long Beach Symphony) on clarinet, Amy Jo Rhine (Los Angeles Philharmonic) on horn, and flutist Susan Greenberg (formerly LA Chamber Orchestra, now Santa Monica Symphony), who serves as co-founder and artistic director of Chamber Music Palisades.

Tickets are $35 and available online at cmpalisades.org or at the door the evening of the concert. Free parking is available in the building across the street, with access from 11th Street. Full-time students with ID receive free admission.

The concert is partially sponsored by the Mu Phi Epsilon James and Lola Faust Scholarship.

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Could utility gear set your neighborhood on fire? California risk maps are 8 years old

Weeks after deadly fires swept through Los Angeles County, the state regulator in charge of overseeing utility companies declined a request that would have required California's largest utilities to update maps showing high fire threat areas.

Consumer advocates argued for more up-to-date maps that could help assess risk to communities and impose more stringent requirements for utility infrastructure within high-threat areas.

The maps show the risk of a wildfire caused by equipment owned by the state's three major investor-owned utilities; they are separate from Cal Fire's maps that show the potential for fires based on fuel in a given area. Originally filed eight years ago, the maps haven't been updated as a whole. Instead, the utilities voluntarily file piecemeal updates to mark areas as at risk for fire, or no longer at risk, as they determine this with internal models.

Even with these additions, the maps badly need updating, according to Cal Advocates, which represents ratepayers before the California Public Utilities Commission.

A proposal from the agency would have required immediately updated maps and a shorter update period going forward. Originally filed in 2023 by the California Public Advocates Office, a state entity tasked with representing consumer interests, it had support from the three large power companies – Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric. But in late January, the commission voted against the proposal, with four commissioners in opposition and one, who previously led Cal Advocates, who recused himself.

"The CPUC is focused on monitoring utilities' compliance with numerous rules and programs directing their activities in high fire threat areas of California," Adam Cranfill, spokesperson for the commission, said. "We cannot comment today on a potential future vehicle about the fire maps."

As investigators examine the causes of the recent fires in Los Angeles County, Southern California Edison, which serves the area, has come under increased scrutiny. The utility said in a regulatory filing that its equipment may have played a role in starting the 799-acre Hurst Fire in the San Fernando Valley, and the company is investigating whether its equipment may have been involved in the 14,021-acre Eaton Fire that burned Altadena and parts of Pasadena.

Southern California Edison spokesperson Gabriela Ornelas declined to answer specific questions about the utility's fire maps and whether updated maps would have helped prevent or extinguish the recent fires or

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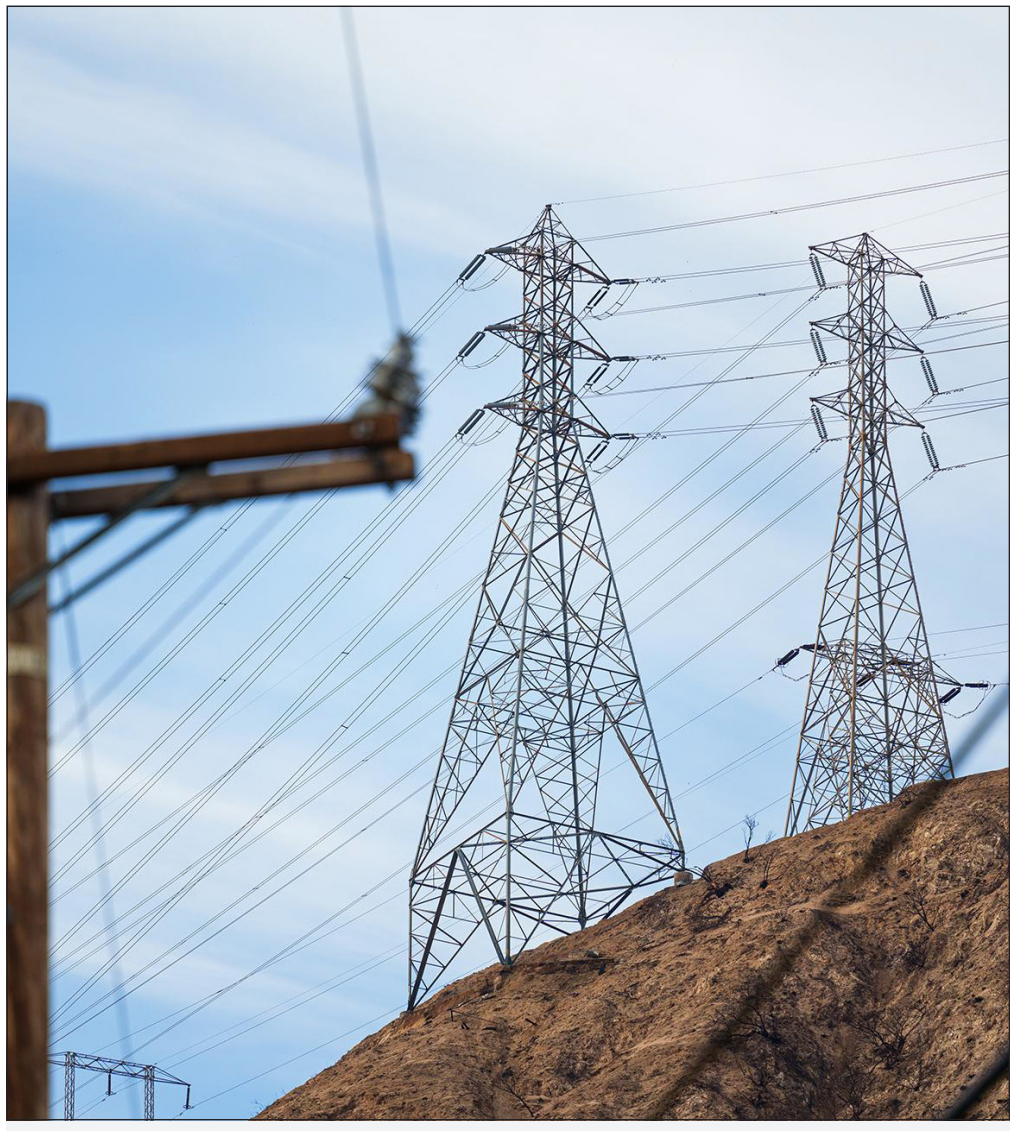


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Trump targets California climate laws in new executive order



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POWER: The Chevron Oil Refinery in Point Richmond on July 19, 2019.

President Donald Trump has issued an order that takes aim at state and local climate change laws and policies, including California's landmark market program for reducing greenhouse gases.

Trump's executive order directs U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi to identify state and local acts that may be unconstitutional or preempted by federal law. Within 60 days, the attorney general must report back to the president with findings and recommendations for action.

Trump's order names California's cap and trade program, a market-based system created in 2012 that is considered one of the state's key policies for combating climate change. The program sets limits on greenhouse gas emissions and allows companies to buy and sell credits. Twelve other states have similar trade programs for cutting greenhouse gases.

"California, for example, punishes carbon use by adopting impossible caps on the amount of carbon businesses may use, all but forcing businesses to pay large sums to 'trade' carbon credits to meet California's radical requirements," Trump's order says.

The order comes as the Trump administration moves to boost domestic oil and gas production while sidelining efforts to develop wind and solar.

Trump's order says states have mounted "illegitimate impediments" to domestic energy production for oil, natural gas, nuclear power and other energy sources. Notably, the order derisively placed the term "climate change" in quotation marks.

Some legal experts called the order an overreach, disputing the president's claims that states are exceeding their authority or that their climate programs are unconstitutional.

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> - Margaret A. Coulter, a senior climate attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity

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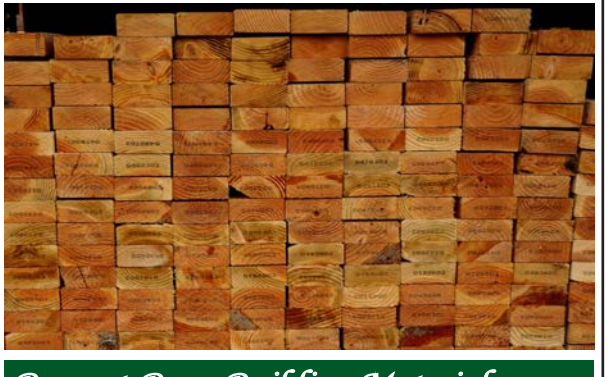






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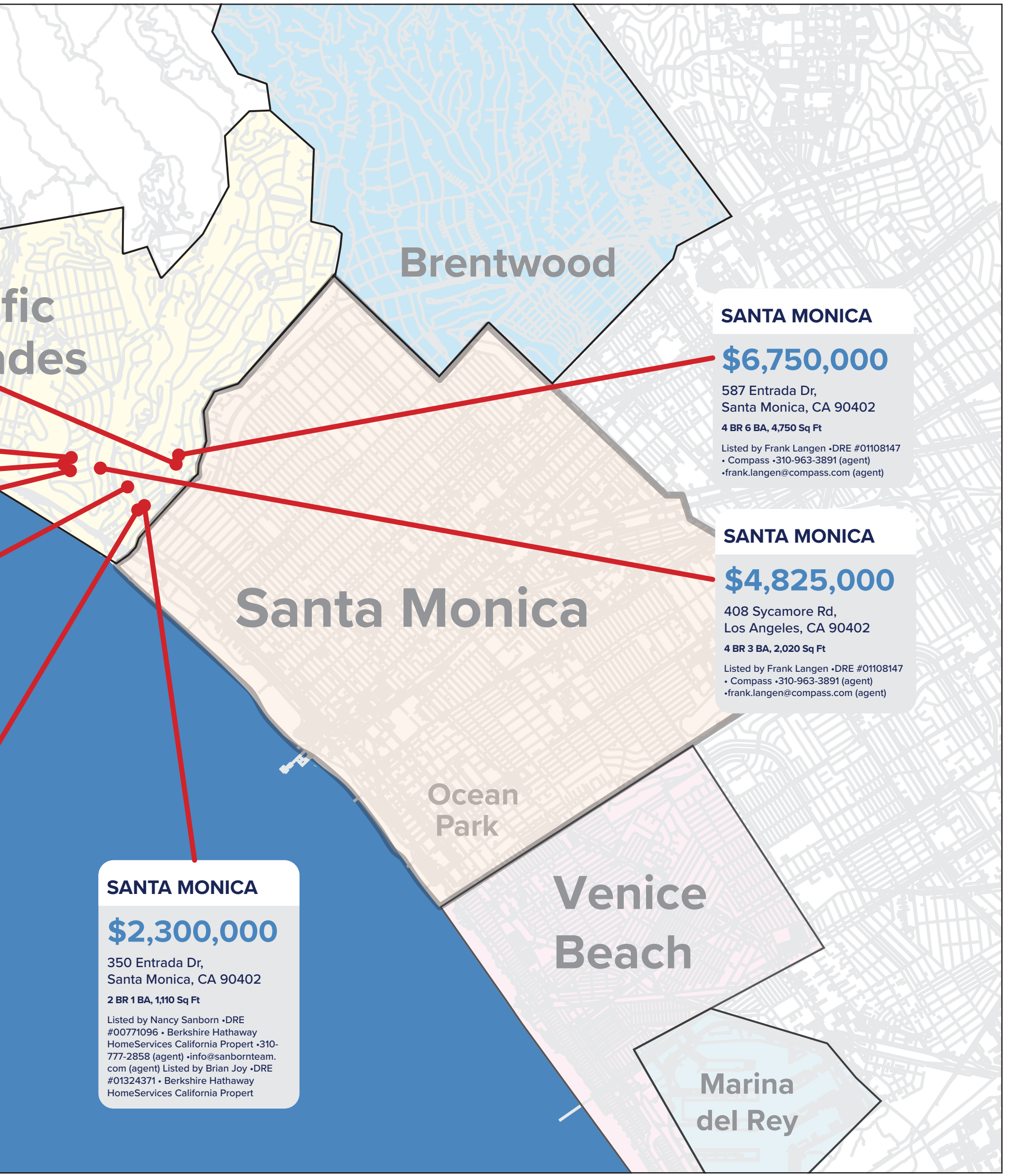
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TRUMP

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"The implication that the attorney general can just go out and declare this state law is unconstitutional and that therefore it's no longer a valid law — that is the big problem with this," said Margaret A. Coulter, a senior climate attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity. "It's more of an intimidation tactic."

Amy Turner, director of the Cities Climate Law Initiative at the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School, said the Constitution's 10th Amendment grants states the authority to set their own rules in areas where the federal government has not acted. "In other words, the federal government cannot simply grab powers because it wants to; doing so would in no uncertain terms represent a constitutional crisis," Turner wrote.

Still, they say the order could have an overarching effect on the states. Turner wrote that Trump's order "does not directly challenge, prohibit, argue preempted, or enjoin any state or local law. But it is likely a forerunner to litigation, lawmaking, or the withholding of federal funds." This, she wrote, will have "a significant chilling effect on local climate policy innovation."

California Attorney General Rob Bonta did not immediately return CalMatters' calls seeking reaction to the Trump order.

The first Trump administration sued the state of California challenging its cap-and-trade program, which is linked to a program in Canada, on the grounds that the state was entering into an international treaty. Trump lost that lawsuit.

Trump said state climate policies and laws "unduly discriminate" against fossil fuel companies and "impose arbitrary and excessive fines without legitimate justification," which raises energy costs for Americans.

"These State laws and policies are fundamentally irreconcilable with my Administration's objective to unleash American energy. They should not stand," it says.

Trump also singled out laws in New York and Vermont that created climate funds requiring fossil fuel companies to contribute to a fund for climate adaptation. The goal is to cover the rising costs of extreme weather events.

In addition, the order targets civil actions against fossil fuel companies. California is leading efforts to make fossil fuel giants pay billions of dollars for the climate damage they have long denied.

Trump said these programs "extort" money from oil companies.

The oil industry has been pushing the Trump administration to take a more aggressive legal stance against these state climate accountability efforts. Industry groups are encouraging the Justice Department to either back their lawsuits or initiate federal challenges of its own against states like New York and Vermont, The Wall Street Journal has reported.

California is considering similar legislation. A bill introduced by Sen. Caroline Menjivar, a Democrat from Van Nuys, would require companies to pay for the damage that greenhouse gas emissions have caused in California since 1990.

By Alejandro Lazo. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Arup, USGBC-CA Launch Wildfire Rebuilding Guide for California Communities

In response to the devastating wildfires that struck Los Angeles in January 2025, sustainable development firm Arup has partnered with the U.S. Green Building Council California (USGBC-CA) to release the "California Wildfire Rebuilding Guide."

> We work around disasters all the time, but these fires were personal for us. So many of our friends and colleagues were impacted directly
> - Heather Rosenberg

The comprehensive resource offers practical steps to help homeowners, designers, contractors and community leaders rebuild with resilience, sustainability and safety as primary considerations. It covers key decision-making categories including placement, envelope design, outdoor spaces, building systems, green innovation and community planning.

"We work around disasters all the time, but these fires were personal for us. So many of our friends and colleagues were impacted directly," said Heather Rosenberg, Americas Resilience Skills Leader at Arup. "We've heard from so many people who lost their homes that they don't know where to start or what decisions really matter."

The guide takes an integrated approach that considers multiple hazards beyond wildfires, including earthquakes and extreme heat, while emphasizing community-focused rebuilding strategies.

"This guide focuses on rebuilding in a way that prepares for the multiple hazards faced by those of us in California and beyond, highlighting resiliency and sustainability opportunities and co-benefits while making minimizing costs a priority," said Ben Stapleton, USGBC-CA Executive Director.

Arup and USGBC-CA are developing an updated version of the guidelines expected in summer 2025, which will include more actionable resources such as incentive and rebate updates, municipal guidance, design considerations for prefabrication, and access to a materials marketplace.

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FRIDAY | APRIL 11

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: PILATES - CORE WORK
9:45 a.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Develop strength, flexibility and balance through the fusion of Pilates mat movement. All levels welcome. Please be EARLY. Class starts on-time at 9:45am. No entry after the first ten minutes. No class the day before the Friends' Book Sales. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-pilates-core-work/14548475/2025-04-11T09

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible.

SATURDAY | APRIL 12

VITA: VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Haven Neighborhood Services, in partnership with Virginia Avenue Park and Santa Monica Public Library, presents: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/vita-volunteer-income-tax-assistance/15001219/2025-04-12T10

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles, CA. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-04-12T11

NATIVE PLANTS: IN YOUR GARDEN AND YARD
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. Join Sarah Caso, CA Climate Action Corps Fellow, in a discussion on the benefits of planting Native Species in your yard and your garden. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/native-plants-in-your-garden-and-yard-/15369356/2025-04-12T12

SUNDAY | APRIL 13

MIGUEL ZENÓN
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Moss Theater at New Roads School part of The Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Boulevard. Grammy-winning alto saxophinst and Guggenheim and MacArthur Fellow Miguel Zenón represents a select group of musicians who have masterfully balanced and blended the often contradictory poles of innovation and tradition. Widely considered one of the most groundbreaking and influential saxophonists and composers of his generation, he has also developed a unique voice as a conceptualist, concentrating his efforts on perfecting a fine mix between jazz and his many musical influences. He will be joined at the Moss Theater by pianist Luis Perdomo, bassist Hans Glawischnig, and drummer Henry Cole. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/miguel-zen-n/15396379/2025-04-13T19

TRIBUTE TO SURVIVOR: AN EVENING WITH JEFF PROBST
7:00 p.m. Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. Free (members-only). Aero Theatre | Panel discussion with host Jeff Probst and special guests! Free popcorn and soda courtesy of CBS! 'This Is Not a Fiction 2025'. Silver Screen-level members and above are guaranteed entry for themselves and one guest for this event. Priority entry starts at 6:00pm. To guarantee your seats, please plan to arrive at the theatre no later than 6:30pm. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tribute-to-survivor-an-evening-with-jeff-probst/15396032/2025-04-13T19

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MONDAY | APRIL 14

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months!Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. $10.00. https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2025-04-14T19

TUESDAY | APRIL 15

BOOKS & BAGELS - VENICE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291 Schedule: June 18: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond July 16: Vaster Wilds, Lauren Groff? August 20: Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert? September 17: Hello Beautiful, Ann Napalitano? October 15: On Animals, Susan Orlean? November 19: Quiet American, Graham Greene?? Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Join them today to show your support for the library: For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/books-bagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-04-15T12

BOOK DISCUSSIONS
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets virtually at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. This book group discusses domestic and international titles in the mystery genre. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/book-discussions/14712453/2025-04-15T19

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 16

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-04-16T12

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9:00 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 8 PM. Show starts at 9:00PM. Online ticket sales end at 7 PM, tics available at the door after 8 PM. 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/come-sing-with-the-band-live-band-karaoke-/15099082/2025-04-16T21

GET IT DAILY...





PALISADES

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home to Sears until its 2017 closure, will accommodate approximately 2,500 students. School officials emphasized that keeping students, teachers and staff together at a single site was a primary consideration in selecting the temporary campus.

"Finding a location for 2,500 students is no easy task," Magee said. "We knew early on that it was incredibly important that we keep our school together."

The school system's insurance coverage, along with donor contributions, has enabled the transformation of the vacant department store into a functional learning environment. Renovations included adding walls, carpet, paint, air conditioning, signage and other necessities for an "inviting learning space," according to Magee.

Santa Monica officials expressed enthusiasm about hosting the school, with Mayor Lana Negrete welcoming students during the town hall. "We are really excited to have you guys a part of our community," Negrete said. "We understand it's under unfortunate circumstances, but we are ready to roll out the red carpet for you."

Negrete added that she personally visited downtown businesses to inform them about the incoming students, encouraging restaurants and shops to offer discounts for Palisades students.

Nick Melvoin, LAUSD Board District Four representative, also addressed families, noting he had visited the Sears site recently with school officials. "It's really incredible since first visiting a month or so ago as we were scoping it out, to seeing what has transpired," Melvoin said.

School and city officials have developed comprehensive transportation plans to manage the influx of students into downtown Santa Monica's already busy downtown area. Roxanne Tanemori, Deputy Director of Community Development for Santa Monica, outlined several transportation options during the presentation.

"Traffic congestion is going to happen during peak hours," Tanemori said. "So we're really asking every family to review transportation options, connect with other Pali families and plan ahead."

Officials are strongly encouraging students to use free public transit, including the Metro E line, which has a station directly across from the campus. The school will provide free transit passes, and Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus will operate free of charge on opening day.

For families choosing to drive, officials created a designated drop-off and pick-up area accessible from the 10 freeway Fifth Street exit. However, Tanemori emphasized that unlike the school's original campus, the area cannot accommodate cars waiting in line. Parents were advised to arrive early before morning rush or pick up later in the afternoon.

"This particular drop-off and pick-up lot, it's really important to note that this is an active loading and unloading area only," Tanemori said. "For the sake of traffic flow, there cannot be queuing and waiting in the lot like perhaps [families] have done in the past."

A limited number of discounted parking passes will be available for structures five and six through June 6. All city-owned downtown parking structures offer 90 minutes free parking, which officials suggested could be an option for afternoon pickup.

The four-level building, including a basement level, has been organized to allow students to navigate between classes. Passing periods have been extended to 10 minutes to accommodate additional movement time in the new space.

School officials announced that seniors will retain their off-campus lunch privileges at the new location, allowing them to patronize nearby restaurants and shops during their lunch period. Assistant Principal Tyler Farrell said all school rules will still apply to students when they leave campus.

"Parents, guardians, we're encouraging you to have a conversation with your child if you have any specific rules that you want your students to follow if they choose to go off campus for lunch," Farrell said.

School officials are emphasizing the importance of good behavior and respect for their host community. Rafael Negroe, Director of Operations, repeatedly called on students and families to be "good neighbors" to Santa Monica residents and businesses.

"Our hosts have been very gracious, and so I ask that all of us be good neighbors," Negroe said. "That is, if we're using the Metro rail, if we're using parking lots, if we go visit restaurants in the area, and if we have our friends for Samo High, that we find them in the park, that we are good neighbors and that we collaborate."

The temporary campus will operate with all previous behavior expectations and policies still in place, including dress code, cell phone usage and tardy policies. Adam Licea, assistant principal of athletics, activities and discipline, reminded students to be mindful of their voices in the new shared space.

"We are in a shared space that's a little different from Pali, our original campus, so just be mindful of your voices inside and just understand to keep it down as there's some learning going on in the classrooms," Licea said.

Palisades Charter High School's athletic programs will continue at the temporary Santa Monica location. The school has secured facilities for most sports, though softball schedules are still being finalized. Transportation will be provided to games, but not to practices. Students are encouraged to carpool or use public transit to reach practice facilities near campus. Physical education classes will take place at Belmar Park, the athletic fields located in the Civic Auditorium parking lot.

Despite the relocation challenges, school officials said they were committed to maintaining its athletic programs with the playoff season approaching.

School administrators acknowledged the emotional challenges the transition might create for some students.

"We understand that coming to this new site can activate a range of emotions, and support is available," Licea said, encouraging students to reach out to school social workers if needed.

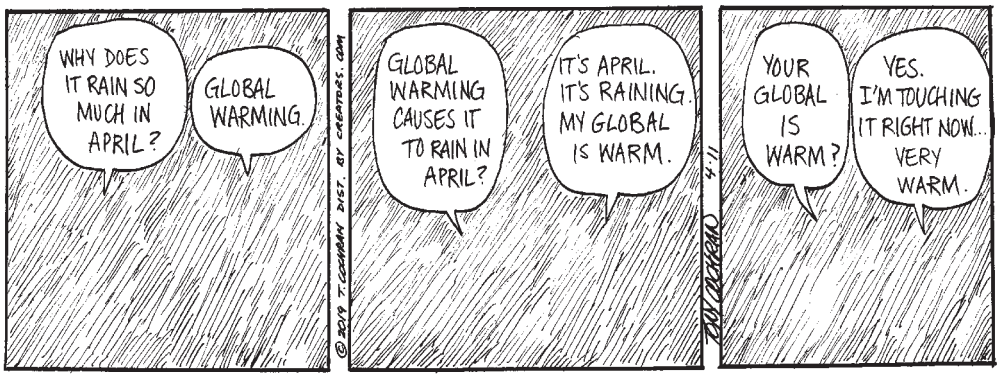
While the move to Santa Monica represents a major step forward, school officials continue to work on plans to eventually return to their original campus. For now, the school community is focused on making the Santa Monica location work while maintaining the Palisades Charter High School identity and spirit.

"This is indeed a journey, and we're so thankful for you sticking with us," Magee concluded. "You've committed to Pali High just like we are committed to you."

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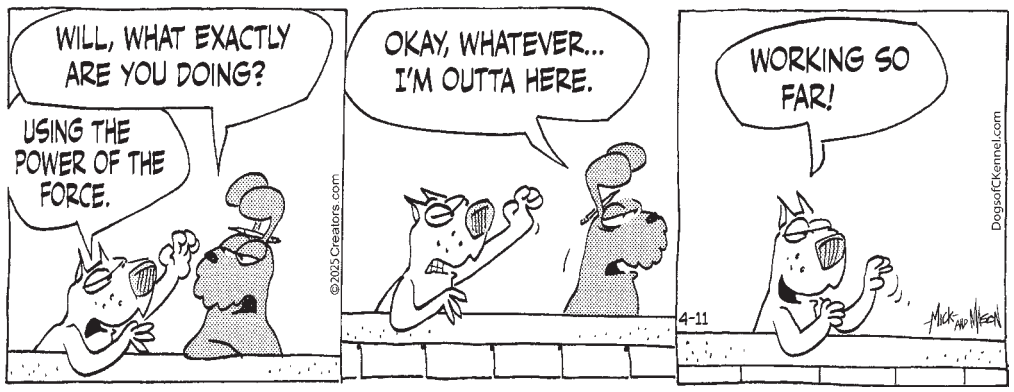
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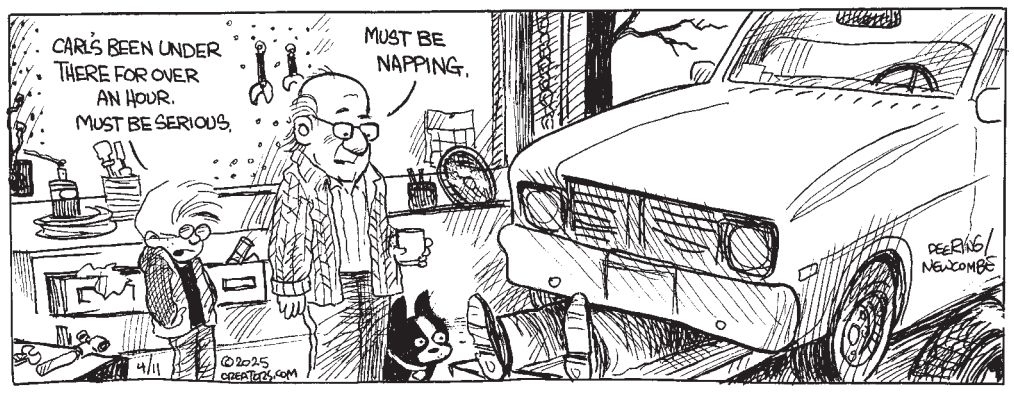
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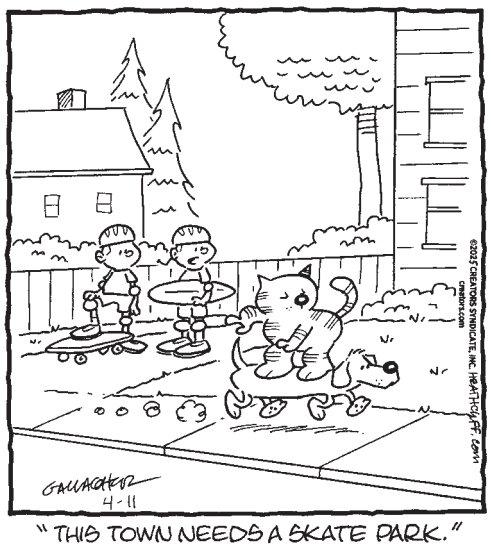
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This year, you'll shake up the status quo with fierce creativity and raw ambition. The work you do leaves your competition scrambling. It's about power moves, calculated chaos and an unmatched grind. More highlights: Love is electric, unpredictable and thrilling. A pay-off is delayed but gives much more than expected. The universe hands you a mic and you'll speak your truth loudly. Leo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 6, 31, 8, and 22.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Most people assume their reactions are correct, appropriate and universal, so they wouldn't think to work on their own attitude. But you see value in detached objectivity. If there are other ways to experience life, you're open to discovering them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The only one who can sing your soul is you. You may feel a bit stuck, like you don't quite know the tune. Trying to articulate even the smallest pieces of what you feel, without judgment or expectation, will begin to unlock that inner melody.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone hurt you, and there's a tiny revenge fantasy flickering in you still — just enough to entertain, not enough to actually do it. You can reclaim your power in another way. Not by getting them back, but by getting yourself back.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll feel called to open your heart and release the defenses that have led to division. Events emphasize a need for forgiveness, repair, healing and the restoration of meaningful connections, urging you to embrace vulnerability and rebuild bridges with those who matter most.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'd like to be able to take hold of your mood and send it up and up, but this isn't achieved through sheer will alone. There's more nuance to it. You'll find what truly lifts your energy, makes your mind quick and your spirit bright.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll try to understand people's choices and motivations, tracing their actions back to hidden fears, desires or past wounds. But understanding doesn't mean excusing, and empathy doesn't require agreement. Some paths are not yours to walk, only to witness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The goal is to regulate your habits and behaviors in a balanced way, not to impose harsh restrictions on yourself. Moderation and mindful control are the path to success, rather than extreme restraint.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're aware of an underlying rhythm today, like the heartbeat of humanity — a shared, subconscious pulse that transcends intellect and reaches into the depths of human nature. You'll dance to this primitive chant today and experience a deep sense of belonging.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are actively shaping your world. Instead of asking, "What's going to happen?" you shift to asking, "How do I make the desired outcome happen?" You will take proactive steps to understand the cause-and-effect relationships in your current environment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's an invisible tether keeping you connected to a situation, a pull that keeps you in orbit, bound by familiarity. While this sense of centering can be comforting, you cannot discover who you might be in different environments until you cut the cord.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your relationships, creativity and presence all have a way of making people feel seen and valued, and that's not something everyone can claim. Be sure to build amusement into your plan, especially the kind that involves others, and all will benefit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If it feels like you've been biding your time until conditions became more favorable or a better strategy emerged, rest assured that the wait is about to pay off. Today things align in your favor, and the opportunity is ripe for the picking.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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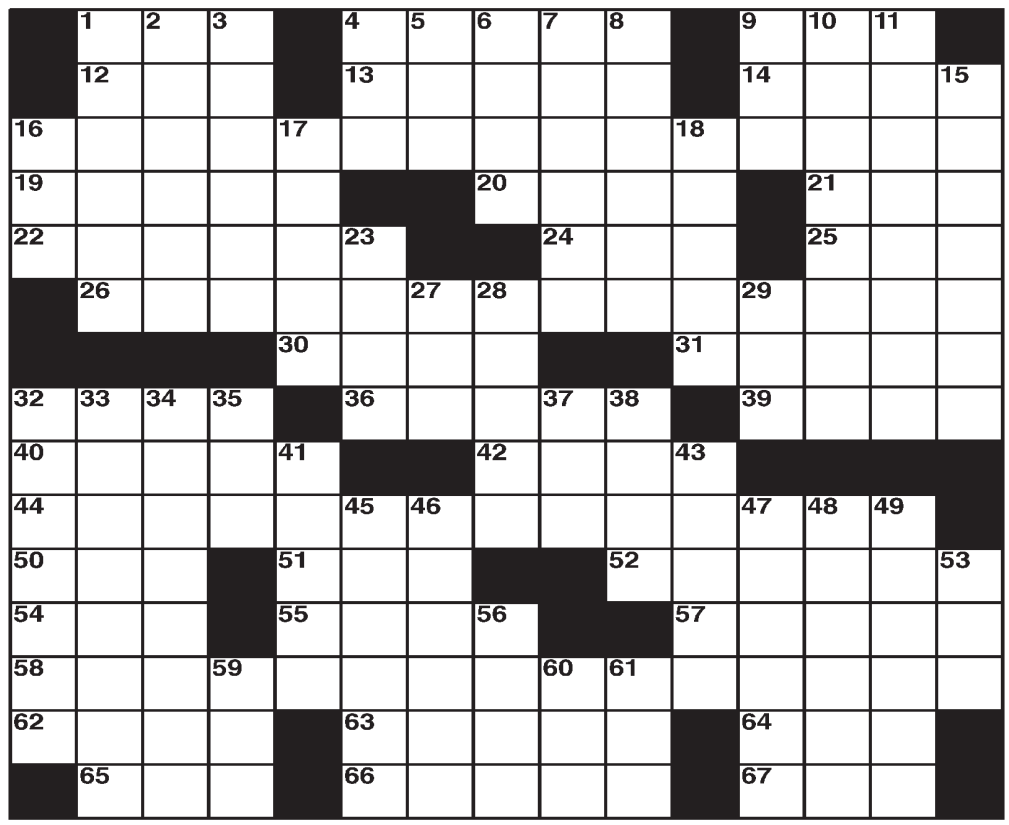
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9 Imitative type
12 Pre-AD
13 Courtroom figure
14 Parlay placements
16 Hollywood event of September '24, part 1
19 Sticklike sweeper
20 *Macbeth* title
21 According to
22 Brown tones
24 Erstwhile space station
25 Timber source
26 Part 2 of event
30 Inner nature
31 Place of safety
32 Pond swimmer
36 Part 3 of event
39 Doc's orders
40 Be real
42 Baltic capital
44 Part 4 of event
50 Conclusion of Chaucer's century
51 Chaucer-era refreshment
52 Snowmobile brand
54 "How was __ know?"
55 A handful of
57 Turn out to be
58 Appropriate place where the 44-Across is
62 Timber source
63 Barely known personalities
64 Didn't fast
65 Venerable NYC-based series
66 Quests after
67 Drapery accessory

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1 Foul caller
2 Squid kin
3 Diary, essentially
4 Quiz channel, for short
5 Place to make 14-Across
6 Know innately
7 Spend a night on the trail
8 Touring technician
9 Fiver, informally
10 Personal aversion
11 Edward the Confessor's father
15 Pastor's preparations
16 Propelled pellets
17 Collect in quantity
18 Nativity gift
23 Pack away
27 __ *generis* (unique)
28 Prefix for modern
29 Radio operator
32 Give a fresh meaning to
33 They call for fines
34 Forest bovines
35 Sound of disappointment
37 That dude
38 Long span
41 Tavern tribute
43 In disarray
45 Outpourings
46 Sow or cow
47 Intonation impediment
48 Augments
49 Beat easily
53 "Covert" missions
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UBER

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everybody."

But details remain unclear: The measure does not define which drivers would be eligible for collective bargaining or how many votes a union would need from its members to be certified.

Some labor advocates believe lawmakers should go further to try to protect workers, such as setting a minimum wage floor or explicitly protecting workers' right to strike.

The language of Prop. 22 guaranteed that companies would pay drivers 120% of minimum wage, which translated to payments ranging from $5.64 to $27.58 per hour. Moore said that was too low.

"If you are going to call that a wage floor, it's really a wage dungeon," she said, arguing the new legislation should also set a higher wage floor for ride-hailing drivers.

The proposal is expected to be heard in Assembly committees in a few weeks.

By Yue Stella Yu. CalMatters' economy reporter Levi Sumagaysay contributed reporting. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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such as having enough educational and medical services, allowing "fine-grained mixing of land uses and human activities in as many places as possible," allowing "dynamic changes in land use rather than trying to freeze neighborhoods," and providing amenities such as "walkability, revitalized live-work-play downtowns" and "great parks and trails."

So, one might ask, which metro areas are hitting all the right buttons and which are not, as determined in the study?

The 25 top pro-housing metros are all either in the Sun Belt — particularly Texas, California's arch-rival — or in the mountain states such as Utah and Idaho. No. 1 is Charlotte, NC. and No. 2 is Austin, the Texas capital which is becoming a powerful competitor with California's Silicon Valley.

Not surprisingly, California metros are heavily represented on the list of the nation's 25 "most restrictive" metros. While Honolulu is the least accommodating, Oxnard is No. 2.

Nine of the 25 are in California. They include, in order after Oxnard, San Jose, San Diego, Riverside-San Bernardino, San Francisco, Sacramento, Bakersfield, Fresno and Stockton.

It would be tempting to dismiss the Bush Institute's report as biased because it comes from Texas, but it contains a wealth of detail and explains how the data were evaluated.

A better response from California politicians would be to read the report and determine what more California could do to make the state housing-friendly. The state's current path on housing, other living costs and homelessness is going in the wrong direction.

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

UTILITY

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its response. In a statement read over the phone, she said the company internally reviews the fire risk in its service area using multiple factors.

"Should that analysis determine that changes to the CPUC maps are warranted, SCE will file a petition to modify the map with the CPUC," she said.

The commission's fire risk maps sprung out of a regulatory response to a series of fires in late 2007 in Southern California, several of which were attributed to utility equipment. As a result, Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric, which serve the vast majority of the state, submitted maps in 2017 to identify potential areas where utility equipment could cause fires.

The three utilities are required to update their maps every 10 years, but both Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison have updated sections of their maps since the original filing. Southern California Edison is also currently seeking approval to update a portion of its maps. San Diego Gas & Electric has not updated its maps since 2017.

But Cal Advocates argued in its initial 2023 proposal that the maps need both a complete update and to be updated more frequently than once a decade. When Pacific Gas & Electric filed an update in 2023, for example, the new inclusions amounted to about 4.5% of its service area.

"Even its most recent mapping was in dire need of updating," Cal Advocates said in its 2023 request. "This suggests public safety needs would be better met if utilities across the state update their wildfire risk mapping every five years."

All three of the utilities with mapping requirements supported Cal Advocates' position, which would allow the utilities to update the maps based on their own internal models. In a statement, Pacific Gas & Electric spokesperson Matt Nauman said the company updates its internal fire maps annually and expects to file updated maps with the commission at the end of this year.

Mussey Grade Road Alliance, a Ramona community advocacy group, pushed back on the proposal in May 2023 because of the discretion it would give the utilities to choose what counts as risky, which Cal Advocates later agreed with.

With the mapping comes additional regulatory scrutiny, as well as more stringent requirements for inspecting and maintaining utility infrastructure in high-risk areas.

The advocacy group's Joseph Mitchell said the maps lack sufficient modeling for how wind affects the fires. The annual average of wind in an area doesn't account for the short-term, significant gusts that were associated with large fires both recently and within the last decade.

San Diego Gas & Electric comes the closest to accounting for this, he said.

Alex Welling, spokesperson for San Diego Gas & Electric, said the utility regularly compares its maps against "wind speeds, historical fire data, fire modeling and more." The utility will file to update the maps if it "identifies a need for updates," Welling said.

"Identifying the most dangerous areas for appropriate mitigation is important and continues to be important," Mitchell said.

By Malena Carollo. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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