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Santa Monica becomes sole focus of Zbur's revised coastal development bill

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A bill that would exempt a wide range of housing, transportation and parking projects from California Coastal Commission permitting requirements has been narrowed to apply exclusively to Santa Monica as it moves through the state Assembly but its author says the revision is unlikely to derail the legislation.

AB 1740, introduced by Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur in February, originally envisioned a statewide framework that would have allowed more than a dozen coastal cities with dense transit networks to bypass individual coastal development permits for projects including housing, bike lanes, outdoor dining and parking adjustments. A committee amendment restricted the bill's geographic scope to Santa Monica alone, at least for now.

"It's true, but the basic architecture of the bill remains intact," Zbur said in an interview. "The reason we did it that way is to allow, in another year, for other cities to be added to the program."

Zbur said the scope reduction came at the recommendation of the Natural Resources Committee and was not sought by the City of Santa Monica. He said he argued against the limitation but accepted it to keep the bill moving forward.

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Brian Goldsmith makes his case for State Senate, one conversation at a time



Courtesy photo

CANDIDATE: Brian Goldsmith is one of several candidates running to represent the area in Sacramento.

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Editor's Note: SMDP has reached out to candidates for SD 24 and will be publishing interviews with those who respond in the coming weeks.

Inside a Santa Monica coffee gathering this Sunday hosted by Joanna Elliott, Brian Goldsmith, running for California State Senate District 24, will be introducing himself to locals while hearing about their concerns. The setting reflects a campaign grounded less in optics and more in presence, at a moment when both Santa Monica and the state are navigating a period of real

consequence.

Behind the intimacy of the gathering is Goldsmith's broader argument that California is at an inflection point, and that leadership both locally and in Sacramento, must meet it with urgency, clarity, and accountability.

Goldsmith's campaign is rooted on the Westside, but his focus is statewide. He sees communities like Santa Monica not as isolated challenges, but as indicators of broader systemic issues where public safety, economic vitality, and quality of life intersect. What happens here, he argues, reflects what is happening across California. "There is a disconnect between what people are

experiencing on the ground, and what's happening at the state level," Goldsmith said. "My goal is to close that gap."

For the three communities most directly impacted by the region's recent wildfires Pacific Palisades, Malibu, and Altadena, Goldsmith is positioning himself as a zealous advocate in Sacramento across a range of issue areas tied to recovery.

First and foremost is safety. From natural disasters to everyday public safety, his stance is direct as people should not have to pay for private security to feel safe. That expectation, he argues, is fundamental to how

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New letter asks Council to redo Airport-to-Park plan to include housing

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Daily Press Editor

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights is urging the Santa Monica City Council to designate a portion of the future Santa Monica Airport park for 3,000 units of below-market-rate housing, arguing that the area known as the "Urban Edge" in the city's own planning documents is the most logical and least disruptive place to build.

In an April 22 letter to the council, SMRR co-chairs Denny Zane and Mike Soloff said the group's vision for affordable housing on the 192-acre airport site has increasingly focused on the roughly 30-acre Urban Edge zone — a strip north of the runways that is currently devoted entirely to aviation-dependent uses and would become available once the airport closes at the end of 2028.

"The uses proposed for the Urban Edge in the Draft Framework Diagram, while attractive, already have a strong presence in our community and do not rise to the same level of need as below-market-rate housing," the letter states, taking aim at the diagram's proposed uses for the area, which include farmers markets, brew gardens and branch libraries.

SMRR's proposal asks the council to direct city staff and consultants to include the development of 3,000

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED 2026-27 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan along with Annual Action Plans for housing and community development which identify high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed 2026-27 Annual Action Plan, which identifies the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of a projected \$1,164,932 in CDBG funds and \$542,428 in HOME funds to address the high-priority needs specified in the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan.

The Proposed 2026-27 Annual Action Plan is now available to the public for a 30-day review period beginning March 27, 2026. Both the Proposed 2026-27 Annual Action Plan and the HUD-approved 2025-29 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs.

Hard copies are available upon request through the Housing and Human Services Department at humanservices@santamonica.gov or by telephone (310) 458-8310. Written comments may be submitted by April 27, 2026 by email to humanservices@santamonica.gov or by mail to: Housing and Human Services Department, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401. All comments received will be incorporated into the final draft of the 2026-27 Annual Action Plan, currently due to HUD by May 15, 2026. The City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the proposed plan on April 28, 2026.

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



**City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2854 (CCS)
(City Council Series)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS RELATED TO SITTING AND LYING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINERS TO COORDINATE WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENTERTAINMENT ZONES AND UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2854 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2854 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 3.12.360, Obstructing, leaving or placing property on, or sitting or lying on public rights-of-way or public property to: 1) expand the prohibition against obstructing the public right-of-way by sitting and lying on public sidewalks to include Downtown as defined by the Downtown Community Plan and the commercially-zoned portions of Montana Ave and Main Street; 2) confirm that the provisions of Section 3.12.360 are not enforced against individuals who are merely sitting or lying who are not impeding the flow of traffic; and 3) make other minor amendments for consistency with other provisions of the Municipal Code, including deleting references that no longer exist

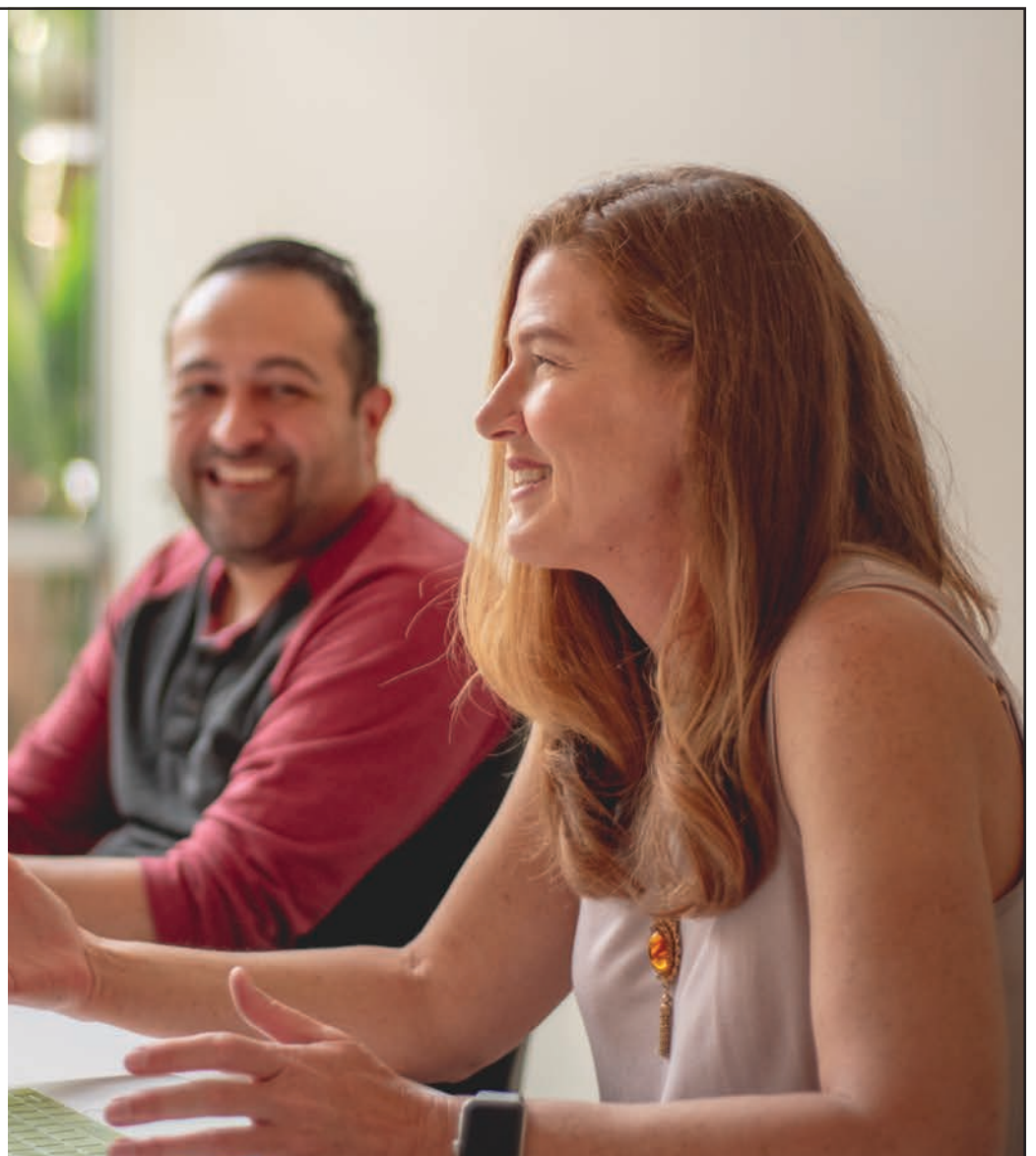
Additionally, the Ordinance amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.08.200, Drinking upon public property, to: 1) expand the prohibition against drinking any alcoholic beverage on public property to all public property, including streets, alleyways, sidewalks, parkways, public buildings, public lavatories, parking facilities, parks, and beaches; and 2) exempt areas within an established Entertainment Zone.

Ordinance Number 2854 (CCS) was adopted on April 14, 2026, and will become effective 30 days from its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Every California beach keeps its protections. Ours is the only one that doesn't.

Santa Monica's City Council secretly co-sponsored legislation stripping our coast of independent oversight for a decade. Sacramento amended the bill to name our city alone. No other California coastal community lost its protections. Only ours. Not one resident was asked.

On April 22, 2026, as the rest of the country marked Earth Day, California's Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee voted 6 to 0 to advance AB 1740, legislation that would remove independent state oversight from Santa Monica's coastal zone for the next decade. Councilmember Dan Hall made the trip to Sacramento to testify in its favor. He is an elected representative of the people of Santa Monica. He did not represent them. He represented the bill.

This was not a surprise to anyone paying attention. In his first speech from the dais as a newly elected councilmember, Hall specifically thanked Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, the author of AB 1740, as one of the first to believe in him. Streets for All, the political action committee that spent \$37,500 backing Hall and his slate in the 2024 council race, is a named co-sponsor of the same bill. The chain from political investment to legislative outcome runs in a straight line: Streets for All backed Hall, Hall won, Hall flew to Sacramento to testify for their bill, authored by the assemblymember he publicly credited on the night of his election. That is not a coincidence.

The contradiction in Hall's own record makes the politics visible. He has publicly taken credit for first proposing the idea of a major music festival for Santa Monica, specifically the Goldenvoice-produced concert planned for the beach south of the pier in fall 2026. That event, which could draw up to 35,000 daily attendees across 12.5 acres of coastal zone, requires California Coastal Commission permits. The city's own deputy city manager confirmed that city staff was appearing before the Commission the morning after the council approved the event framework to begin shepherding the World Cup activation through the permitting process. The permit pathway that Hall's proudest civic achievement requires is the same permit pathway he flew to Sacramento on Earth Day to help dismantle. Either the Coastal Commission process works well enough for the concert he takes credit for, or it does not. It cannot be both.

The broader backstory is worse. Somewhere between a vague set of 2023 council priorities and a February 2026 bill introduction, the City of Santa Monica became a named co-sponsor of legislation that would hand our coastal zone to purely local political control, without an agenda item, without a public vote, and without notifying the residents, business owners, or conservation organizations that have spent generations protecting this stretch of Pacific

coastline. City staff, operating on an internal interpretation of council priorities so loosely defined that no resident ever voted on it or read it, attached Santa Monica's name and its Sacramento lobbying resources to AB 1740.

WHAT AB 1740 ACTUALLY DOES TO THIS CITY

AB 1740, introduced by Assemblymember Zbur and co-sponsored by the City of Santa Monica, Streets for All, and Abundant Housing LA, creates a new designation called an urban multimodal community. Cities that qualify, based on transit corridors, bicycle infrastructure, and adopted climate targets, could approve a broad range of coastal zone projects without individual Coastal Commission review.

The exemptions are not narrow. Under this bill, local governments could approve mixed-income multifamily housing in areas already zoned for multifamily use, building renovations and expansions up to 150% of existing footprint, parking restructuring and elimination, bike and bus lane installations, outdoor dining activations, and sweeping transportation infrastructure changes, all without independent Commission oversight. Density bonus law stacking applies on top of all of it, meaning a developer could layer multiple affordability bonuses to reach heights and densities that would never survive Commission scrutiny. The resulting projects carry 55-year deed restrictions and permanent land use changes that no future council can undo.

Picture where this lands. The multifamily-zoned parcels within Santa Monica's coastal zone but outside the bill's narrow 300-foot beach buffer include properties along Wilshire Boulevard, Arizona Avenue, Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica Boulevard, and Broadway into Ocean Park. These are not hypothetical development sites. They are the corridors where Olympic-era construction pressure is already building, where density bonus projects are already in the pipeline, and where the removal of independent state oversight would permanently reshape the scale, character, and environmental footprint of the coast that 93,000 residents share with millions of annual visitors.

Santa Monica almost certainly qualifies as an urban multimodal community under the bill's criteria. City staff has said as much. The entire coastal zone above the 300-foot buffer, in a city that has not had a certified Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan since 1992, would fall under the exclusive control of the same governmental body that co-sponsored the bill eliminating oversight of that control. There is a word for a system in which the regulator and the regulated are the same entity. It is not governance. It is capture.



Surf report WATER TEMP: 64.8

FRIDAY POOR TO FAIR | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Worth a look in the morning at combo exposures. W wind cranks in the afternoon. Size holds pretty steady from Thursday with just enough NW windswell and new WNW swell energy to keep things fairly peaky at the combo breaks.

Continued S swell keeps the lights on for the summer points too. Average breaks are around waist-stomach high, standouts pushing chest-shoulder high+ off the blend of swells.

Wind are looking ok for the initial tide drop in the morning then get breezy from the W in the afternoon. Head for wind blockage then.

SATURDAY FAIR | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Fun day at sheltered points, chewed up elsewhere from steady W wind. S swell is on the way down with enough NW windswell mixing in for some junky beachbreak peaks. Knee-waist high waves at average spots, standouts out west chest-high in the morning, tapering off slightly through the afternoon.

Light+ westerly onshores expected at first light for manageable lump out west and the tide drop early/mid-AM looks like the best conditions you'll get. Breezier onshores due in the afternoon.

Sheltered points look okay all day, work around the midday low tide.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of rain after 11am. Partly sunny, with a high near 61. South southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)High/Low
2026/04/24	Fri	03:41 AM	4.60 H
2026/04/24	Fri	11:22 AM	-0.34 L
2026/04/24	Fri	6:27 PM	3.89 H
2026/04/24	Fri	11:38 PM	2.32 L
2026/04/25	Sat	05:10 AM	4.43 H
2026/04/25	Sat	12:16 PM	-0.23 L
2026/04/25	Sat	7:02 PM	4.33 H
2026/04/26	Sun	12:45 AM	1.66 L
2026/04/26	Sun	06:23 AM	4.36 H
2026/04/26	Sun	12:59 PM	-0.04 L

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<p>Draw Date: 4/21 1 36 43 56 58 Mega#: 7 Jackpot: 150 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 4/22 EVENING: 9 4 0 Draw Date: 4/22 MIDDAY: 0 3 7</p>
<p>Draw Date: 4/22 1 3 23 31 45 Mega#: 16 Jackpot: 14 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 4/22 1st: 10 - Solid Gold 2nd: 11 - Money Bags 3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms Race Time: 1:47.50</p>

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INVITATION FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS

Pursuant to California Education Code 17406, notice is hereby given that subcontractor bids will be received by Blach Construction – 790 The City Drive S, Suite 44 Orange, CA 92868. Bids must be received in accordance with Blach Construction’s instructions by Thursday, May 7th, 2026 at 2PM. It is the bidder’s responsibility to ensure timely delivery via Building Connected.

Project:

Franklin Elementary School – Early Education and Site Improvements – Inc II

Location:

2400 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90403

Scope of Work:

Scaffolding, Final Cleaning, Surveying, Demolition, Structural Concrete, Structural Steel, Metal Decking & Misc. Metals, Rough Carpentry (Wood Framing), Casework, Waterproofing and Roofing, Building Insulation, Flashings and Sheet Metal, Expansion Joints, Doors, Frames, & Hardware, Glass & Glazing, Metal Framing & Drywall, Lath & Plaster, Ceramic Tile, Acoustical Ceilings, Resilient Flooring and Carpet, Painting, Building Specialties, Signage, Bathroom Accessories, Shade Structure, Residential Appliances, Playground Equipment & Surfacing, Window Coverings, Fire Protection, Plumbing, HVAC, Solar Panels, Electrical, Low Voltage & Electronic Security/Safety, Earthwork & Paving, Site Concrete, Fences & Gates, Landscape, Irrigation & Site Furnishings, Synthetic Fields, Wet Utilities

Required Classifications:

Scaffolding – D50, Final Cleaning – D63, Surveying – N/A (Licensed Land Surveyor), Demolition – C21, Structural Concrete – C8, Structural Steel – C51, Metal Decking & Misc. Metals – C51/C23, Rough Carpentry (Wood Framing) – C5, Casework – C6, Waterproofing and Roofing – C39/D51, Building Insulation – C2, Flashings and Sheet Metal – C43, Expansion Joints – C61/D64, Doors Frames & Hardware – D28, Glass & Glazing – C17, Metal Framing & Drywall – C9, Lath & Plaster – C35, Ceramic Tile – C54, Acoustical Ceilings – C2, Resilient Flooring and Carpet – C15, Painting – C33, Building Specialties – D34/C61, Signage – C45, Bathroom Accessories – D34/C61, Shade Structure – C23/D28, Residential Appliances – D34, Playground Equipment & Surfacing – D34/C61, Window Coverings – D52, Fire Protection – C16, Plumbing – C36, HVAC – C20, Solar Panels – C46, Electrical – C10, Low Voltage & Electronic Security/Safety – C7, Earthwork & Paving – A/C12, Site Concrete – C8, Fences & Gates – C13, Landscape – C27, Irrigation & Site Furnishings – C27/D34, Synthetic Fields – A/C27, Wet Utilities – A

Bid Submittal:

Bids must be submitted electronically via BuildingConnected in accordance with Blach Construction’s instructions and received no later than Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

Job Walk (Non-Mandatory): TBD. Information on job walk to be provided though BuildingConnected. The job walk to be held at Franklin Elementary School 2400 Montana Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

Contract Bid Documents: Copies of the bid & contract documents including drawings and specifications are available through Building Connected. Contractors are required to submit Blach Construction prequalification questionnaire in order to be selected for the project. Please reach out to Danny O’Malley with Blach Construction at (408) 886 3691 and danny.omalley@blach.com for access as needed.

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Prevailing Wage and Skilled & Trained Workforce Requirements: Per Public Contract Code 2601 and 2602 as well as Senate Bill 693, all subcontractors at every tier must adhere to Skilled & Trained Workforce Requirements. Additionally, prevailing wage is required on this project. Additional information is provided in Blach Construction’s Bid Documents.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial

Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. Of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

The successful bidder will be required to have the appropriate State of California Contractor’s License to perform the work current at the time of submission to bid.

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The committee preserved the bill’s program structure, leaving open a pathway for other qualifying cities to be added in future legislative sessions.

“This came from the committee itself,” Zbur said. “We actually argued to try to not limit it quite as much.”

Narrowing a bill to a single city is not unprecedented in Sacramento. A bill by Sen. Ben Allen related to speed cameras was similarly restricted to Malibu, which Zbur noted eventually served as a pilot that led to broader legislation.

KEY REVISIONS TO THE BILL

In addition to the geographic restriction, the April amendments made significant changes to the bill’s parking provisions, a central point of contention among local critics.

The revised bill explicitly prohibits the removal of beach parking lots and parking on streets proximate to the beach. Under the amended language, parking management exemptions — including the ability to add or remove spaces and set pricing — do not apply to areas between the sea and the first public road paralleling it, or within 300 feet of the inland extent of any beach.

Parking rate increases are now capped under a tiered structure: the city may raise rates without Coastal Commission approval until they reach \$10 per day, adjusted annually for inflation based on the California Consumer Price Index. Any increases beyond that threshold are limited to the annual CPI change.

The bill does still allow removal of on-street parking outside those beach-adjacent areas, provided changes are tied to pedestrian, bicycle or transit improvements and the city makes a written finding that the project will not reduce public access to the shoreline.

“The goal is to not allow removal of beach parking,” Zbur said. “The bill also recognizes that a lot of people still come into coastal cities using cars, and that we still need to protect parking and beach access for people driving in.”

The amended bill also narrows the definitions section. Where earlier versions defined a broad category of qualifying “urban multimodal communities,” the revised text substitutes a simple definition: “‘City’ means the City of Santa Monica.”

Housing development exemptions were also modified. The bill now exempts multifamily housing projects from coastal development permit requirements provided they are not located within 300 feet of the beach, within 100 feet of wetlands or environmentally sensitive habitat areas, and are located in areas where multifamily housing is already permitted under the city’s general plan, specific plan or zoning ordinance. Single-family homes with accessory dwelling units are explicitly excluded. The bill sunsets on January 1, 2037.

COMMITTEE ANALYSIS AND LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

The bill passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Community Development Committee.

An analysis by The Housing and Community Development Committee describes the bill as establishing “a broad set of exemptions from Coastal Act CDP requirements within the City of Santa Monica” covering parking management, transportation improvements, accessibility upgrades,

temporary events, building renovations, outdoor dining, bicycle infrastructure and housing development.

The committee analysis notes that the bill effectively supersedes locally adopted coastal policies in those categories, applying “notwithstanding any provision of an existing certified Local Coastal Program or certified land use plan.” That means qualifying projects would bypass not only Coastal Commission review but also the additional coastal-specific standards and appeal pathways built into Santa Monica’s Local Coastal Program.

The analysis acknowledges the tradeoff, stating the bill “may streamline infill housing production in a high-opportunity coastal jurisdiction and reduce permitting timelines” while also shifting “the balance between state-directed streamlining and the Coastal Act’s longstanding reliance on locally tailored coastal planning through certified LCPs.”

The bill includes a sunset date of January 1, 2037, which the committee noted would “allow the Legislature to evaluate how these changes affect housing production, coastal access, and resource protection over time.”

The committee also suggested an amendment that would make sites identified for housing in the city’s housing element — not only the land use element — eligible for the exemption.

SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION

The bill has drawn a broad coalition of supporters, including co-sponsors Abundant Housing LA, Streets for All and the City of Santa Monica, along with the California Home Building Alliance, the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County, the California Chamber of Commerce, AARP and numerous neighborhood housing advocacy groups.

Opposition is organized, Zbur acknowledged, and centers less on the bill’s specific provisions than on the principle of modifying the Coastal Act at all.

The California Coastal Protection Network, Surfrider Foundation, Heal the Bay, Sierra Club and dozens of other environmental and coastal advocacy groups are either opposed or have taken an “oppose unless amended” position. Several groups, including the Surfrider Foundation and Azul, called on the author to remove all Coastal Act exemptions from the bill.

“The core of the bill — which guts essential Coastal Act provisions for the protection of the environment, public access, environmental justice and sea level rise planning — remains intact,” the California Coastal Protection Network and others wrote in a joint position statement.

Zbur said the opposition reflects a structural concern about precedent rather than the specifics of the legislation.

“It’s not that they think species are going to be harmed or wetlands are going to be harmed,” he said. “But if you’re taking away authority for this reason, the next thing is you’re going to take the authority for a different reason, and eventually it’s a slippery slope.”

Zbur said he remains confident the bill will pass the Assembly and acknowledged that Senate hearings will be more difficult. Any bill that touches the Coastal Act, he said, is subject to heightened scrutiny at every stage.

“I am still confident that we will be successful getting this bill through this year,” he said.

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government should function. "There is a basic contract between government and the people it serves - right now, too many communities feel like that contract has been broken," he said.

He also points to a broader failure of coordination, "a vacuum" where no single entity is responsible for aligning communication, resources, and execution in the aftermath of disaster. Closing that gap, he believes, is essential not just for rebuilding homes, but for restoring trust.

Goldsmith frames affordability as a defining issue for the state's future. Even families who established roots decades ago are now questioning whether the next generation will be able to stay. The question is no longer just about buying a home, but about whether California can still offer a pathway to upward mobility. "We used to be a place people came to build a life," he said. "Now too many are leaving for Nevada or Arizona because they can't find opportunity here."

His perspective is informed by experience in journalism and the private sector, where he saw firsthand how difficult it can be to start and sustain a business in California. Fees, regulations, and taxes, he argues, are not theoretical; they shape whether new enterprises succeed or fail.

While he supports local efforts like streamlining permitting, he believes Sacramento must go further, reducing barriers for small businesses, supporting first job pathways, and ensuring that larger employers remain in California rather than relocating elsewhere.

On education, Goldsmith is focused on outcomes as he is raising his children through the educational system. California's K through 12 system, he notes, is underperforming in key areas like third grade reading and math; a trend he sees as symptomatic of a broader issue, measuring effort rather than results. "We've spent millions and passed countless bills, but if we're not seeing improvement, we have to change how we measure success," he added.

For Goldsmith, restoring the strength of public education is central to restoring the California promise, particularly in communities like Santa Monica, where education has long been part of the foundation for stability and growth.

Goldsmith does not present himself as a traditional politician. Running for office, he says, "wasn't on my bingo card," but he sees the current moment shaped by natural disasters, economic pressure, and a sense

that Sacramento has failed to address critical issues, as one that requires a different kind of leadership.

Raised in West Los Angeles and now raising his own family here, he frames his candidacy as grounded in lived experience. In a field he describes as too often comfortable with the status quo, he positions himself as focused on progress, not promises.

He points to State Senator Ben Allen as an example of effective leadership, someone who has delivered for coastal communities and prepared for the impacts of climate change; and argues that the next chapter requires the same level of focus and effectiveness.

At the core of Goldsmith's campaign is a belief in coalition building. At a time of increasing division from anti-Asian hate to rising antisemitism to tensions around immigration enforcement, he is clear in his stance, and an unambiguous advocate against hate in all forms, and a supporter of policies that protect communities.

For him, the work in Sacramento is not just about legislation; it is about finding common ground and building alignment across constituencies to move issues forward. Goldsmith sees economic development as an area where local and state leadership must be closely aligned.

In Santa Monica, challenges around public safety and economic recovery are directly tied to whether businesses return and communities feel vibrant again. He points to the city's ongoing efforts under Santa Monica City Manager Oliver Chi as encouraging, but believes the state must actively support those initiatives.

Looking ahead to global sporting events from the World Cup to LA28, Goldsmith sees an opportunity to connect global visibility with local economic impact, but he is equally clear that California cannot afford to overlook the industries that already sustain its economy. "A lot of people on the Westside work in this industry, and we're in a battle with 49 other states," he said.

Goldsmith is a strong advocate for expanding California's film and television tax credit, lifting caps and extending incentives to both above the line and below the line costs to keep production and jobs in state. His campaign is built on leadership that begins with listening, and policy must reflect lived experience, and change, whether in Santa Monica or Sacramento, starts with showing up and results driven to help move California forward.

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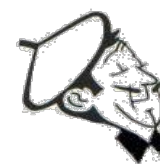


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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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SANTA MONICA GREAT PARK COALITION

Greetings from the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition

This is our second “Report To The Community”. (Read our first [“Report”](#) from December on our website at greatparkcoalition.org) Our Coalition was formed in 2024 to bring together the many groups and individuals looking forward to the conversion of the 192-acre Santa Monica Airport into a Great Park when the airport closes at the end of 2028. Today, the Coalition includes 84 supporting organizations representing more than 30,000 people, all dedicated to advancing community health, restoring green space, strengthening local sustainability and creating vibrant arts, culture, sports and recreation opportunities for our region. We have lots of news to share.

Planning gains momentum as the Draft Framework is introduced

Last July, City Council directed staff and consultants, as the next step in the City’s [Airport Conversion Project](#), to prepare a plan for the conversion that would not require a vote under Measure LC, meaning that all site development would be solely for parks and recreational purposes. After more than eight months of work, staff recently released a conceptual plan for the Great Park, building on more than two years of community engagement through the SMAC Project, including workshops, surveys, and public events that invited residents to help shape the park’s future.

Called the “Draft [Framework](#),” the plan outlines our Great Park’s overall vision. Structured by “Big Moves” (transformative spatial strategies); “Bold Connections” (how people move to, through, and across the site), and “Beloved Places” (the distinct districts where people gather, reflect, play, and belong), the Draft Framework establishes the Great Park’s overall structure, organizing the airport site into eight districts, each with its own distinct character, potential amenities, and uses. The Framework includes illustrative concepts to help the community envision what could take shape across the site.

DRAFT FRAMEWORK



The GPC is excited about the Draft Framework, which marks another important step toward the Great Park. The Framework itself will undergo review and development before it is approved. Staff and the consultants are asking the public to contribute reactions and ideas to the Framework, by completing [a short survey](#) at smacproject.com. The GPC urges everyone to study the Framework and then complete the survey. Your input now will help shape how these districts take form in Santa Monica’s future Great Park.

Meanwhile, to gather more input, City staff and their consultants have been making presentations of the Framework to the Airport, Arts, Planning, Recreation & Parks, and Sustainability Commissions, and to the Urban Forest and Environmental Task Forces. Staff will also be presenting the Draft Framework to the public at local community events, allowing plenty of time for the public to weigh in before the Draft Framework goes to City Council for review.

County grants Santa Monica funding for Great Park planning

In March, the L.A. County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) announced its [2026 Measure-A Park Grants](#). Included is an award of \$499,149 to the City of Santa Monica to design and plan the first 20 acres of the Great Park! The County's grant award is an important vote of confidence in and validation of the City's on-going park-planning process. More than that, the grant reflects the regional importance of the Great Park for both recreational and environmental purposes.

Santa Monica approves a bold target for more park space

In other good news coming from the City, recently the City Council UNANIMOUSLY approved the "2025 Parks and Recreation Vision Plan" (PRVP). This plan, based on and reinforcing the concept of the "City as Habitat," recognizes the need for more park space in Santa Monica, setting a goal of five acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents.

This five-acre standard is considered a baseline for cities but would represent more than a tripling of Santa Monica's current park acreage, which is only 1.5 acres per 1,000. Transforming the airport land into a Great Park is essential to meeting this goal, as it is the last large, contiguous public parcel in Santa Monica. The PRVP recognizes this by including an addendum for the Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project, strengthening the connection between the PRVP's target and the future Great Park. You can read more about the PRVP here: www.santamonica.gov/parks-and-recreation-vision-plan

Protect your Great Park; every acre counts

Unfortunately, we must also alert you to two proposals circulating that would reduce or fragment the Great Park. One is a petition for a ballot measure, currently in the signature gathering stage, which seeks to remove 25% of the land at the airport from the park and use it for a housing development. (Santa Monica is already building housing in the right places, especially along transit corridors, in Downtown, and along the E Line where the city has already planned for growth. Meanwhile, our need for open space, climate resilience, and community-serving parkland has never been greater.)

Another threat to the Great Park comes from pro-aviation interests who suggest keeping the airport's runway operating while purportedly adding some park space around it. The GPC is opposed to any proposal which would reduce the acreage of the Great Park. Carving up this parkland would undermine community priorities and leave Santa Monica without the park it needs. Please do not sign any petitions for ballot measures or proposals that would allow any use other than a full Great Park across all 192 acres.

Join the founding community of Great Park supporters and advocates

Santa Monica now has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a lasting legacy for the people who will call this region home today and for future generations.

Every day, the Great Park Coalition advances this work. We make presentations to community organizations and public commissions, build relationships with city officials and civic leaders, support funding grant applications through letters and advocacy, represent our Coalition before City Council and City Commissions in support of the voter-approved parkland vision, and connect with park planners, conservation leaders, and environmental infrastructure experts to strengthen the planning process. We also amplify the Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project's community planning process, encouraging active public engagement, to help ensure that our Great Park will reflect shared community priorities. We invite you to join the growing list of more than 1,100 Great Park advocates listed on the [Great Park Coalition website](#) and become part of the founding community of Great Park champions, helping to ensure our public land becomes a lasting public treasure. We hope to see you at future Great Park advocacy events!



GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 3

WHO IS BEHIND THIS, AND WHY IT MATTERS

Streets for All is not a transportation advocacy nonprofit. It operates as a registered 527 political action committee, structured to raise and spend unlimited money electing candidates to local office. In Santa Monica's 2024 council race, Streets for All spent \$37,500 backing the slate that now holds council seats and co-sponsored this legislation without a public vote. Streets for All's core agenda is the elimination of surface parking and the reconfiguration of city streets away from cars. Every parking exemption in AB 1740, every provision stripping the Commission of authority over parking ratios and street design within our coastal zone, directly advances that agenda. Their co-sponsorship is the legislative return on a targeted political investment that began at the ballot box.

Abundant Housing LA is the primary lobbying arm of the YIMBY movement in Los Angeles, a 501(c)(4) that advocates for policy and actively backs pro-development candidates for office. It has co-sponsored a string of state bills engineered to override local regulatory barriers to housing near transit, most recently SB 79, which would legalize apartment construction within a half-mile of major transit stops statewide. AB 1740 is the coastal version of that same strategy: strip the independent check, transfer approval authority to local government, and accelerate density. Their executive director described the goal plainly, calling the bill a chance to streamline multifamily housing approvals in existing urbanized areas along California's coast. After April 15, 2026, the coast in question is ours alone.

These are the organizations whose legislative agenda Councilmember Hall flew to Sacramento on Earth Day to advance, in a bill authored by the assemblymember who endorsed him before he had a single vote. The residents of Santa Monica funded that trip. They did not authorize it.

THEN SACRAMENTO NAMED US SPECIFICALLY

On April 15, 2026, AB 1740 was amended so that its permit exemptions apply specifically and exclusively to the City of Santa Monica. The bill's title was

changed to read: Coastal resources: coastal development permits: Santa Monica. The amended text requires legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for Santa Monica.

That clause carries constitutional weight. The California Constitution disfavors special legislation targeting a single city when a general law could accomplish the same purpose. When the Legislature singles out one city by name, it must affirmatively declare why no general statute would work. The Legislature included that finding because it has no other choice. No general principle of California law can justify stripping one coastal city of its protections while leaving every other intact. That is a legal admission embedded in the bill itself, signed off on by every legislator who votes yes.

Read the ledger. Malibu keeps its Coastal Commission protection. Venice Beach keeps it. Long Beach, Santa Cruz, Carmel, Half Moon Bay, every city along California's 1,100-mile coast retains the independent oversight that has governed coastal development since the Coastal Act was made permanent in 1976. Only Santa Monica is singled out. Only our coastal zone is transferred to local political control. Only our residents lose the independent check that has kept this shoreline from being handed to whoever holds office in any given election cycle.

The exemptions run to January 1, 2037, covering the entire 2028 Olympic construction cycle and five years of development runway beyond it. This is not a pilot program or a cautious modernization. It is a decade-long window for one specific coastline, constructed without a vote of the people who live on it, advanced by officials who did not tell them it was coming, and passed on Earth Day by a committee that heard no organized opposition because the residents whose coast was on the agenda did not know the hearing was happening.

Part Two of this commentary will examine the Mayor's contradictory public statements, her selective presentation to North of Montana residents, the economic recovery argument and what it actually means, the environmental science that makes this deregulation indefensible, and the closing window to stop AB 1740.

By Ashley Oelsen

PARK

FROM PAGE 1

below-market-rate units in the Environmental Impact Report alternatives analysis. The group also called on the EIR to assess whether the Urban Edge zone should be expanded to accommodate parking and circulation infrastructure.

The letter noted that the Urban Edge's northern boundary abuts the old Santa Monica Business Park, now owned by Boston Properties, which has announced plans for a 385-unit, eight-story market-rate housing project at 28th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. SMRR argued that below-market-rate housing in the Urban Edge area would serve as a natural buffer between that development and the broader park.

The group also cited traffic concerns, noting that ingress and egress from the Urban Edge can be routed to Ocean Park Boulevard, reducing pressure on Walgrove Avenue and 23rd Street.

A FRACTURED COALITION

SMRR's push comes amid a broader and increasingly contentious debate over what role, if any, housing should play on the airport site. In January 2026, housing advocates affiliated with SMRR and UNITE HERE Local 11 submitted language for a November 2026 ballot measure that would amend Measure LC — the 2014 city charter amendment that restricts post-closure use of the property to parks and open space — to allow up to 3,000 units of largely affordable housing on up to 25% of the site.

That proposal drew swift opposition from both parks supporters and some of the city's progressive political organizations who have argued the housing initiative could fracture the coalition that has spent decades working to close the airport and convert it to parkland.

Pro-aviation interests have added a separate layer of opposition to the closure itself. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the group Spirit of Santa Monica have argued the airport is a regional asset and emergency resource, pointing to a fall 2025 poll showing 67% of surveyed voters favored keeping it open.

The City's most ardent supporters of parkland at the Airport denounced the new SMRR letter saying it is intended to upend the entire airport to park conversion project.

"Under standard planning procedures decisions about alternatives in an EIR don't come until a preferred project plan has been developed. This is not going to happen with the Airport Conversion Project until after its Phase 5, sometime next year," said a statement by Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation and the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition. "Given that SMRR and its allies have chosen to ignore the Conversion Project, it's not

surprising that SMRR is now asking the City Council to break into that process and mandate the study of a particular plan of housing in the EIR."

The statement said SMRR's letter was disingenuous given that SMRR is still gathering signatures for a ballot measure that would require that 25 percent of the airport land, nearly 50 acres, be used for housing.

"It's also asking the council to do something that would possibly violate CEQA because housing at the airport is not legally permissible, and thus infeasible, given that it is inconsistent with the language Measure LC added to the City Charter," said the statement.

SMRR, for its part, sought to address the closure question directly in its letter, arguing that a united front between park and affordable housing advocates is the best defense against any effort to reverse the closure.

THE ROAD TO CLOSURE

Santa Monica Airport, a general aviation field that has operated since World War I, could cease operations at midnight on Dec. 31, 2028, under a 2017 consent decree the city reached with the Federal Aviation Administration. The closure follows nearly half a century of legal and political effort by the city.

Active planning for the post-airport site has accelerated in recent years. The city has run a multi-phase public outreach process that has included 87 public meetings and more than 12,100 online survey responses. In early 2026, the city released a Draft Framework Diagram organizing the site into eight interconnected districts. A preferred scenario will inform the CEQA environmental review required before implementation can begin.

The city has also secured a \$499,149 Los Angeles County grant to begin design on an initial 20-acre segment of the future park.

CENTENNIAL PICNIC PLANNED

As the planning debate continues, the Santa Monica Great Park Coalition is marking a milestone with a community picnic in Clover Park from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 25.

The event celebrates the centennial of Santa Monica's 1926 parks bond, when roughly 30,000 residents voted to tax themselves the equivalent of \$16 million in today's money to acquire land for the city's first Great Park — land that was later absorbed into the Douglas Aircraft plant and ultimately became the airport.

The coalition will provide free hot dogs, cold drinks and cupcakes. Activities will include face painting, art and sports activities, a pollinator-attracting plant giveaway and a "Dogs of the Great Park" photo spot.

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City of Santa Monica Ordinance Number 2853 (CCS) (City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING CHAPTER 2.04 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTIONAL RULES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2853 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance No. 2853 (CCS) merges certain Civil Service Rules that were previously in the City Charter into the Municipal Code, consistent with Measure AB that was approved by voters in the November 3, 2020 General Election. That ballot measure had authorized amending Charter section 1107 and repealing Charter section 1108 regarding appointment and promotional rules and merging them with existing Civil Service provisions of the Municipal Code that implement those rules. This ordinance implements that voter-approved change and does not alter any current terms or conditions of employment.

The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



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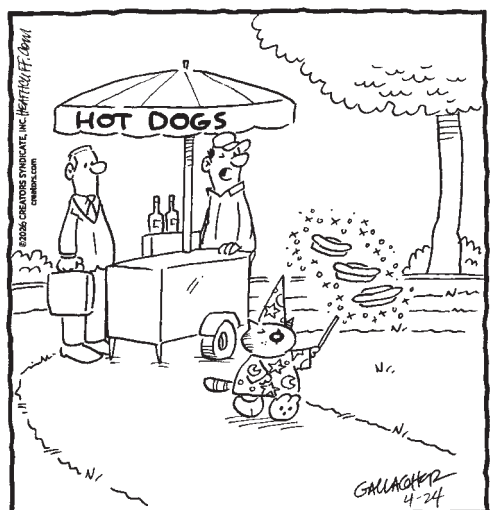
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). How do you do it? You manage to live the oxymoron of being clearly mysterious. Your transparency invites curiosity, and somehow you can never reveal enough to dissolve the magic. People lean in, intrigued. Your connections are a story unfolding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is no ordinary world. You'll be amazed and mystified by what you learn today and feel like you're "in on a secret." In a way. The things you dream of, the truth and beauty you spot, what you interact with creatively. Today, it's all very "you."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even though you try your best to get to the facts and the truth, accurate information is not always useful, and useful information isn't always accurate. Moving forward is what matters. Keep seeking the truth and taking the next step.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a right way to enter and exit situations. It applies to relationships too. That ability to release people without drama earns long-term trust. You'll soon be in a position to protect someone's dignity, and in this, you'll live up to your reputation for grace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not guessing your way through a relationship. You observe, adapt and act with precision. Even when it feels repetitive or thankless, your consistency creates a stable environment that others rely on, perhaps more than anyone realizes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's so nice to know you don't have to chase validation or try to be chosen. It's enough just to participate in something meaningful. And today you won't need to compromise anything about yourself to make this happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're carrying multiple roles at once, and still finding moments of connection, humor and clarity. That range isn't accidental. It's built from experience and awareness working together under pressure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a moment when someone misreads your tone. You don't collapse or overexplain. You stay yourself, adjust in real time and land the interaction. That kind of social agility builds trust without costing you energy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Forgiveness is often described as a gift to the other person, but the real shift happens inside you. When you're holding onto resentment, it's like keeping a low, steady fire burning in your own body. Today you'll put it out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll hear the best that others have to say because they try harder when you're the one listening. They seek your acknowledgment. You give a quality of attention that inspires people to show up with their A-game.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're so effective, productive and in-demand. Because you know how to focus. You put your head down and do the thing until it's done, ignoring distractions, oblivious to who notices or doesn't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's an experience that wants to be had, and it's not going away until you live it. Your mind will keep circling the idea until the rest of you takes action. So you may as well take action today and move this process along.

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Newsday Crossword

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- 5 2014 Winter Olympics city
- 10 What some chips are made of
- 14 Digital editing
- 15 Front of a stage
- 16 Sound made by horseshoes
- 17 Extremely evil
- 19 Overflow, with "over"
- 20 Key concept in economics
- 21 Heavy load
- 23 Would-be MAs' challenge
- 24 Excites, so to speak
- 25 Closest large galaxy
- 27 YWCA course
- 28 Tip for writers
- 30 Zuckerberg's prep school
- 31 Kept at till the end
- 34 Armed forces address
- 35 Exploitation expert
- 38 Any of 11 *apóstolos*
- 39 Martial arts flooring
- 40 Hardware reliability stat
- 43 Medium power
- 44 Big source of power
- 47 Raise in dignity
- 50 Certain exercise posture
- 52 Talk Like a Pirate Day cry
- 53 Half a "hidden" idiom
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- 55 For resale
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- 59 Rise fast

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- 63 What you'll likely walk on today
- 64 Capital not hidden in the longest Across answers

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- 3 Any of the Austin Zoo's crackers
- 4 Muslim veil
- 5 Came out with
- 6 Go (for)
- 7 Warble

- 8 Avid collector
- 9 Cover for cash
- 10 HP products
- 11 Offer to answer
- 12 As you like it
- 13 Pop up
- 18 Open with a pop
- 22 Either team in six 2025 AL games
- 25 Mission Control mandate
- 26 Argentine soccer superstar
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- 45 Lowest winning soccer score
- 46 City on the Rio Grande
- 48 "...following me"
- 49 Sri Lankan language
- 51 Any of five popes
- 54 What fills many pots
- 56 Served without spreads
- 58 Pre-AD

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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be provided. We hope to see you there for fun-filled nights of community and connection! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lowe-family-yymca-community-friday-fun-nights/18562175/2026-04-24T16>

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LOWE FAMILY YMCA COMMUNITY FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Simon Meadow 15551 Sunset Boulevard Pacific Palisades. Join us for a series of upcoming Community Friday Fun Nights! Bring your blankets, picnic baskets, and your arts and crafts skills to Simon Meadow for some unforgettable Friday nights filled with bonding, laughs, and so much more! This event is free and open to all, no membership required. Arts and craft supplies will

SATURDAY | APRIL 25

COMPOST GIVEAWAY
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. City Yards 2500 Michigan Ave. The City is hosting a compost giveaway, for Santa Monica residents only. Make sure to bring proof of residency. Please bring gloves and containers if you're picking up compost. This is a self-service event so please be prepared to load your own compost. We're also giving away FREE food scrap pails. One per household while supplies last.

Classifieds

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23VECP00161. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys CA 91401. Petitioner of Samera Habib for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Samera Habib filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ali Islaam Webb to Ali Jonathan Webb. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 05/29/2026, Time: 8:30a.m., Dept: O, Room: 511. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 03/25/2026. Michael R. Amerian, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026, 04/24/2026, 05/01/2026

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00177. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica 90401. Petition of Siobhan Flaherty Haber for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Siobhan Flaherty Haber filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Siobham Flaherty Haber to Siobhan Flaherty Haber. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 05/22/2026, Time: 8:30a, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 04/09/2026. Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 04/10/2026, 04/17/2026, 04/24/2026, 05/01/2026

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00184. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Jennifer Rose Hayden and Jarin Sommai for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jennifer Rose Hayden and Jarin Sommai filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Sky Island Sommai to Sky Rose Island. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 05/22/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 04/10/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 04/24/2026, 05/01/2026, 05/08/2026, 05/15/2026

Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN CARLTON FRICK Case No.255TP809496. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of John Carlton Frick. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nancy Crouse in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nancy Crouse 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. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 05/04/2026 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. 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 four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, or 60 days

from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. 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 of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. Attorney for Petitioner: Nancy Crouse, 578 Abacore Way, Portsmouth, NH 03801, 603-781-4120. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 04/24/2026, 05/01/2026, 05/08/2026

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026084411. The following person(s) (are) doing business as: NITROUS VIDEO, 5513 OCEAN FRONT WALK, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): PETER KELLY, 5513 OCEAN FRONT WALK, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. 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/ PETER KELLY, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/16/2026. 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: 04/24/2026, 05/01/2026, 05/08/2026, 05/15/2026

Name Change

NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONDUCT MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT ADDRESS OF PREMISES: 586 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292 NAME OF APPLICANT: PAKKAWASA, SIRINAN / SIRINAN MESSAGE DATE OF HEARING: 04/29/2026 TIME OF HEARING: 09:15 A.M. "ANY PERSON HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE GRANTING OF THE LICENSE MAY, AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE ABOVE DATE, FILE WITH THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION OBJECTIONS IN WRITING GIVING REASONS THEREFOR, AND MAY APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING AND BE HEARD RELATIVE THERETO "OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION: BUSINESS LICENSECOMMISSION500 W. TEMPLE STREET, RM 374LOS ANGELES, CA 90012CN126218 Apr 20,22,24, 2026



**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:
**Stormwater MS4 Asset Management Software
Project No. SP2774**

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in the Stormwater MS4 Asset Management Software Project.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to provide an "out-of-the-box," cloud-based Stormwater Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution. The selected software will support the City's ongoing compliance with the Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (MS4 Regional Permit).

RFP questions to be submitted to via OpenGov, no later than 3:00pm on April 30, 2026.

Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than 3:00pm on May 14, 2026.

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



**City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2852 (CCS)
(City Council Series)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA (CITY) AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE (SMMC) CHAPTER 9.53, TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT, TO MODIFY MANDATORY AVERAGE VEHICLE RIDERSHIP SURVEY REQUIREMENTS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2852 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

To help reduce regulatory burdens on businesses and promote business friendliness consistent the City's Realignment Plan, Council adopted an amendment to the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) ordinance, SMMC Chapter 9.53. The amendment modifies the submission frequency of the Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) Survey component for regulated employers with 30-249 employees, shifting it from an annual requirement to an optional annual submission as part of their annual Emission Reduction Plans. City staff would return to Council in fall 2028 to assess the TDM program changes and consider whether to restore an annual AVR survey requirement at that time.

The Ordinance takes effect 30 days after adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



**City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2851 (CCS)
(City Council Series)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.44 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE ENTERTAINMENT ZONES IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE, ON PORTIONS OF THE SANTA MONICA PIER, AND ALONGSIDE PORTIONS OF MAIN STREET AND MONTANA AVENUE

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2851 (CCS) ("Ordinance") prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

The Ordinance amends Chapter 6.44 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to authorize additional Entertainment Zones in the City pursuant to California Business and Professions Code sections 23039.5 and 25690. As detailed in maps attached as Exhibit A to the Ordinance, the Ordinance authorizes additional Entertainment Zones: (1) in Downtown Santa Monica from Ocean Avenue to 4th Street and from Wilshire Boulevard to Pico Boulevard; (2) on portions of the Santa Monica Pier, including the Western Observation Deck and the Pier Parking Deck; (3) on Montana Avenue between 6th Street and 17th Street; and (4) on Main Street between Pico Boulevard and the City Limits at Dewey Street, including portions of side streets west of Main Street to Neilson Way: Bay Street, Bicknell Avenue, Pacific Street, Hill Street, Kinney Street, and Ashland Avenue are hereby designated as the Main Street Entertainment Zone

The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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