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## Michael Newhouse makes his case in State Senate race shaped by housing, safety and coastal recovery

**MICHELLE EDGAR**  
Special to the Daily Press

As California's State Senate District 24 race begins to take shape, the contest is emerging as one that reaches far beyond city boundaries, touching issues that define daily life across the coast and South Bay, from housing affordability and homelessness to wildfire resilience, economic recovery and the future of California's environmental leadership.

The district stretches from Malibu through Santa Monica, Venice and the Westside, then south toward the Beach Cities and Palos Verdes, making it one of the most economically dynamic and politically watched regions in the state. Whoever wins the seat will help shape legislation tied to zoning, coastal protection, public safety funding, transit investment, insurance markets, small business growth and quality of life for hundreds of thousands of residents.

One of the candidates seeking to

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**VENICE:** Attorney Michael Newhouse enters State Senate District 24 race, vowing to ease housing and business regulations.

## Council race expands with entry by Lana Negrete and Angela Scott

**MATTHEW HALL**  
Daily Press Editor

A sitting councilwoman and a civic leader with a military background have each filed campaign finance paperwork signaling their intent to run for Santa Monica City Council, further shaping what is expected to be a competitive November election.

Councilwoman Lana Negrete and newcomer Angela Scott have both taken the formal financial step required under California's Political Reform Act to launch council campaigns, joining a race that will be decided by Santa Monica voters this fall.

### NEGRETE ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION BID

Negrete, who was first elected in 2022, made her announcement through a social media post addressed directly to the community she has spent four years representing.

"For months, everywhere I go, I keep hearing the same question — 'Lana, are you running again?'" Negrete wrote. "At school pickup. At my business. At the farmers market.

At community events. At City Hall." She framed her decision to seek a second term around what she called unfinished work in the city.

"We've made progress," Negrete wrote. "But there's still more work to do on public safety, homelessness, economic recovery, and protecting what makes Santa Monica special."

Negrete cited accessibility, transparency and real-world experience as the pillars of her first term and said those values would guide her re-election campaign. "In 2026, I'm all in for you, Santa Monica," she wrote. "Let's do this."

### SCOTT ENTERS RACE WITH CIVIC CREDENTIALS

Angela Scott, a U.S. Navy veteran and senior personalization and content manager at Activision, is entering elected politics for the first time. She has built a profile in the community through work in voter education, public safety reform and civic advocacy.

Scott is a recipient of the Yellow Rose Award, an annual honor

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## Santa Monica Council moves to soften state housing law's impact on vulnerable Neighborhoods

**MAAZ ALIN**  
SMDP Staff Writer

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to pursue a two-track strategy for implementing a sweeping new state housing law,

seeking to delay its effects on the city's most displacement-vulnerable neighborhoods while developing a longer-term plan to redirect density toward commercial corridors.

The action targets Senate Bill 79, the Abundant and Affordable

Homes Near Transit Act, signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Oct. 10, 2025, and set to take effect July 1. The law guarantees minimum development standards — including building heights of 55 feet, densities of 80 dwelling units per acre and

a floor area ratio of 2.5 — for qualifying housing projects within a half-mile of major transit stops.

In Santa Monica, the law applies to areas surrounding three Metro E Line light rail stations — Downtown, 17th Street/SMC and

Bergamot — as well as the Expo/Bundy station in Los Angeles, whose half-mile radius extends into the city's Pico neighborhood.

Mayor Caroline Torosis

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# How tariffs and war are hurting California small businesses

Small businesses already navigating the costs and chaos of tariffs must now also contend with the effects of the war in Iran.

"It just feels like things keep getting piled on top," said Nichole MacDonald, owner of a San Diego business that sells women's bags. "Not just for businesses, but for consumers. And what is a business without consumers?"

Since her customers are feeling financial pain just like her, they're spending less money on discretionary items, she said. If they are still buying, they're choosing denim bags over leather because they're cheaper.

"Each level of pressure, economic uncertainty and tightening of the purse strings impacts people's decisions on spending," the Sash Bag owner said.

Other small retailers in the area tell similar stories of increased costs and having to adjust to continued tariff uncertainty in the wake of the Supreme Court decision that invalidated the bulk of President Donald Trump's wide-ranging tariffs. In some cases, such as if they imported their own goods, they might be able to apply for tariff refunds, though the timeline for receiving refunds is unclear. The president also imposed new tariffs based on a different law, against which California and other states have filed a lawsuit.

Meanwhile, everyone has been hit with higher shipping costs because fuel prices have gone up. The average price for regular unleaded gas in the state is \$5.55, up from \$4.79 a year ago, according to AAA. The national average is \$4.11 vs. \$3.15 a year ago. The spikes in gas prices caused inflation to rise in March. Consumer confidence is at a record low.

Higher prices hit small businesses

— defined as those with fewer than 500 employees — harder than big ones, and some wonder how long they can survive. That's bad news for the state, whose small businesses create millions of new jobs a year and lately have been responsible for 99% of net new jobs, according to the California Office of the Small Business Advocate.

## LOST SALES, STAFF AND MORE

MacDonald, whose business brings in six figures a month, said she saw her 2025 sales drop by up to 50% compared with the previous year. Because of tariffs, she stopped manufacturing products in China and has shifted entirely to India. She went from 11 staff members to three. And because she spent tens of thousands of dollars on tariffs, she said she didn't have money to bring in inventory for the holidays.

She uses brokers to import her offerings, so she's waiting to hear from them about possible tariff refunds. But even if she does eventually receive refunds, she said the damage has been done: "That money could've gone to personnel or to growth, instead of going to a tax."

The president's policies have had a global impact. Last week, MacDonald's longtime manufacturing partner in India informed her that costs for raw material have gone up 25%, so that will mean higher costs for new production. After increasing prices about 10% last year, she will probably have to raise them again because she is working on thin margins, she said.

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passed on to small businesses and consumers.

"For a while, shippers absorbed rising costs from fuel spikes to last year's 'Liberation Day' tariffs," said Noel Hacegaba, chief executive of the Port of Long Beach, during a media briefing earlier this month. "That's no longer the case. Today, those costs are being passed along across the board. We're seeing

new surcharges and higher rates."

He said major shippers are instituting fuel surcharges, and adjusting how they move cargo. Amazon is adding a 3.5% third-party seller surcharge for fuel and logistics. The U.S. Postal Service is planning a temporary 8% surcharge, and UPS and FedEx also have raised their surcharges.

Hacegaba was joined by Jonathan Gold, vice president at National Retail Federation, who said the nation's small retailers are seeing a disproportionate impact. "Small businesses in particular don't have the ability to absorb cost increases and typically have to pass those along to the end consumer," Gold said.

## 'WE CAN ONLY CHARGE SO MUCH'

But small retailers don't want to drive their loyal customers away.

Rema Abedkader is feeling the squeeze all around, with higher shipping costs being the latest pain point, but she hesitates to pass along the costs to her shoppers. The designer of women's clothing said she does not want to raise prices because it will just deter those who are still spending.

"We can only charge so much, so we're having to eat that cost again," she said.

Abedkader, who makes her eponymous REMA clothing brand in the San Diego area but buys imported fabric from Los Angeles-based companies, said she had to cut back on production by about 30% last year, which meant fewer sales. This year, she has had to reduce production by about 50%.

Her decreased business has had a

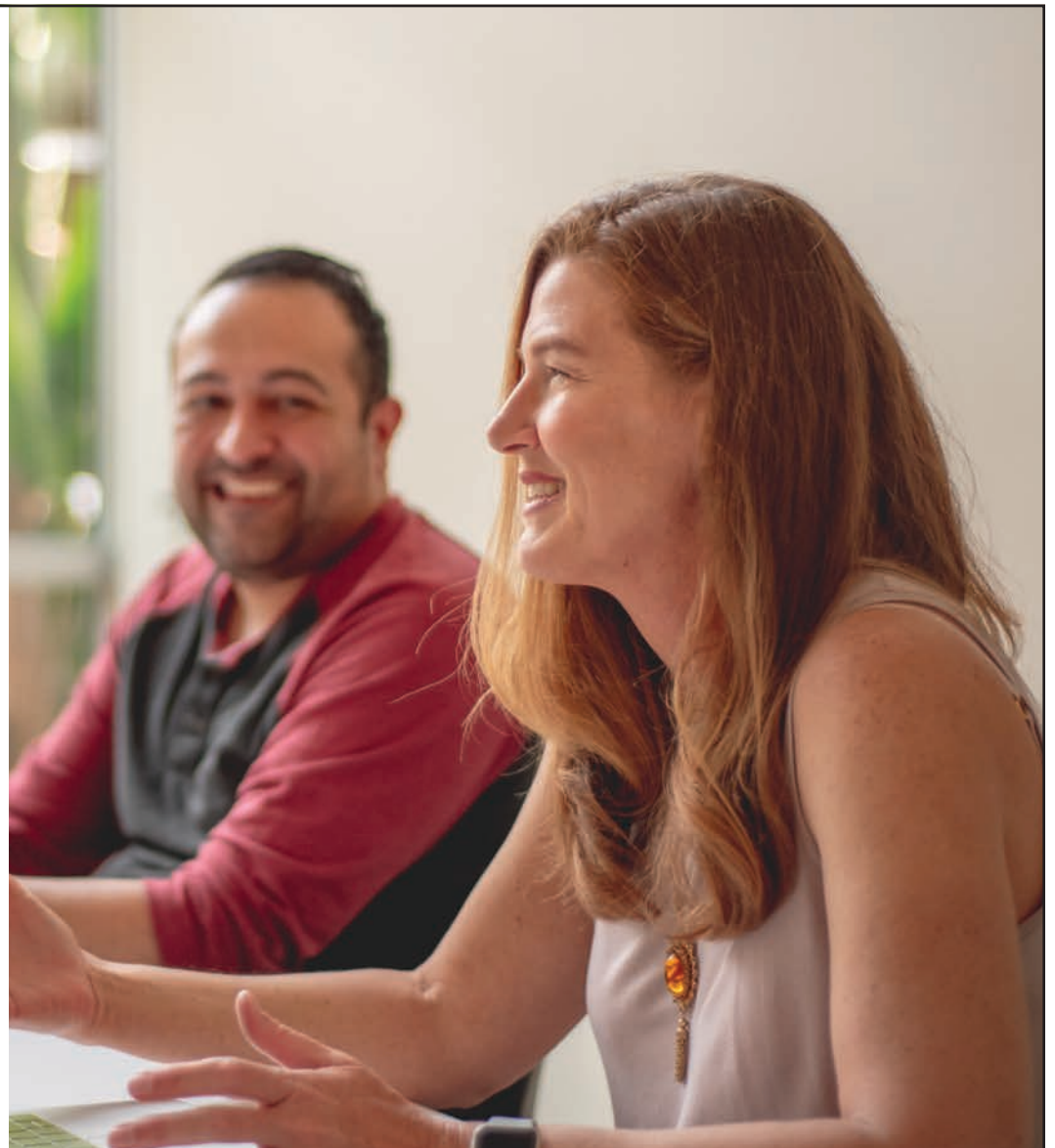
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## May at the Market

Yes! It's true! Cherry Season is here! That moment we've all been waiting for. And just in time for Mother's Day! Hurray! Looking for that perfect gift for Mom? Well, sweet juicy cherries are definitely at the top of the list and always best when in season at the farmers market. Not a cherry fan? May we suggest berries? There's something for every mom at the farmers market, guaranteed.

In honor of Bike Everywhere Month and in partnership with Santa Monica Spoke, we are offering a market buck to each of the dedicated cyclists who make the Main Street Farmers Market their Sunday destination. Make sure to stop by the info booth to claim your \$.

City of Santa Monica Transportation Department on Saturday, May 2nd at Pico and Wednesday May 6th at the Downtown Arizona Ave market. May is Bike Month so Bike It! Walk it! Bus It! to the markets. Stop by their table for more info.

Looking for super fun inexpensive Mother's Day weekend brunch options? Try the Pico and Main Street Farmers Markets for amazing food and free live music! Plus, you won't want to miss the SMC Mother's Day Glass Sale Saturday May 2!

Mark your calendars for a very special Memorial Day Sunday with Masanga Marimba Band playing the Main Street Farmers Market on May 24, 10am-1pm! Thanks for supporting farmers and local businesses!

### MAY CALENDAR 2026

<b>Pico</b>	
<b>May 2</b>	<b>DJ and the Greenleas</b> <b>SMC Mother's Day Glass Sale</b> <b>City of Santa Monica Transportation Department for Bike Month information</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>GM Jazz</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>East of Lincoln</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Megan Ukoh</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Main Street</b>	<b>Bike to the Market Month - get a market dollar!</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Ella Gibson</b> 9am <b>Jasmine Ruvalcaba</b> 10am-1pm <b>My Gym Kid Obstacle Course</b> <b>GSFF pop up</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Mother's Day!</b> <b>GM Jazz Quartet</b> 10am-1pm <b>Crudo Nudo pop up</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Cadre Scott</b> 9-11am <b>Alex Chalet</b> 11am-1pm <b>Soccer Stars – skill building activities for kids</b> <b>The Tutu School – creative activities for kids</b> <b>Adventures with Doc JC</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Masanga Marimba</b> 10am-1pm



Courtesy Image

**MARKET:** Fresh cherries and seasonal produce available at Santa Monica farmers markets during cherry season in May.



## Surf report WATER TEMP: 64.4

**FRIDAY** | **SURF:** 1-2ft  
**POOR TO FAIR** | Knee to thigh

Could be just a hair peakier to close out the week. Dawn Patrol also gets a little tide push.

Leftover SSW swell loses a little gas while NW windswell energy could have just a touch more push. It'll be a smaller day overall, but could be peaky enough for the odd rideable corners on the right gear. Just watching that NW windswell - it's right on the line of being helpful or not mattering all that much. Think mostly under knee-thigh high but the standouts are in the waist high range. Should be clean early.

**SATURDAY** | **SURF:** 1-2ft  
**POOR TO FAIR** | Knee to thigh

Pretty small day of waves, but at least looks cleaner than Friday. Modest mix of old and new SSW swells looks good for knee-thigh high surf, top spots around waist-high. Looks like less NW energy in the mix so shape gets more lined up with some sections/quick corners for the big boards. Dawn patrol window looks drained, but wind should stay light long enough to take advantage of the push mid-morning. Moderate/breezy afternoon onshores for a lumpy back half of the day.

## Weather

**Friday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 70.

**Friday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 58. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 68.

**Saturday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2026/05/01	Fri	04:07 AM	-0.51	L
2026/05/01	Fri	10:19 AM	3.64	H
2026/05/01	Fri	3:17 PM	1.61	L
2026/05/01	Fri	9:34 PM	5.64	H
2026/05/02	Sat	04:41 AM	-0.57	L
2026/05/02	Sat	11:00 AM	3.43	H
2026/05/02	Sat	3:39 PM	1.89	L
2026/05/02	Sat	9:58 PM	5.57	H
2026/05/03	Sun	05:17 AM	-0.52	L
2026/05/03	Sun	11:45 AM	3.21	H
2026/05/03	Sun	4:01 PM	2.14	L
2026/05/03	Sun	10:25 PM	5.43	H

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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### Renewal?

You can have the greatest city renewal/revitalization project since the Roman aqueducts, but there will be no meaningful change in Santa Monica, particularly a city dependent on tourism, until the homelessness and garbage problems are addressed. You can have the best police force, the best curbs and sidewalks, but if there's a homeless person sleeping in a store doorway with absolutely no consequence or process for removal, we are all just being delusional. The same people have been sleeping in Palisades Park for months if not years. Every night the beach is dotted with sleeping bags. The problem needs to be addressed in a humane but EFFECTIVE way. Asking a mentally imbalanced person if they would like services, and then having no consequence for refusal, does not benefit anyone. The city Council, the city attorney, the city manager and any other decision-maker regarding the homelessness issue needs to read City of Grants Pass v. Johnson, I believe the Supreme Court has given the city administration a much wider range of options. This is the number one problem and needs to be addressed if any of the other changes are going to be productive.

As to the garbage issue, I have CCed the SMDP editor on my numerous complaints about garbage, just north of the cannon above the pier. every weekend, there are numerous vendors and tourists, eating food and trying to enjoy the pier. There is literally one garbage pail for 12 "permitted" vendor spots. For some reason, I can't seem to get anyone to put a few tamperproof garbage pails there. The vendors leave their garbage, the tourist put garbage on top of the garbage and the seagulls have a buffet. I've attached pictures just from this weekend (but I have an impressive collection). It's absolutely ridiculous.

The other garbage collection point is the Pier parking lot. People dump their garbage all over the parking lot for two reasons. 1. They are slobs and 2. there are no garbage pails in the entire lot. Then the city has to pay three or four workers every morning to go and clean up the lot. This makes sense?

As an added bonus, we now have a major coyote problem, especially north of Montana. I have spoken to numerous city personnel and what is clear, is that the city has absolutely no plan to address this problem. I'm sure after the coyotes get more aggressive and start attacking people, and the city gets sued, someone will wake up and at least make an effort to do something.

Maybe the city will provide the stats on the number of littering tickets issued. They can solve the budget gap on a busy weekend.

Patrick Vastano, Santa Monica

## Directions

We live in an age in which many among us have lost a sense of direction. This, regrettably, includes the city government of Santa Monica. A signpost in front of city hall celebrates the official sister cities of Santa Monica. These include Fujinomiya, Japan and Brighton and Howe, England.

Regrettably no one in city government seems to have taken a moment to reflect on where these sister cities might be. The signpost directs us to proceed East to reach Fujinomiya Japan and walk West to reach Brighton and Howe in the UK. The signpost is of course completely incorrect. Our sister city in Japan is West by Northwest and not East. England turns out to be not West of us but East.

The City should offer immediately apologies to those misdirected West to get to GB and to those poor lost souls somewhere out east looking for the route to Japan.

And change the sign such that it points in the correct direction.  
 Yours, etc.

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# Supreme Court ruling on voting won't change California districts, but could hurt Democrats

Wednesday's Supreme Court ruling narrowing the Voting Rights Act undermines legal protections that have helped Latinos gain representation in politics, California Democrats and activists say.

The case centered on the boundaries of a Louisiana congressional district. The court found by a 6-3 majority that Louisiana had relied too heavily on race to decide the borders.

"One may lament partisan gerrymandering, but ... partisan gerrymandering claims are not justiciable in federal court," wrote Justice Samuel Alito for the majority. "And in a racial gerrymandering case like the one before us, race and politics must be disentangled."

The ruling scales back Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits voting practices that discriminate against people based on their race.

The ruling will not change California's congressional districts, which were redrawn to favor Democrats after voters approved Proposition 50 last November. Partisan gerrymanders are permitted under the constitution, the Supreme Court has previously ruled.

The decision also nullifies the California Republican Party's "Hail Mary" attempts to invalidate the state's new maps, which the GOP argued were a racial gerrymander to favor Latinos.

But when it comes to House majority math in the U.S. Congress and which party clinches a majority in the November election, the curtailing of Section 2 could make Democrats' Prop. 50 gains moot.

Gov. Gavin Newsom put forward the measure after Texas Republicans redrew congressional boundaries to favor the GOP. Prop. 50 was meant to help Democrats pick up five additional California seats.

After the new ruling, several southern states in particular could redraw their maps to eliminate "majority-minority" districts that were drawn to magnify the power of nonwhite voters. Such a move could oust as many as 12 Democrats, according to a New York Times analysis, and shift the long-term balance of power in the House toward Republicans. The GOP could then control Congress's lower chamber even if the party loses the popular vote by a wide margin.

Newsom called the new ruling "outrageous." Attorney General Rob Bonta, also a Democrat, said in a statement that while it's unclear what impacts the changes will have on California, the ruling overall endangers minority voters in other states.

"While the full impact of this ruling is still uncertain, we know from past experience that decisions striking down, or effectively gutting, provisions of the Voting Rights Act are often followed by new state laws that restrict access to the ballot for voters of color," Bonta said in a statement.

Kristin Nimmers, policy and campaigns manager of the Black Power Network, said in a statement that the decision rolls back

"generations of progress."

"The ability of voters to challenge discriminatory districts manipulated to drown out people's voices based on race is a critical safeguard against being silenced," Nimmers said.

In California, Voting Rights Act violations aren't only a memento of Civil Rights-era discrimination. As recently as 1990, a federal judge cited Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in declaring the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors had unconstitutionally gerrymandered their districts to exclude Latino voters.

Section 2 required that redrawn district maps must be "equally open to participation" from protected groups — including racial minorities. The Supreme Court decision on Wednesday left Section 2 intact, but significantly curtailed how it could be applied by raising the bar for violations to "a strong inference that intentional discrimination occurred."

The high court's three-justice liberal minority argued that the changes to Section 2 effectively dismantled the Voting Rights Act. The conservative majority on the court has been narrowing the law since 2013.

Conservatives in California celebrated the ruling.

Chris Kieser, senior attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation, said the ruling was a victory long hoped for by California conservatives who had argued that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act improperly used race in redistricting.

"The very idea of a majority-minority district and having a candidate of their choice is kind of antithetical to democracy," Kieser said. "Voting is an individual right, it's not a group right."

The Voting Rights Act has been primarily used to help the state's growing Latino population achieve political representation from the 1960s to the 1990s. Thomas A. Saenz, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said the ruling is unlikely to have much immediate impact in California.

The ruling won't affect California's recent redistricting effort, he said, nor will it affect the independent state redistricting commission's decisions.

"I don't believe there is any challengeable gerrymandering in this state," Saenz said.

But Rosalind Gold, chief public policy officer of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund, said the ruling has dire long-term implications for Latino representation in California.

"By eviscerating the Voting Rights Act, this could open the door to counties and localities looking at how they used Section 2 to draw their maps and challenging those maps," Gold said.

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## COUNCIL

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emphasized that the city has limited room to maneuver before the deadline. "SB 79 full steam ahead is going to be implemented July 1," she said, pressing staff on why the matter had not come before the council sooner. "This bill was signed. This was not a surprise."

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- Leslie Lambert, Planning Commissioner

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The council directed staff to draft an ordinance implementing what planners call "Approach 2," which would temporarily exclude qualifying sites from SB 79 standards until 2030. Concurrently, staff will prepare a "TOD Alternative Plan" under "Approach 3," which functions like a transfer of development rights, allowing the city to shift density across transit zones while maintaining the same total zoned capacity of roughly 251,000 units.

Council Member Dan Hall, who pushed for prioritizing the Expo/Bundy area, said he had been clear from the outset about his preferred path. "I am not interested in approach one," Hall said, referring to default state implementation. "I personally think we should do this as fast as possible."

The strategy follows a 7-0 recommendation from the Planning Commission, which warned that automatic state implementation would raise serious fair housing concerns in the Pico neighborhood, identified in the city's 6th Cycle Housing Element as carrying the highest displacement risk and the highest concentration of lower-income residents and people of color in Santa Monica.

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Leslie Lambert wrote in comments submitted to the council.

According to the staff report prepared by Planning Manager Ross Fehrman, approximately 856 parcels in the Pico neighborhood fall within a transit-oriented development zone, with about 545 eligible to use SB 79 benefits. The remaining parcels are protected because they contain rent-controlled units, affordable deed-restricted units or designated historic resources.

Staff analysis found that three of the four affected zones — Downtown, 17th Street/SMC and Bergamot — likely qualify for the 2030 deferral because existing zoning already provides at least 75 percent of SB 79's capacity. The Expo/Bundy zone, however, currently provides only 47 percent of that capacity and does not meet the exclusion criteria.

Public comment reflected sharp divisions over how aggressively the city should implement the law.

Friends of Sunset Park urged the council to adopt the Planning Commission's framework in full, calling SB 79 "a deeply troubling piece of legislation" that strips local control. The group endorsed the two-track approach and pressed the council to resolve whether transit agencies could trigger new SB 79 eligibility by adjusting bus headways.

Santa Monica Forward supported moving quickly to an alternative plan but urged the council to keep any delay short. The group asked that an Approach 3 plan be completed by the end of 2026 and warned against placing new residents adjacent to the 10 Freeway in the Pico area, citing pollution concerns.

Abundant Housing LA took the opposite position, urging the council not to pursue broad deferrals based on existing zoned capacity. Policy and Research Director Scott Epstein wrote that Santa Monica has permitted just 13 percent of its housing allocation in the first three years of the current Regional Housing Needs Assessment cycle. The group supported exempting only 43 verified historic sites and otherwise urged full state implementation until a local alternative plan takes effect.

The council also directed staff to prioritize protections for the Expo/Bundy zone, investigate potential conflicts with Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing obligations, study right-to-return policies, ensure existing landmarks remain excluded, and seek technical guidance from the California Department of Housing and Community Development on bus stop eligibility and inter-jurisdictional transit rules.

Council Member Jesse Zwick recused himself from the discussion, citing his employment with a housing advocacy organization that supported SB 79.

Any ordinance implementing Approach 2 requires HCD review and approval. Until that approval is secured, SB 79's guaranteed minimum development standards will take effect July 1 across all eligible parcels in the city's four transit zones.

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## NEWHOUSE

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represent the district is Michael Newhouse, a Venice resident, attorney and former Los Angeles City Planning Commissioner who is positioning himself as a pragmatic Democrat focused on what he calls the basics of governing. “We have made it too difficult to build housing, too difficult to start a business, and too difficult to keep businesses open,” said Newhouse.

Newhouse brings a background in land use, environmental and development law, along with years of civic involvement on the Westside. He previously served on the Los Angeles City Planning Commission and led the Venice Neighborhood Council, experience he says gives him firsthand understanding of how state and local policy intersect on issues ranging from development to homelessness to coastal infrastructure.

At the center of his campaign is the argument that California has become too expensive and too difficult to navigate for working families, entrepreneurs and communities trying to grow responsibly. He points to small businesses as the backbone of the state economy and says reducing bureaucracy must become a priority.

Across the district, those concerns take different forms. In Malibu and Pacific Palisades, the conversation may center on wildfire recovery, insurance access and rebuilding timelines. In Santa Monica and Venice, residents are focused on downtown revitalization, homelessness and public safety. In the South Bay, issues such as housing pressure, transportation and economic competitiveness often dominate civic debate. Newhouse argues these concerns are connected by one common theme: government must deliver practical results.

Housing is expected to be one of the defining issues in the race. Newhouse supports a statewide adaptive reuse law that would make it easier to convert vacant office and retail buildings into housing and mixed use projects, helping create supply without lengthy entitlement battles. He says California should prioritize infill development near transit and commercial corridors while being more thoughtful about imposing density on

established neighborhoods.

Homelessness is another major pillar of his platform. Newhouse says the state must continue investing in shelter, mental health treatment and addiction recovery, while also acknowledging that encampments cannot remain the default response. “Streets are not for living. To save lives and protect communities, we need to combine housing and comprehensive services with enforcement of anti-camping laws,” he said.

He also calls for stronger support for police and fire agencies, arguing that residents across the district want confidence that emergency services can respond quickly and effectively, whether the concern is neighborhood crime, wildfire threat or disaster readiness.

Since the district is defined by its coastline, environmental issues are likely to remain front and center. Newhouse said stormwater runoff systems, beach water quality and climate resilience should be elevated as core infrastructure priorities, particularly in a region where tourism and outdoor access are major economic drivers. “If visitors come from around the world and cannot use our beaches after a storm, that says something about where we are,” he said.

Politically, Newhouse is attempting to carve out a lane as a moderate, issue focused Democrat. While other candidates may emphasize more progressive approaches to housing, labor or climate policy, he says voters are increasingly looking for leadership grounded in execution rather than ideology.

He describes himself as a “common sense Democrat” whose coalition includes business leaders, environmental voices, labor supporters and multiple law enforcement groups.

The broader stakes of the race reflect the changing identity of coastal Los Angeles County itself. Once defined largely by lifestyle and location, the region now faces pressures familiar across California from affordability, public safety, housing scarcity, infrastructure strain and climate risk. The next senator will inherit not only a district of opportunity, but one demanding solutions that work across very different communities.

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## ELECTION

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presented by the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica to women who have made significant contributions to the community and embody the spirit of civic leadership. The award takes its name from the yellow roses worn by suffragists during the final drive to ratify the 19th Amendment.

Scott offered a pointed message about the stakes of civic participation as she entered the race.

“Democracy is not permanent,” she said. “It is something that must be protected, strengthened, and renewed by every generation. Young people are not disengaged, but underestimated.”

### HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

Filing campaign finance paperwork is among the early steps candidates take before formally qualifying for the ballot. Under state and local rules, candidates for Santa Monica City Council must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old by Election Day and registered to vote in the city when nomination papers are issued.

The official nomination period typically opens in mid-July and runs into early August

ahead of the November general election. Prospective candidates must pick up a nomination packet from the City Clerk’s Office, which contains required forms and signature petitions. To qualify for the ballot, a candidate must collect at least 100 valid signatures from registered Santa Monica voters.

All completed nomination papers must be returned to the City Clerk by the filing deadline, along with a \$25 filing fee. Candidates may also submit an optional statement for the official voter guide, though the city charges approximately \$1,100 to print a council candidate’s statement in the sample ballot pamphlet mailed to voters.

Candidates who expect to raise more than \$2,000 or spend more than \$1,000 are required under California law to establish a formal campaign committee, file a Statement of Organization with the California Secretary of State and register with the City Clerk’s Office. Santa Monica also enforces local limits on individual contributions to council campaigns.

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widespread effect on her local ecosystem, all of whom are small business owners themselves.

“When I’m not producing, there’s no work for my sewer, pattern maker and cutter,” she said. That causes a vicious cycle: “My manufacturer had to get a second job, so our business had to be put on the back burner.”

Abedkader said she’s working four times harder and is having to get creative with marketing and by doing wholesale locally.

“If the government doesn’t do something for small business, a lot of us are going to be going out of business very soon,” she said.

Like Abedkader, women’s apparel designer and maker Jennafer Grace Carter knows fabric brokers and importers in the Los Angeles area who have shut down because of tariff costs.

The Trump administration’s immigration policies have also affected her business. Carter, who uses imported materials but makes her clothing domestically, said a lot of people were afraid to come to work. One shop that had 25 people sewing now sees less than half of them coming to work, she said, adding that the workers are “here legally but look a certain way” so they are scared.

Her handmade Jennafer Grace brand has had to scale back on styles to adjust to that shift, she said.

The bottom line is that Carter is dealing with “less labor force, (fewer) materials and higher costs,” she said. She has raised her prices only incrementally, because people won’t buy if a business changes prices too drastically, she said.

Carter recently returned to California from direct-to-consumer events in Las Vegas and Scottsdale, Ariz. The U.S.-Israeli war in Iran has not only affected her shipping costs, it has also raised her travel costs. Her customers were in the same boat. She heard some attendees talking about how “it was so expensive to get here... I wanted to shop more.”

### HIGHER COSTS’ LONG-TERM IMPACT

The pain of higher costs seems unlikely to go away anytime soon. For one thing, the uncertainty continues.

“Whether it be on shores around the world or right here at home with erratic policy, it makes it very difficult for business people to plan,” said Gene Seroka, executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, during a media briefing this month.

Even those whose businesses have an opportunity to benefit from what’s going on are expressing pessimism.

“It’s going to be harder and harder for small businesses,” said Ellie Rose, owner

of Calibaja Manufacturing, which contracts with U.S. businesses to make their products in Mexico. Those businesses avoid import tariffs because most products made in Mexico are still governed by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement — although the free trade deal is being reconsidered.

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Rose said the small business owners she speaks with are seeing growing challenges. It’s taking a lot longer than before to get their products to the United States, she said — 100 to 165 days on a ship vs. the 30 to 60 days it used to take.

“That’s components, finished goods, whatever you need coming from Asia,” she said. “It’s going to slow everything down and cost more.”

And if or when fuel prices come back down, she doubts businesses will lower their prices because they’ve had to bear increased costs for the past couple of years. That’s going to affect innovation, Rose said: “Down the line this is going to be more of a problem for everybody.”

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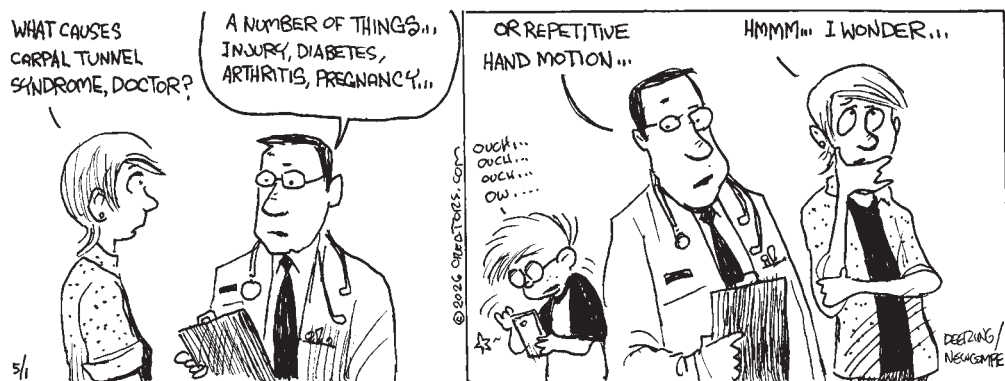
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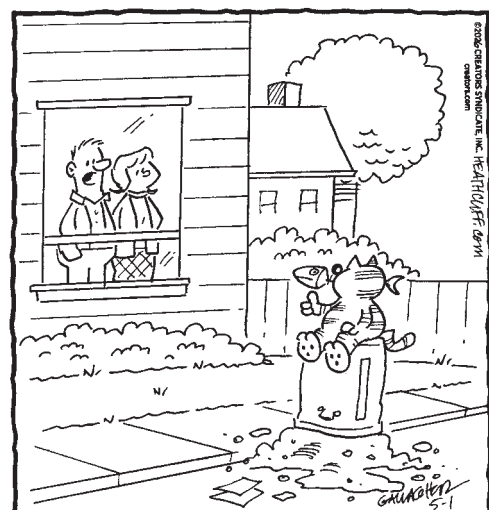


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**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A flower associated with Aries is the bold, blazing poppy. It's vivid and bright, though also linked to the dream world (just ask Dorothy and friends on their way to see the wizard.) It is dreaming and doing in a single bloom.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A flower associated with Taurus is the lush, velvety rose. It's rich in scent and texture, long treasured for pleasure and devotion. It evokes the sensual, steady nature of Taurus, reminding you to savor what's good and let beauty linger.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). A flower associated with Gemini is the light, lively lavender. It's fragrant and airy, known to calm the mind while sparking clarity. It evokes Gemini's quicksilver curiosity, reminding you that connection and ideas flow best when there's space to breathe.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A flower associated with Cancer is the soft, luminous white lily. It's tender yet striking, often tied to memory and care. It evokes Cancer's deep emotional world, reminding you that what is nurtured with feeling grows roots that last.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A flower associated with Leo is the radiant, golden sunflower. It turns toward the light without hesitation, bold in its presence. It evokes Leo's warmth and confidence, reminding you that shining fully invites others to find their own light too.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A flower associated with Virgo is the delicate, precise chamomile. It's modest in appearance yet quietly powerful, known for its healing qualities. It evokes Virgo's thoughtful care, reminding you that small, attentive acts create a sense of well-being that spreads outward.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A flower associated with Libra is the balanced, graceful peony. It's full and symmetrical, admired for its beauty and harmony. It evokes Libra's love of elegance and connection, reminding you that true balance is something you cultivate with intention and care.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A flower associated with Scorpio is the dark, intoxicating orchid. It's intricate and magnetic, drawing attention without asking. It evokes Scorpio's depth and intensity, reminding you that what is hidden often holds the most compelling kind of power.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A flower associated with Sagittarius is the wild, wandering iris. It's vibrant and far-reaching, appearing in unexpected places. It evokes Sagittarius's love of exploration and meaning, reminding you that growth happens when you follow what calls you beyond the familiar.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A flower associated with Capricorn is the resilient, wintry hellebore. It blooms in the cold, pushing through frost when little else will. It evokes Capricorn's endurance and quiet strength, reminding you that true achievement often unfolds in seasons others overlook.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A flower associated with Aquarius is the unusual, electric bird of paradise. It's striking and unconventional, impossible to overlook. It evokes Aquarius's originality and vision, reminding you that standing apart often opens the way for something entirely new.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A flower associated with Pisces is the dreamy, flowing water lily. It rests on the surface while rooted deep below. It evokes Pisces' imagination and empathy, reminding you that there is wisdom in drifting, feeling and trusting what moves beneath.

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- 5 Longtime headphone brand
- 9 Complaint from Hamlet
- 12 Match + strike
- 13 Runner on a track
- 14 Jazz (up)
- 15 Seven Years' War *roi*
- 17 Application abbreviation
- 18 Galactic sci.
- 19 Article for 15-Across
- 20 Do one's part, and then some
- 22 Sponsor of the first televised ballgame (1939)
- 24 24/7 airspace watcher
- 25 Needle work, for short
- 26 Breaks things off
- 28 Certain travel planner
- 34 Cofounder of GE
- 35 Ballad's conclusion
- 36 13-Across cos.
- 37 Suffix like -ella
- 38 Recent USCGA grad
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- 63 *All Quiet...* monogram
- 64 Wants to get
- 65 "... \_\_\_ it just me?"

- 6 Glasgow prename
- 7 Looking like Yoda
- 8 Jellyfish close kin
- 9 Pretty hard to believe
- 10 No-wait
- 11 Center starter
- 12 Achilles heel
- 13 Musical performance
- 16 Thoroughly
- 21 O'Hare, on tags
- 23 USC aides
- 27 After-dinner selections
- 28 Marks of mediocrity
- 29 Check in and pay
- 30 White and yellow circles on *Starry Night*
- 31 *Despicable Me* guy

- 32 Providence sch.
- 33 Tour's conclusion
- 39 Stir-fry staple
- 40 People who slit things
- 41 Martial arts film star
- 42 Pair in the four longest answers
- 43 Tusk, essentially
- 45 Wt./ht. stat
- 48 Mentors, to mentees
- 49 Taiwanese laptop maker
- 50 Ovid's eyes
- 51 Police work
- 52 MD specialists
- 56 Female raccoon
- 58 Relative of -arian
- 59 One below a 38-Across

**Sudoku**

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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

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## FRIDAY | MAY 1

### VITA: VOLUNTEER INCOME POST-TAX SEASON ASSISTANCE

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fairview Branch. Trained volunteers from Haven Neighborhood Services provide free tax preparation assistance. The VITA Grant program is an IRS initiative that supports free tax preparation services for the underserved. This service helps low- to moderate-income individuals, people with disabilities, seniors, and limited English speakers file their individual tax returns each year. Please bring the following documents: Physical photo ID. Original SSN/ITIN card. 2024 W-2 or 1099 forms from 2020 to 2025. Bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit. Registration required; we're unable to accommodate walk-ins. Register at [bit.ly/vitafb526](https://bit.ly/vitafb526) or [bit.ly/vitamb526](https://bit.ly/vitamb526). For more information and additional dates, visit [havenservices.org](https://havenservices.org).

### SANTA MONICA INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Broad Stage Theater 1310 11th St Santa Monica. The inaugural festival, led by visionary jazz legend Stanley Clarke and produced by BroadStage, SM Festivals, and The City of Santa Monica, celebrates 100 years of John Coltrane, 100 years of Miles Davis and 100 Years of Route 66. Hiromi's Sonicwonder on May 1 is a pre-Festival kickoff concert with pianist Hiromi at Orpheum Theatre. Sunday on the Promenade on May 3 features free performances on the Third Street Promenade beginning at 1 p.m. Tribute to John Coltrane at BroadStage on May 8 at 7 p.m. Festival ends with a full-day celebration at Tongva Park on May 9 headlined by double Grammy winner Kamasi Washington. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-international-jazz-festival/18562962/2026-05-01T13>

### BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. The Bundy Triangle events are free and open to the public. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-05-01T17>

### ELECTRIC LODGE PRESENTS: HIGH VOLTAGE

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Avenue Los Angeles. Electric Lodge presents: High Voltage. Join us for High Voltage, an electrifying evening of performance! First Friday

of each month. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/electric-lodge-presents-high-voltage/15774947/2026-05-01T20>

## SATURDAY | MAY 2

### WELLNESS & WAVES RETURNS TO SANTA MONICA PIER, FREE SAT. MORNING FITNESS

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the community to move, stretch, and recharge by the ocean as Wellness & Waves returns for its 2026 season. Taking place every Saturday from April 4 through October 17, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m., this free, all-ages wellness series transforms the iconic Santa Monica Pier into an open-air fitness destination at the most iconic outdoor setting in Southern California. With the Pacific Ocean as its backdrop, Wellness & Waves offers a welcoming, energizing way to start the weekend—no membership required. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-05-02T08>

### GLAMOUR MEETS PURPOSE AT BUBBLES DOG RESCUE GALA

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club 1210 4th Street Santa Monica. An Evening of Elegance for a Cause You are invited to the 4th Annual Bubbles Dog Rescue Black-Tie Gala on Saturday, May 2, at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. This special evening celebrates compassion, connection, and the power of giving back. The night will feature a special guest appearance by Debbie Gibson, along with an unforgettable program honoring rescue efforts. Guests will enjoy dinner, an open bar, a silent auction, DJ and dancing, and more — all in support of saving dogs in need. Join us for a beautiful evening dedicated to second chances and lifesaving work. Bubbles Dog Rescue is a non-profit, tax deductible 501(c)3 organization. \$115.00 to \$130.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/glamour-meets-purpose-at-bubbles-dog-rescue-gala/18363803/2026-05-02T19>

### IN SHAKESPEARE WE TRUST – A CLASSIC ALTERNATIVE COMEDY NIGHT FROM FRANCE!

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th Street Santa Monica. If you ever wondered what the pandemic, social media, feminism, god, America, Hamlet, Richard III, Lady Macbeth and Shakespeare have in common, this is the show for you! If you've never wondered about any of that, this is still the show for you! A one-non-binary show with a metaphysical sense of humour, a large amount of physical comedy and more than a dollop of meta-theatricality, inspired by comedy greats like Andy Kaufman, Jerry Seinfeld and Ricky Gervais. Add a soupcon of 70s nostalgia, and you won't want to miss the Alex Floyd International Tour, now in LA - an immersive and innovative way

to see Shakespeare's universe and explore the craziness of modern society in a very unexpected way. \$25.00 — \$25 with post-show English/French Q&A and wine reception. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/in-shakespeare-we-trust-a-classic-alternative-comedy-night-from-france-/18561864/2026-05-02T19>

### SEDUCED BY THE DARK SIDE, A STAR WARS PARODY

9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Illusion Magic Lounge 1418 4th St Santa Monica. A hyperspace burlesque romp where Sith seduce, the Jedi tease, and the Dark Side has never looked so irresistible—may the tease be with you. \$44.51. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/seduced-by-the-dark-side-a-star-wars-parody/18364884/2026-05-02T21>

## SUNDAY | MAY 3

### COSMIC MATCHA AT BOULEVARD - NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE

6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Boulevard Coffee 2321 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice. Join us to celebrate Astrid & Miyu in Los Angeles. Meet us at Boulevard Coffee, soak up the Venice energy, and explore our latest collections—designed for effortless stacking and self-expression. We can't wait to see you there. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/cosmic-matcha-at-boulevard-neighborhood-coffee/18697697/2026-05-03T06>

### A&M X VENICE RUN CLUB - WOMEN'S 5K RUN

9:30 a.m. Astrid & Miyu 1335-1/2 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice. Join us for a special A&M x Venice Run Club Women's 5K in celebration of Astrid & Miyu's new Los Angeles opening. This women-led community run is all about movement, connection, and giving back—bringing the neighborhood together for an energizing Sunday morning in Venice. Expect a feel-good 5K followed by matcha, light bites, and music, plus exclusive A&M gifts and store vouchers for all runners. In support of women in our community, Astrid & Miyu will also be donating for every runner in attendance to the Women's Health Program at Venice Family Clinic. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/a-m-x-venice-run-club-women-s-5k-run/18697714/2026-05-03T09>

### VIOLA FLORAL X THE CUT TRUCK - MOTHER DAUGHTER BOUQUET BAR & BRAID WORKSHOP

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Share a fun morning with your daughter or enjoy an early Mother's Day outing! Viola Floral and The Cut Truck are teaming up to bring you a hands-on experience that will teach you stylish, kid-approved braids and how to make a beautiful spring bouquet in a vase. Unplug and connect with your child in a way modern life rarely allows. Learn braid techniques you'll actually want to recreate at home with expert stylists on The Cut Truck, and then step into the world of Viola Floral to create a petite arrangement together with your mini-me to enjoy at home. \$125.00 — \$125.00 per pair. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/viola-floral-x-the-cut-truck-mother-daughter-bouquet-bar-braid-workshop/18749687/2026-05-03T10>

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### ART DEMONSTRATION: AAZAM IRILIAN

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pacific Palisades Art Association 1161 Palms Blvd. Venice. A Kipaipai Fellow since 2020, Irilian has been a three-time grant recipient of the Quick Grant from the Center for Cultural Innovation (CCI). She has been awarded residencies from the Dorland Foundation, ShoeboxLA, and the Château d'Orquevaux in France. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/art-demonstration-azam-irilian/18738290/2026-05-03T13>

### LIQUID KITTY'S PUNKROCK BBQ

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica. Doors open at 12:30 PM. Show starts at 1 PM. FREE!!! 2 drink minimum. Please note, we are 21 and over only! FREE ADMISSION and HOT DOGS!! Doors at 12:30 PM, Everyone out at 6 PM!! Five bands on a Sunday afternoon: Friends, the Kitty may be gone, but the Liquid Kitty pUnk rOck BBQ is back! The owners of Harvelle's are nice enough to let us make some noise in their fine establishment. Harvelle's is located at 1432 4th Street Santa Monica, CA 90401. Sunday, Aug 3, 2025. 12:30 pm – 6pm, doors at 12:30pm, music at 1pm. (that's in the afternoon, dumbs\*%t, so get your lazy ass out of bed) 21 and over, NO COVER CHARGE. FIVE BANDS! FREE ADMISSION! FREE HOT DOGS! CHEAP BOOZE! SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026. 1pm – 6pm, doors at 12:30pm FREE ADMISSION! Harvelle's 1432 4th Street Santa Monica, CA 90401 (21 and over) This is only 1500 feet -a six minute walk- from the Expo line stop at 5th and Colorado. PARKING: If you're driving, there are many public lots, including one two doors to the south of Harvelle's. The first 90 minutes are free. After that it runs about \$2/hour. Street parking is usually available on Arizona (a few blocks north of Harvelle's) between 4th and Lincoln. There is an underground public lot under the Santa Monica Main Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd which is walking distance from Harvelle's. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/liquid-kitty-s-punkrock-bbq/18298325/2026-05-03T13>

### DISCIPLINE OF JOY

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Avenue #Unit F4 Santa Monica. As part of a three-part series culminating in June, Edgar shares a lived philosophy in real time, one forged in uncertainty, rebuilt through discipline, and rediscovered through joy. "Discipline of Joy" was not simply a motivational concept, but a practice of a weekly "ME Review," a daily awareness of time, and a commitment to protect even one hour of joy; not aspirational, but operational. Discipline, in Edgar's words, is not punishment, it is prioritization, and joy is not something you wait for, but something you allocate, protect, and practice. \$17.79. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/discipline-of-joy/18749643/2026-05-03T18>



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