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Palisades Village to reopen in 2026, Elyse Walker to lead retail revival



Scott Snowden

REBUILDING: Palisades Village will fully reopen in early to mid-2026.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Developer Rick Caruso confirmed Wednesday that Palisades Village will reopen in early to mid-2026, with luxury retailer Elyse Walker slated to return as the flagship tenant. The announcement was made during a press conference at the construction site, where Caruso and his team outlined plans to rebuild the fire-damaged commercial hub and restore it as a central gathering place for the community.

Walker, whose original boutique on Antioch Street was destroyed in the January wildfires, will relocate to a 5,000-square-foot space at the entrance to the Village on Sunset Boulevard and Swarthmore Avenue. The reimagined store will continue the brand's focus on curated designer fashion and personalized styling, while also serving as what Walker called a community "home base."

"Just five months ago, we watched our beloved community experience incredible loss," said Walker, standing beside Caruso. "But I have always believed in the Palisades. Today marks the beginning of our

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Budget crunch pauses new hiring in City Hall

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Faced with years of potential budget deficits, the City Council voted Tuesday to address the crisis by raising fees and reducing staffing throughout the city.

Staff presented Council with a draft of the $789.9 million biennial budget this week that will require draining $60.5 million from reserves over the next five years to maintain basic services, as the city grapples with ongoing economic fallout from the pandemic and mounting legal settlements.

The proposed fiscal 2025-27 budget, which goes to final vote June 24, limits new hires and defers maintenance on streets, parks and facilities as the city struggles with what officials called a "fragile financial position" amid extreme economic uncertainty.

During the lengthy budget study session that dominated Tuesday's meeting, staff told the council that the city's financial situation is serious but not hopeless. The

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Malibu's attempt to form its own school district is rejected for the second time

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization voted again this week to reject Malibu's petition for an independent school district, in a process that was every bit as chaotic and confusing as the initial meeting that necessitated a revote.

The rejection came during a revote prompted by procedural errors during the committee's initial April vote. That meeting was marked by confusion over voting procedures, with committee members speaking simultaneously and competing motions creating clarity issues.

In April, the committee voted 6-5 to deny Malibu's 2017 petition, but according to amended meeting minutes, there was confusion over whether that vote represented the committee's final recommendation or simply approval of a substitute motion.

While all 11 members voted in April, only nine cast a vote this month after two Santa Monica representatives on the panel recused themselves.

Prior to the vote, Malibu had

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Bay Cities responds to health department closure



Arabella Joaquin

CLOSED: The restaurant remains closed after a failed inspection.

Bay Cities Italian Deli & Bakery broke its silence following the closure of its beloved Santa Monica location this week, posting a response on Instagram that is transparent in acknowledging its responsibilities while disputing certain claims about the health violations.

The deli, known for its Godmother sandwich and Italian specialties, was ordered closed May 21st after county health inspectors discovered a rodent and insect infestation at the Lincoln Boulevard location.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health shuttered the eatery at 1517 Lincoln Blvd. under California Health and Safety Code Section 114259.1, citing conditions that pose a potential health hazard to the public. During the inspection, county health officials documented 13 total violation points at the moderate-risk retail food market, with 11 points attributed specifically to the presence of vermin — a violation classified as "major" under health department standards. Additional infractions involved equipment cleanliness and general maintenance of floors, walls and ceilings.

The closure has left regular customers without the iconic sandwiches and Italian grocery items that have made it a neighborhood essential for years.

"A message to our customers and community. We're addressing the situation and committed to transparency, responsibility, and change," the deli wrote in their Instagram response.

Bay Cities Deli & Bakery wrote, "We are actively working with the Health Department and third-party professionals to address all issues and make meaningful improvements to our operations."

However, the deli also used Instagram to clarify violations.

"We also feel it's important to address some misinformation that has circulated online and in select media outlets. Specifically, some reports have claimed that rodents were found on-site; this is false and not included in the official Health Department report. While we fully acknowledge the legitimate violations cited, we also believe in transparency and want to ensure our community receives accurate information," the statement wrote.

Bay Cities concluded their social media message with: "This is a difficult time for all of us at Bay Cities, but it is also a moment of reflection and recommitment. We are doing the work to come back better, and we are deeply grateful for your patience, trust, and continued support as we move forward."

The facility remains closed with no announced reopening date. The establishment will only be permitted to resume operations once all violations are corrected and health officials clear it for safe operation. For inquiries about the health inspection report, the public can contact the Los Angeles County Public Health Department at (888) 700-9995.

By Arabella Joaquin, SMDP Intern

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Residents press City on housing and helicopter access in Airport redevelopment plan

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Plans to transform Santa Monica Airport into a public park and civic destination met a wall of skepticism during a virtual meeting of the Santa Monica Democratic Club this week, with members questioning the city's inclusion of housing in two of its three redevelopment scenarios and raising alarms about public trust, emergency access, and political risk.

City Principal Design & Planning Manager, Amber Richane, outlined the trio of proposed site concepts, which range from a fully park-focused reuse of the 227-acre airport to a hybrid model that includes up to 48 acres of new residential and commercial development. Richane told attendees the city is seeking feedback through the end of the year and has not chosen a preferred direction. She emphasized that all scenarios are conceptual and meant to encourage public input before a final recommendation is made in 2026.

Still, that assurance did little to quiet concerns from Democratic Club members, many of whom voiced frustration over what they saw as a drift away from Measure LC, the 2014 voter-approved initiative that prohibits future use of the land for anything but parks or recreational facilities unless voters give explicit permission.

Alan Levenson, who said he had campaigned in support of Measure LC, warned that any attempt to introduce housing onto the site risks undermining the original promise made to residents. "As much as we need housing, we need a park, and we need a sustainable place in our city, in all our planet and we don't have another opportunity. And this is it," he said.

Sylvie Rokab expressed worry that floating the idea of housing could derail the entire effort. "I'm a little concerned that housing is being brought in so early in the process, when the public clearly voted in favor of Measure LC," she said. "And I worry that this [might] turn into political football. If it goes to a vote and fails, do we lose the rest of the park too? That's what I'm afraid of."

Richane responded that while any inclusion of housing would require voter approval, the city is not leaning in any one direction. She added that all three scenarios could be adapted depending on feedback, funding, and eventual Council direction. "We are not moving forward with a preferred alternative yet," she said. "All three concepts are being considered equally, and they reflect a broad spectrum of ideas gathered from various surveys and outreach events."

Matt Goldenberg raised a concern about whether the city had accounted for the airport's previous use as an emergency helicopter landing zone, particularly during wildfires. "If helicopters can't land, what's the backup plan?" he asked. Richane said helicopters would be able to land on large grass or turf fields planned in each scenario and that the city believed there would be no loss of access. However, she acknowledged that Cal Fire had not yet been formally consulted in the planning process.

Richane also addressed questions about when the airport would officially close and how confident the city was that the closure would proceed as planned. She said the city expects full control of the site in 2028 and that she is "90 to 95 percent confident" the transition will occur. "We have a signed and binding agreement with the FAA," she said. "That gives us strong standing."

Some attendees expressed concern that including housing could trigger a divisive citywide vote, risking a defeat that could delay or permanently alter the vision of a large-scale urban park. Others questioned why more indigenous voices had not been incorporated into the design process. Rokab asked whether the Tongva or Gabrielino-Tongva peoples had been consulted. Richane said engagement with Native community members had begun and that a recent survey included higher levels of Native participation than earlier efforts.

Richane also discussed how state laws such as the Surplus Land Act might interact with Measure LC. She explained that if the city were to lease or sell land for over 15 years, the state law could take precedence and require certain portions of land to be made available for affordable housing. That scenario, she said, could only arise if the city moves in a direction that includes long-term development leases. "If we want to do that, we need voter approval," she said.

The meeting closed with repeated calls for the city to prioritize ecological restoration, climate resilience, and public health outcomes in the final plan. Several attendees said the airport site represented Santa Monica's last chance to reclaim a major piece of land for noncommercial public use and warned against compromising that opportunity.

A public survey on the three scenarios is open through the end of 2025 at smacproject.com. City officials said the results of that outreach, combined with future Council input, will shape the eventual plan that goes forward for environmental review in 2026.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.8**

FRIDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Peaky as a little bump in NW swell mix joins SSW swell for Friday and Saturday. Little NW swell mix joins in for Friday and carries into the weekend. Still not much but should set up beachbreak peaks as small/modest SSW swell blends in Fri/Sat. Think widespread waist-high waves with summer and combo focal points west of Dume near chest high on the AM tide push. Wind looks lightest early then gradually trends onshore through the morning. It'll be best to let the tide start to push in the AM, just don't wait too long.

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

Little combo of swells sets up rideable surf. Clean early and manageable wind most of the day. NW swell mix lingers, and there's a blend of old and new SSW swell in the water. The mix of swells sets up rideable peaks as the tide turns around and pushes in through the AM. Morning wind looks nice and light setting up a decent window through the first half of the day. Some bump in the afternoon but it looks pretty manageable right now - especially for spots with some kelp/wind blockage.

Weather

Friday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. North wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 62. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 75.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 64.

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2025/05/31	Sat	12:20 AM	5.61	H
2025/05/31	Sat	07:58 AM	-0.70	L
2025/05/31	Sat	3:10 PM	3.68	H
2025/05/31	Sat	7:23 PM	2.79	L
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, June 2, 2025, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

PUBLIC HEARING:
1640 5th Street - 25ARB-0046: Multi-Family Residential
To review the design, colors, materials, and landscape for an eight-story, 87' tall, 112,302 square feet residential housing development project consisting of 132 units (117 market-rate units; 15 affordable units) above three levels of subterranean parking in the Transit Adjacent Zoning District of the Downtown Community Plan (DCP-TA). Continued with comments on April 7, 2025.

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ (en espanol tambien at (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431#).

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@santamonica.gov. Comments received **prior to 12 p.m.** on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Architectural Review Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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

State claims there's zero high-risk AI in California government—despite ample evidence to the contrary

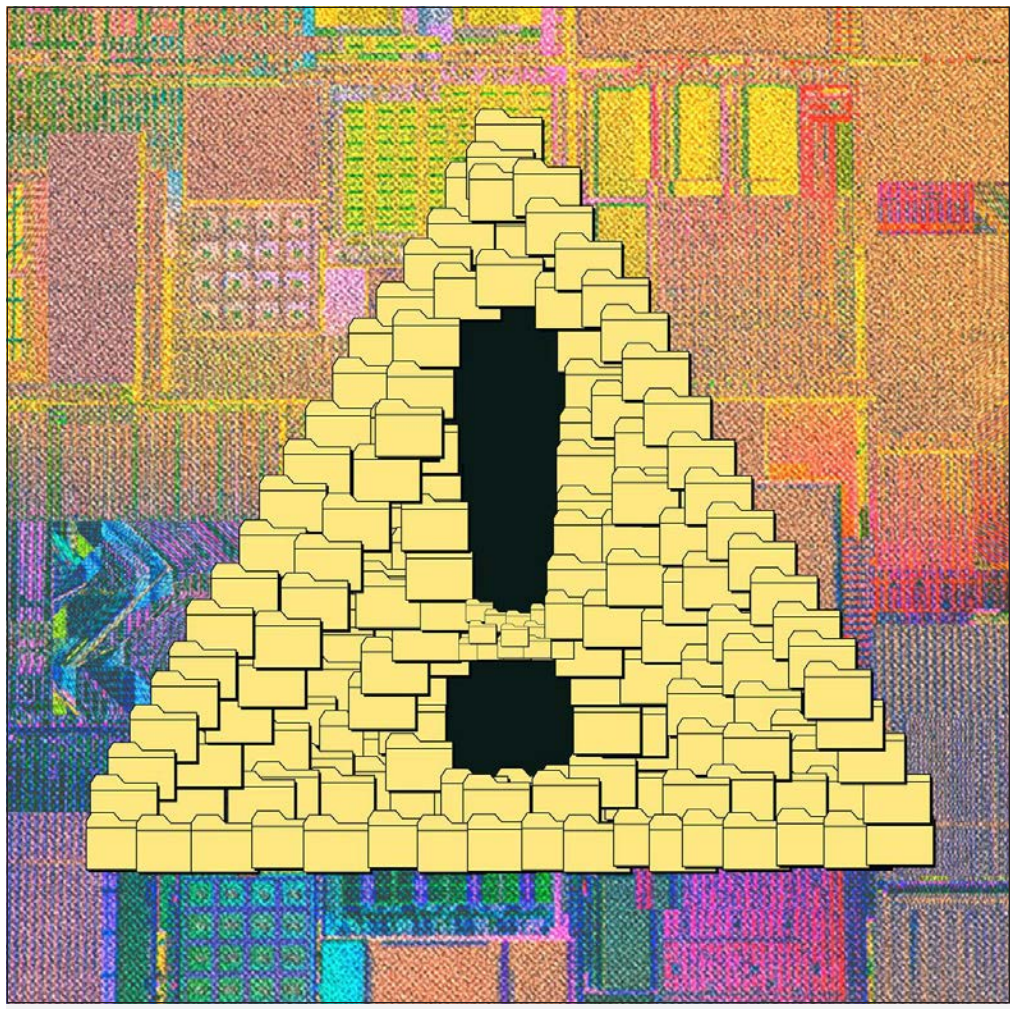


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AI: Questions are being raised over the use of the technology.

California uses algorithms to predict whether incarcerated people will commit crimes again. It has used predictive technology to deny 600,000 people unemployment benefits. Nonetheless, state administrators have concluded that not a single agency uses high-risk forms of automated decision making technology.

That's according to a report the California Department of Technology provided to CalMatters after surveying nearly 200 state entities. The agencies are required by legislation signed into law in 2023 to report annually if they use high-risk automated systems that can make decisions about people's lives. "High-risk" means any system that can assist or replace human decision makers when it comes to encounters with the criminal justice system or whether people get access to housing, education, employment, credit and health care.

The California Department of Technology doesn't know which algorithms state agencies use today and only reported what agencies told them, state Chief Technology Officer Jonathan Porat told CalMatters. When asked if the employment or corrections department algorithms qualify, Porat said it's up to agencies to interpret the law.

"I only know what they report back up to us, because even if they have the contract… we don't know how or if they're using it, so we rely on those departments to accurately report that information up," he said.

The agencies, which were required to submit answers by the end of August 2024, reported high-risk automated systems used within the past year. Had any found any high-risk systems, they were required to report the kind of personal data these systems use to make decisions about people, and the steps they take to reduce the likelihood of that usage resulting in discrimination, bias, or unfair outcome.

Some automated systems used by state agencies raise questions about how risk is being defined. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, for example, assigns recidivism scores to the vast majority of inmates to determine their needs when they enter and leave prison. One algorithm it uses, COMPAS, has a documented history of racial bias, but the corrections department told the Department of Technology it uses no high-risk automation.

The California Employment Development Department also reported no use of high-risk automated systems. Between the Christmas and New Years holidays in 2020, the department paused unemployment benefits for 1.1 million people after the agency used AI tools from Thomson Reuters to give unemployment applicants fraud scores. Some 600,000 of those claims were later confirmed

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How gentrification is killing the bus: California's rising rents are pushing out commuters

The northern tip of the Vermont Square neighborhood in South Los Angeles gentrified in many of the usual ways over the last decade.

Median incomes shot up. The neighborhood's share of Black residents declined. On the list of fastest growing home prices across the region, Vermont Square cracked the top ten. Along Western Avenue, new apartment buildings popped up as visible markers of change.

But there is a less obvious, if no less profound, marker: Fewer people began riding the bus.

Between 2012 and 2017, public transit ridership fell in this Census designated tract — a roughly half-square mile neighborhood spanning Western — by 24%. In that same period, the neighborhood-wide rent increased by an average of $468 per month.

That, according to UCLA researchers, is probably not a coincidence. A study published late last year compared changes in transit ridership numbers to rental market trends in neighborhoods across Los Angeles and Orange counties. It found that in neighborhoods well-served by buses and trains, transit ridership tended to fall in places where the rents were rising.

At the south end of Chinatown, average rents went up $379 and transit use fell by 21%. In a sliver of Pacoima in the San Fernando Valley, rent was up $305, ridership was down 28%. Across the region, a neighborhood-wide rental hike of an extra $230 per month predicted a 22% decline in bus and train boardings.

The most likely explanation, according to the researchers, is that as dense urban neighborhoods grow more costly, lower- and moderate-income renters, the very people most likely to ride the bus, are pushed out and replaced by a more affluent set who, on the whole, tend to favor getting around by car.

The findings suggest gentrification isn't just bad for residents displaced by rising rents and scarce affordable units: It's also bad for the transit systems those displaced residents rely upon.

TWIN CRISES: HOUSING AND TRANSIT

California's public bus and rail agencies are in a decade-long slump. For that, there's plenty of blame to go around.

COVID-19 steered commuters away from crowded buses and train cars and ridership numbers have yet to fully recover. Federal rescue funding passed by Congress in 2020 and 2021 propped up these systems for a time but has now mostly dried up. Inflation, supply chain snags and now tariffs have made the cost of maintaining aging, legacy infrastructure even costlier. Even before the pandemic-era tumult, the advent of rideshare apps and a steady nationwide rise in car ownership rates resulted in a slow and steady decline of transit ridership.

The UCLA study points to yet another culprit behind the state's public transit woes: California's housing affordability crisis.

"The basic premise of the paper is, 'Can rising rents help explain why you're losing transit ridership?' And it seems to be that they can, because they reduce the likelihood that very high transit riders will live near transit stops," said urban planning professor Michael Manville, lead author of the paper.

Manville and his fellow researchers weren't able to track where displaced transit riders wound up. But given the relatively few number of transit-friendly neighborhoods in the Los Angeles and Orange County metro area, it's likely most settled in neighborhoods with fewer public transportation options. Some may have felt compelled to lease or buy a car, at considerable expense to their own finances and to the environment. For others, unwilling or unable to incur that expense, being priced out of a neighborhood with steady bus and rail service might simply mean having fewer travel options.

That latter outcome might be more likely these days. The study uses data collected before the pandemic. Now, with higher interest rates, higher ride-share costs and higher auto prices — which could sail higher still if high tariffs remain in place — "you might actually see people not being able to switch to driving as much," said Manville. Instead, displaced renters may simply be forced to move and rely on "transit in neighborhoods where the transit isn't as good."

Fewer transportation options have been found to put a person at risk of higher unemployment, poorer health and more pronounced social isolation.

The findings in and around the L.A. Basin are consistent with a general trend across California and North America, in which higher rents and prices push lower income residents further and further out of many dense, urban job centers. This "suburbanization of poverty" has changed who has access to public transit in cities as different and far apart as Toronto, Canada and Durham, North Carolina.

The desperate unaffordability of housing in California has a way of making virtually every other statewide problem worse. Higher rents swell the state's population of homeless. Higher home prices widen economic inequality and put wealth accumulation out of reach for millions. Shortages of housing in urban cores push people further away from their jobs, snarling traffic and pumping more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

The story of Vermont Square, and hundreds of other similar neighborhoods across the region, shows that California's housing crisis is also making its transit crisis harder to solve.

WILL CALIFORNIA BEEF UP HOUSING NEAR TRANSIT?

That double-whammy is top of mind for many legislators in Sacramento this year. San Francisco Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat and prominent author of bills to boost housing production and support public transit agencies, is pushing legislation this year that is supposed to do both. Senate Bill 79 would allow for dense apartment construction around major public transit stops, including on land owned by transit agencies.

"If we're going to make big public investments in public transportation, which of course I support and I know many of us support, we need to make sure that people can actually live near those stations and ride on

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Drag Bingo Fundraiser to Support Trans Equity Scholarship Fund June 5

A drag bingo fundraiser will take place Thursday, June 5, from 6:30-9 p.m. at Solidarity restaurant to benefit the Trans Equity Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance for legal name and gender marker changes in California.

The all-ages event will be held on the back patio of Solidarity, located at 1414 Lincoln Boulevard. Miss Barbie-Q and Mini Horrorwitz will co-host the evening, guiding participants through 10 rounds of competitive bingo.

According to organizers, the Trans Equity Scholarship Fund is currently depleted with over 50 transgender individuals on the waiting list. The number is expected to rise into the hundreds as political and social attacks continue to escalate against the transgender community.

The scholarship fund helps transgender and gender non-conforming people navigate the high costs associated with legal documentation changes in California. Organizers describe the work as "tangible, urgent, and life-saving."

Ticket options include $25 for one bingo card per round, providing 10 total cards and 10 chances to win gift card prizes. A $60 ticket provides three cards per round for all 10 rounds, totaling 30 cards and tripling participants' chances to win.

Organizers emphasize the dual purpose of the fundraiser: raising critical funds while creating joy, connection and resistance through drag performance, laughter and community support. The event aims to provide both financial assistance and community solidarity during what organizers describe as "a dark and dangerous time for trans people."

The evening promises drag performances, prizes and community engagement as participants compete in traditional bingo with a drag twist. Attendees are encouraged to arrive by 6:30 p.m., with bingo continuing until 9 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will directly support the Trans Equity Scholarship Fund's mission to assist transgender individuals with legal documentation costs. The fundraiser represents both practical support and community celebration in response to ongoing challenges facing the transgender community.

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City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE PROPOSED 2025-29 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE 2025-26 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (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 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-26 Annual Action Plan. The Action Plan 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 Consolidated Plan.

The 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and 2025-26 Annual Action Plan are now available to the public for a 30-day review period beginning May 23, 2025. The proposed plans 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 hhs@santamonica.gov or by phone at (310) 458-8310. Written comments must be submitted by June 23, 2025 by email to hhs@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 plan, due to HUD by July 12, 2025. The City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the proposed plan on June 24, 2025.

ESPAÑOL Esto es un aviso público para invitar a cualquier parte interesada a participar en el repaso del Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años de los Años Fiscales 2025-29 y del Plan de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2025-26. Si necesita más información, por favor llame a Lupe Madrid en el Departamento de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos al número (310) 458-8310.

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Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3381 through 3385, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's power to sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY
Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3361

Notice is hereby given that the following parcels listed will become subject to the Tax Collector's power to sell on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, by operation of law. The real property taxes and assessments on the parcels listed will have been defaulted five or more years, except for:

1. Nonresidential commercial parcels, as defined in R&TC Section 3691, which will have been defaulted for three or more years,

2. Parcels on which a nuisance abatement lien has been recorded, which will have been defaulted for three or more years.

The Tax Collector will record a Notice of Power to Sell unless the property taxes are paid in full or the property owner initiates an installment plan of redemption, as provided by law, prior to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on Monday, June 30, 2025, when the right to initiate an installment plan terminates. Thereafter, the only option to prevent the sale of the property at public auction is to pay the taxes in full.

The right of redemption survives the property becoming subject to the Tax Collector's power to sell, but it terminates at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on the last business day before the scheduled auction of the property by the Tax Collector.

The Tax Collector will furnish, upon request, information concerning making a payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, please visit the website at ttc.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-2111.

The amount to redeem the property, in United States dollars and cents, is set forth in the listing opposite each parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax -default to the date of Monday, June 30, 2025.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 25th day of April, 2025.

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor's Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's Office, 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

The real property that is the subject of this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2022 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
1714 $24,823.97
PS 2425 WILSHIRE LAND MANAGER LLC SITUS:2421 WILSHIRE BLVD SANTA MONICA CA 90403-5805 AIN: 4276-003-004
1721 $110,693.65
700 COLORADO OWNER LLC C/O C/O ALLIED URBAN INC SITUS:700 COLORADO AVE SANTA MONICA CA 90401-2610 AIN: 4290-001-016

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2020 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
1713 $11,404.25
MARQUEZ, SAMUEL AND EUGENIA S TRS MARQUEZ FAMILY TRUST SITUS:2336 HILL ST SANTA MONICA CA 90405-6002 AIN: 4272-018-007
1716 $1,275.40
CHOWDHURY, MASHUK SITUS:1127 15TH ST A SANTA MONICA CA 90403-5520 AIN: 4281-005-035
1717 $365.51
GOTTSTEIN, DORENE M TR DORENE M GOTTSTEIN TRUST SITUS:922 14TH ST NO 202 SANTA MONICA CA 90403-3124 AIN: 4281-014-066
1718 $32,419.79
EUCLID BROADWAY PARTNERS LLC SITUS:1512 EUCLID ST SANTA MONICA CA 90404-3307 AIN: 4282-032-003
1719 $320,307.85
BILIACK, DAVID TR ET AL BILIACK TRUST AND FRIED, BERNARD SITUS:2627 3RD ST SANTA MONICA CA 90405-4178 AIN: 4287-011-010
1720 $1,892.14
LANGLOIS, LISA TR LISA LANGLOIS TRUST SITUS:2721 2ND ST NO 215 SANTA MONICA CA 90405-4140 AIN: 4287-023-069
1722 $18,870.72
AMBROSE, PATRICK SITUS:201 OCEAN AVE NO 1608P SANTA MONICA CA 90402-5134 AIN: 4293-019-125

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2019 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
1715 $133,202.66
BROWN, RENE SITUS:837 18TH ST 3 SANTA MONICA CA 90403-6710 AIN: 4277-008-162
CN117305 534 May 30, Jun 6, 2025

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm
LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

COMMUNITY NEWS

Statewide

California allocates $1.7 billion for highway improvements, wildfire repairs

The California Transportation Commission allocated nearly $1.7 billion last week to improve safety, increase mobility and strengthen the state highway system, including $86.5 million to repair transportation infrastructure damaged by recent Southern California wildfires and storms.

The funding supports Gov. Gavin Newsom's "Build More, Faster – For All" infrastructure agenda and aims to make California communities safer and more climate resilient, officials said.

"Investments made today support Caltrans' mission to build and maintain a transportation system that helps Californians now and decades into the future," said Mike Keever, acting director for Caltrans. "This funding translates into safer travel, more accessible mobility options and strengthening our roadways to protect all travelers during extreme weather events."

Major projects receiving funding include $195.5 million to rehabilitate roadway and drainage systems, add a bike trail and pedestrian bridge, and upgrade safety along Interstate 805 in San Diego, Chula Vista and National City. Another $129 million will replace the existing Cordelia Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility along westbound Interstate 80 near Fairfield.

The commission allocated $30 million to replace a retaining wall and rebuild a slope drapery protection system near Big Rock Road in Malibu and reconstruct hillsides above State Route 1 near Mulholland Drive, all damaged by the Palisades Fire and rainstorms.

In Orange County, the commission approved $23 million for a State Route 91 project in Anaheim and Placentia to rehabilitate pavement and culverts and improve highway worker safety. The funding includes $20.3 million from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and $2.6 million from Senate Bill 1.

Another $7.1 million will fund safety improvements to the southbound State Route 57 connector to westbound State Route 91 in Anaheim, extending the existing connector lane drop, replacing safety systems, constructing a ground anchor wall, and upgrading drainage and lighting.

The commission also allocated $1.7 million for safety improvements at the intersection of Anaheim Boulevard and Anaheim Way in Anaheim, including signal and lighting upgrades and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance improvements.

Of the total allocation, nearly $651 million came from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, and approximately $536 million from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

The federal infrastructure bill represents a once-in-a-generation investment in the nation's infrastructure. California has received nearly $62 billion in federal infrastructure funding since its passage, creating more than 170,000 jobs statewide.

Senate Bill 1 invests approximately $5 billion annually in transportation projects, with funding split between state and local agencies.

For more information, visit Build.ca.gov.

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Sacramento

Fire Recovery Bills Advance Through State Senate Committee

A package of wildfire recovery legislation sponsored by Sen. Ben Allen has cleared the Senate Appropriations Committee, moving the measures closer to final passage before the June 6 deadline.

The Democratic senator from Pacific Palisades refocused his final-term priorities following January's devastating Los Angeles fires, which destroyed thousands of homes and businesses across the region.

"The Legislature has acted expeditiously on both monetary measures and policy that will aid in our fire recovery efforts," Allen said. "While the attention of the world has moved on, leaders up and down California maintain our full commitment to providing meaningful relief for the impacted residents and region at large."

The four bills address key recovery challenges identified by fire survivors and local officials:

Senate Bill 495 would require insurance companies to pay 100% of a policyholder's contents coverage without requiring itemized lists of destroyed belongings from natural disasters. Current law often forces fire victims to catalog every lost item.

SB 581 would convert nearly 3,000 seasonal CalFire firefighters to full-time positions and ensure fire stations remain fully staffed year-round. The measure responds to concerns about adequate fire protection during peak fire season.

SB 663 extends deadlines for filing property tax relief claims and rebuilding destroyed homes while preserving tax assessment transfers. The legislation gives victims more time to navigate complex rebuilding processes.

SB 749 strengthens mobile home owners' rights to maintain affordable housing on their land after natural disaster destruction. The bill addresses concerns about displacement of vulnerable residents.

All four measures now advance to the full Senate for floor votes. Lawmakers face a June 6 deadline to pass bills to the Assembly.

Allen represents the 24th State Senate District, covering Westside, Hollywood, coastal South Bay and Santa Monica Mountains communities in Los Angeles County - areas heavily impacted by the January fires.

The senator emphasized California's commitment to supporting affected communities despite waning national attention on the disaster.

"We know Los Angeles is resilient, and the state's largest city will continue to provide a haven where ambitious, inspiring dreams become a reality for generations to come," Allen said.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

CAL FIRE Seizes Over 100,000 Pounds of Illegal Fireworks in Los Angeles County

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection seized more than 100,000 pounds of illegal fireworks last week from a Commerce operation, officials announced.

The CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted the seizure following an investigation into a licensed fireworks importer and exporter accused of violating state laws and regulations governing their permit.

The operation involved collaboration between CAL FIRE, the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Task Force.

"As we approach the 4th of July and a typical increase in usage of illegal fireworks, this seizure should be a reminder of our zero tolerance to illegal fireworks in California," said California State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant.

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Since January, California has recorded more than $4 million in property damage from fireworks-caused fires, according to CAL FIRE data.

State law prohibits the sale, transport or use of fireworks that do not carry the "Safe and Sane" seal. It is also illegal to possess or use fireworks in communities where they are banned. Violations carry penalties of up to $50,000 in fines and one year in jail.

Illegal fireworks include sky rockets, bottle rockets, Roman candles, aerial shells, firecrackers and other devices that explode, launch into the air or move on the ground uncontrollably.

California maintains zero tolerance for illegal fireworks due to significant safety risks. The devices cause severe injuries and millions of dollars in property damage annually, officials said. Large grass crops and dry vegetation throughout the state increase the threat of devastating fires.

CAL FIRE emphasized the collaborative effort demonstrates agencies' ongoing commitment to protecting communities from fireworks hazards.

The seizure comes as California prepares for the Fourth of July holiday, when illegal fireworks use typically increases. Officials reminded residents that fireworks regulations vary by community, with some areas permitting only "Safe and Sane" varieties while others ban all fireworks.

The investigation remains ongoing.

For fire safety tips and community protection information, visit FireworksSafetyCA.org.

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Cal Fire

FIREWORKS: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection seized more than 100,000 pounds of illegal fireworks Tuesday from a Commerce operation.

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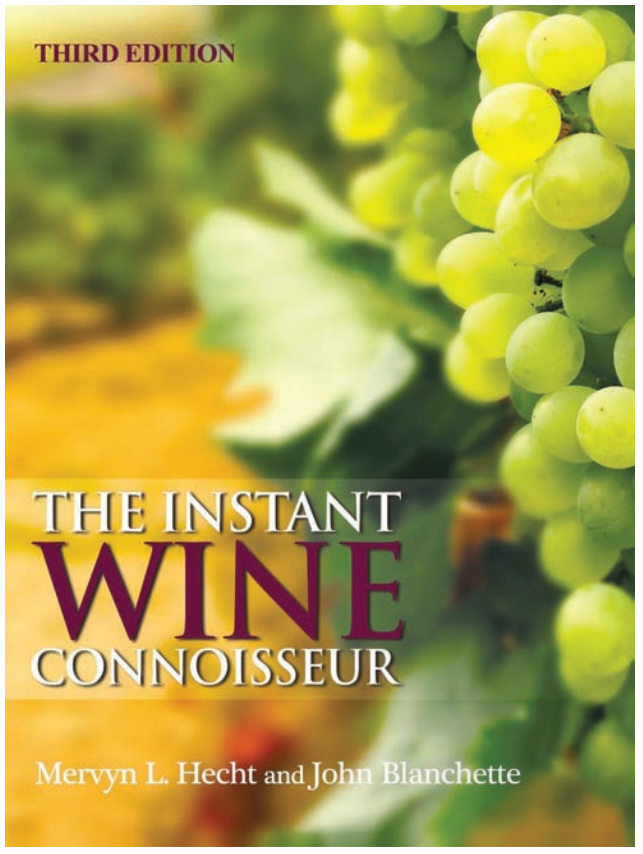
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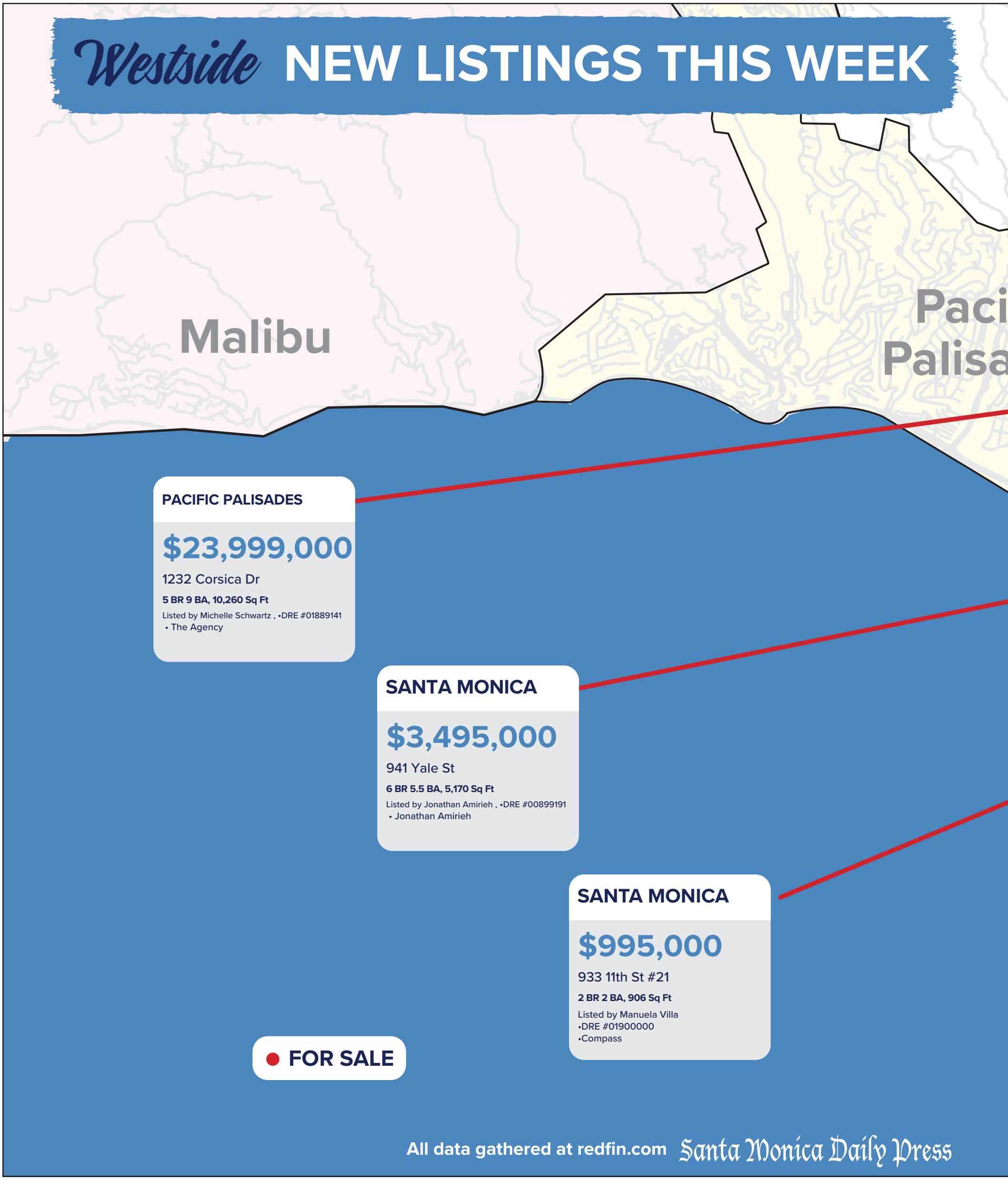
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Westside NEW LISTINGS THIS WEEK



PACIFIC PALISADES

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1232 Corsica Dr

5 BR 9 BA, 10,260 Sq Ft

Listed by Michelle Schwartz , •DRE #01889141
• The Agency

SANTA MONICA

$3,495,000

941 Yale St

6 BR 5.5 BA, 5,170 Sq Ft

Listed by Jonathan Amirieh , •DRE #00899191
• Jonathan Amirieh

SANTA MONICA

$995,000

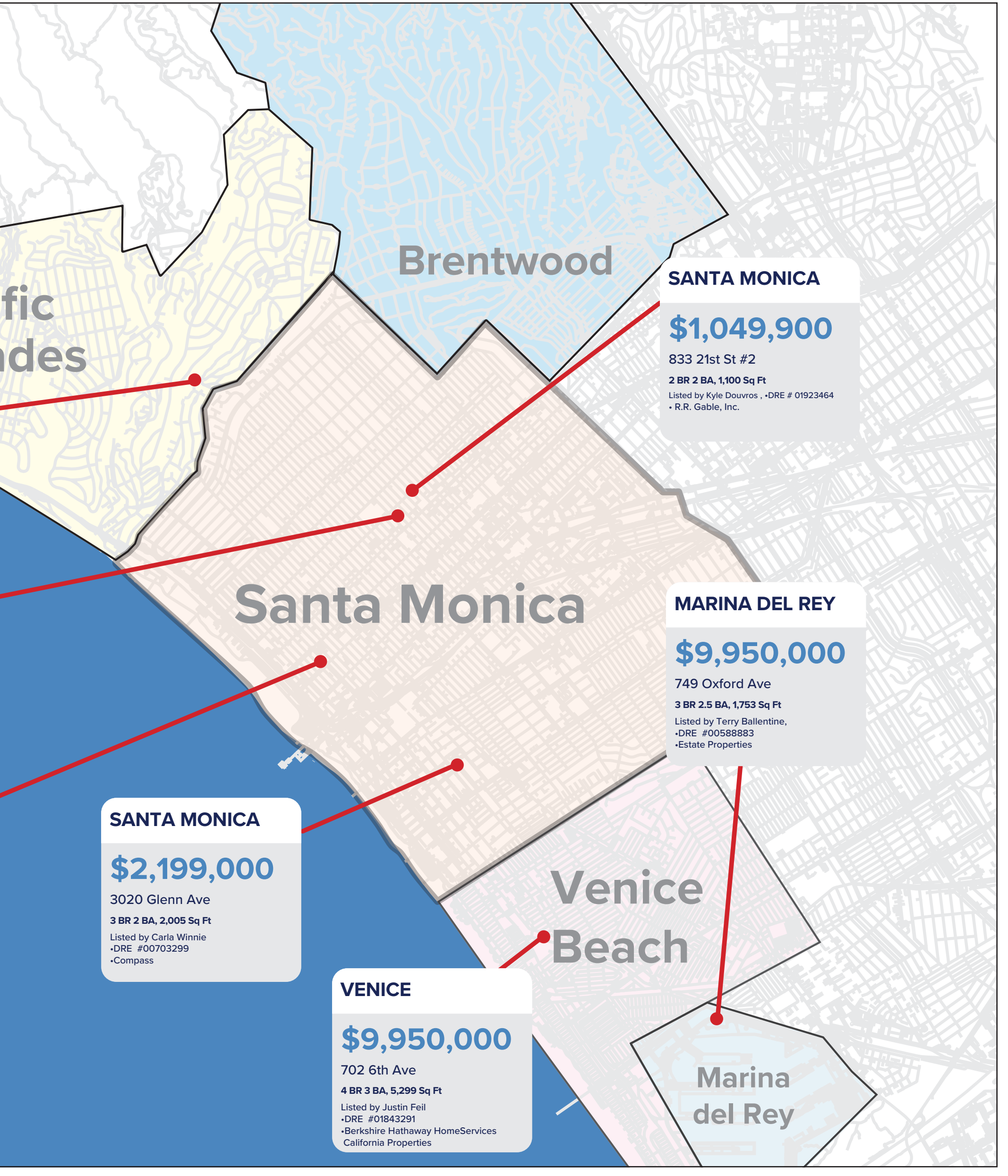
933 11th St #21

2 BR 2 BA, 906 Sq Ft

Listed by Manuela Villa
•DRE #01900000
•Compass

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SANTA MONICA

$1,049,900

833 21st St #2

2 BR 2 BA, 1,100 Sq Ft

Listed by Kyle Douvros , •DRE # 01923464
• R.R. Gable, Inc.

MARINA DEL REY

$9,950,000

749 Oxford Ave

3 BR 2.5 BA, 1,753 Sq Ft

Listed by Terry Ballentine,
•DRE #00588883
•Estate Properties

SANTA MONICA

$2,199,000

3020 Glenn Ave

3 BR 2 BA, 2,005 Sq Ft

Listed by Carla Winnie
•DRE #00703299
•Compass

VENICE

$9,950,000

702 6th Ave

4 BR 3 BA, 5,299 Sq Ft

Listed by Justin Feil
•DRE #01843291
•Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties

UNIFICATION

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raised concerns about the two committee members' participation in the deliberations, questioning the appropriateness of Ralph Mechur and Barry Snell's involvement.

The city had first expressed these concerns in December 2021 correspondence but said it never received a response. Malibu said both Santa Monica residents were fundamentally biased against their proposal and pointed to a history of political activity by the two men. Mechur was formerly a member of the School Board that Malibu is attempting to split from and Snell is a current member of the Santa Monica City Council.

Both men did step down but did so after saying they could be impartial had they chosen to stay.

The School District had also filed its own complaints over the process saying the entire revote process violated the Brown Act. The District said the revote decision has been made outside of properly noticed public meetings and individuals opposed to Malibu's petition said the process was inappropriate.

Committee members had their own criticisms to levy saying lobbying attempts following the April meeting were tantamount to bullying of Committee members and that communications between advocates and decision makers that should have been shared among the entire Committee were delayed in a way that seemed suspicious.

Despite the swirling accusations and counter-accusations, a vote was eventually taken with the Committee voting 5-4 against Malibu.

Committee member Estefany Castaneda reiterated her opposition to Malibu's petition saying it was fiscally unsound and would hurt minority students. She was among the members to call out Malibu's communications as inappropriate.

"Rather than fixing these issues or negotiating in good faith, we know that there were actions done to target this committee, and there was communication targeting and bullying this committee that was not a good faith attempt at transparency. It was an attempt to undermine and intimidate a body that has conducted its work with integrity," she said.

Committee member John Nunez was the lone member to switch votes. After initially supporting Malibu in April, he voted against the petition this month. He also criticized the post-vote lobbying attempts but said his vote was based on the merits of the petition and he did see concerns from both sides.

"This is one of the hardest decisions to make," he said.

Any efforts to split the district are now limited to negotiations over a set of documents that were previously announced but never formalized. The three key agreements covering revenue sharing, operational transfers and joint powers are still the subject of discussion between the two parties and should they come to a conclusion, a new petition could be brought forward with the support of both sides.

This week's decision can be appealed and regardless, State regulators will have the final say. While Sacramento lawmakers will take the County's recommendation under advisement, they are not required to adhere to it.

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City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE
INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The Santa Monica City Council is now accepting applications for annual appointments of members to the following City Boards and Commissions:

Board/Commission	No. of Appointments	Term End Date	Special Requirements
Santa Monica Travel & Tourism, Inc.	2	6/30/2029	-
Transit Security Advisory Committee	1	6/30/2029	Law enforcement experience

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, July 1st, 2025.
Appointments to be made by the City Council on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025.

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income that may be materially affected by their official action. The applicant appointed to serve in this position will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) upon assuming office, and annually thereafter. In addition, this position will be required to complete two hours of Ethics Training (AB1234) biennially, as well as attend other city sponsored trainings deemed necessary by the city.

Applications are available on-line at: www.smgov.net/boards
All current applications on file will be considered.

Disability-related assistance and alternate formats of this document are available upon request by calling (310) 458-8211.

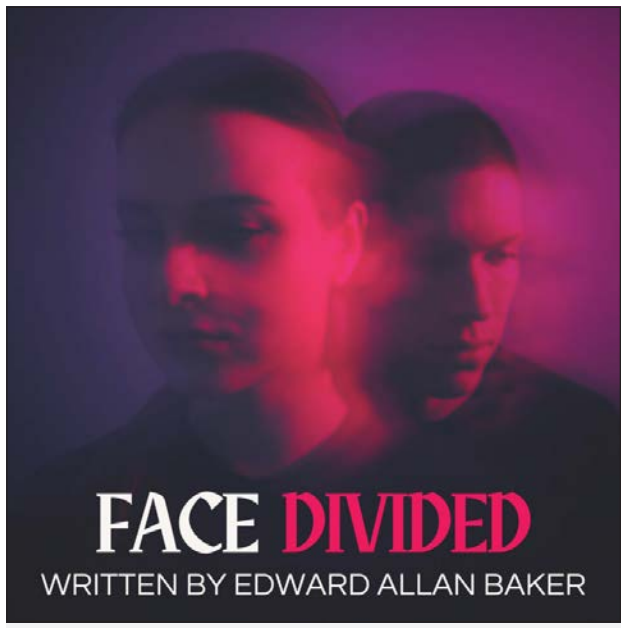
COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Playwright Edward Allan Baker Brings Raw Drama to Hollywood Fringe Festival

A searing one-act play exploring domestic violence and teen parenthood will debut at two venues during the 2025 Hollywood Fringe Festival this June.

'Face Divided' written by Edward Allan Baker and directed by Steven C. Fisher, follows 20-year-old mother Debbie as she waits in a Providence hospital emergency room for her husband after a traumatic incident involving their daughter. The 40-minute production examines generational trauma, poverty and the fragile line between love and survival as tension escalates and the couple's relationship begins to unravel.



Courtesy image

FACE DIVIDED: One-act play exploring domestic violence and teen parenthood will debut at two venues during the 2025 Hollywood Fringe Festival this June.

Baker, a Fringe veteran whose work has been praised by The New York Times, is known for his raw portrayals of working-class characters. The playwright has two productions featured in this year's Hollywood Fringe Festival.

"Raw. Honest. Devastating," according to promotional materials, the play exposes unspoken truths and simmering blame as the young couple faces potential collapse. Baker's work gives voice to those "not just surviving a bad day—but living through bad years."

The cast includes Deborah Baum as Debbie Irons, Trentyn Evans as Freddie Irons and Ava Rose Paul as Sue Wilcox. Baum also serves as producer.

Performances will take place at The Other Space at The Actors Company, located at 916 N. Formosa Ave., and Hudson Theatres Mainstage at 6539 Santa Monica Blvd.

The preview performance is scheduled for Friday, June 6 at 10:30 p.m. at The Other Space. The official run includes shows on Friday, June 13 at 8 p.m. at Hudson Mainstage; Saturday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. at The Other Space; Thursday, June 26 at 10:30 p.m. at The Other Space; and Friday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m. at The Other Space.

The production is recommended for ages 16 and older. Tickets are available through the Fringe website. Paid parking is available at both venues.

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SMC

SMC Musical Theatre Workshop to Present 'Gotham' June 6-8

Santa Monica College's Musical Theatre Workshop will present "Gotham," featuring popular musical theatre selections, during three performances June 6-8 at the college's Studio Stage.

The production will be performed Friday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 7, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, June 8, at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in the Studio Stage at the SMC Theatre Arts Complex on the main campus at 1900 Pico Blvd.

SMC Theatre Arts instructor Terrin Adair and SMC Music instructor Megan Gillespie will direct and provide music direction for the revue. The production will showcase college students performing solos, duets and group numbers from the musical theatre genre.

"Gotham" represents a collaborative effort between SMC's Theatre Arts and Music departments, highlighting student talent in live musical performance.

Tickets cost $15 in advance or $18 at the door, plus a service charge. Advance tickets can be purchased online at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005 Monday through Friday during limited hours. Tickets will also be available at the Theatre Arts Box Office starting 45 minutes before each performance.

Free parking is available on campus premises. Seating operates on a first-come, first-served basis with no late seating permitted. The venue will not offer video feed in the lobby area for late arrivals.

The college notes that performances are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

The Musical Theatre Workshop represents an opportunity for SMC students to gain performance experience while entertaining audiences with familiar musical theatre favorites. The three-day run allows multiple opportunities for community members to attend the student production.

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To learn how to feature your upcoming event on the SMDP and various digital event calendars

Contact dina@smdp.com today!



FRIDAY | MAY 30

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-05-30T19

SATURDAY | MAY 31

FREE SATURDAY MORNING FITNESS; WELLNESS & WAVES RETURNS FOR 2025 SEASON
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. Start your weekend with movement, mindfulness, and ocean views as Wellness & Waves returns to the Santa Monica Pier beginning Saturday, April 5 through October 11, 2025, from 8 to 10 a.m. every week. This popular Free fitness series invites the community to embrace self-care and coastal vibes with group runs, yoga, and fusion fitness—all in the most iconic outdoor setting in Los Angeles. Held beneath the famed Santa Monica Yacht Harbor sign, Wellness & Waves kicks off with a breezy group run from 8 to 9 a.m., perfect for runners of all levels. From 9 to 10 a.m., the energy shifts to the west end of the Pier for Yoga and Yoga-Pilates Fusion classes, led by a rotating lineup of celebrated instructors from some of the Westside's top wellness studios. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/free-saturday-morning-fitness-wellness-waves-returns-for-2025-season/15484766/2025-05-31T08

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-05-31T11

COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES!
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virgina Ave Santa Monica. People's Dog Training™, a Love At First Sit® program, host their L.A. Wildfires Initiative through their Community Dog Training Classes on Saturdays at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. Class fee is $5.00, then Pay-What-You-Can after that. Wildfire Victims and first responders are always free. Class proceeds are donated to CAMP (Community Animal Medicine Project) who are providing FREE veterinary services to L.A. Wildfire Victims. Sign-up at peoplesdogtraining.com/community-training. $5.00 —General $5.00. First Responders & Wildfire Victims FREE. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/community-dog-training-classes-/11981844/2025-05-31T12

"SHEER ENJOYMENT!" IT'S BARNYARD MADNESS WITH THE THREE LITTLE PIGS
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. "This is what family theatre is all about and the Santa Monica Playhouse offers the best. Kids will delight in it all as will adults!" The Tolucan Times. It's a finger-snappin', toe-tappin' zany musical romp following the romantic antics and showbiz aspirations of the swingin' singin' McPig Sisters and their canine admirers, complete with exciting audience participation. "Sheer enjoyment...mixes elements of 1940s boogie-woogie, Grand Ole Opry-type vaudeville and a Romeo and Juliet story line." L.A. PARENT. This rib-tickling Family Theatre Musical for Kids 2 to 102, created by the internationally acclaimed team of Chris DeCarlo and Evelyn Rudie, proves once and for all that friendship doesn't depend on size, color, background, "species" or nationality. $15.00 to $17.50—$15 kids 12 and under; $17.50 adults. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/-sheer-enjoyment-it-s-barnyard-madness-with-the-three-little-pigs/15355101/2025-05-31T14

SUNDAY | JUNE 1

THE WATERFRONT - SUNDAY REAL FUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Waterfront 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy a bottomless brunch buffet Sundays at The Waterfront! The Waterfront Venice is a full-service restaurant celebrating Californian cuisine with views of the Pacific Ocean. Situated between Rose and Navy on the famous Venice Beach Boardwalk, our food & beverage menus celebrate California with carefully selected seasonal produce from local farms. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-waterfront-sunday-real-funday-brunch-buffet/14894114/2025-06-01T11

MONDAY | JUNE 2

ARBOR VENICE MONDAY NIGHT POOL TOURNEY
5:30 p.m. 2907 Main Street CA 90405 Join us at the pool table on the Back Patio Santa Monica. Join in the fun as Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main. We'll be showing awesome skateboard and snowboarding footage on our screens and hosting a pool tourney with awesome prizes for the winner each week. Monday $9 Burger+Beer special is a great addition to the festivities. Come and play, hang or whatever suits your mood. All are welcome at Tavern on Main. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arbor-venice-monday-night-pool-tourney/14639005/2025-06-02T17

SMC JAZZ ENSEMBLE
7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center 1310 11th St Santa Monica. Jazz is alive and well at SMC! Come enjoy jazz ensemble arrangements from the masters of the idiom, special guest performances, and new works from aspiring composers and arrangers. $10; free with any student I.D. https://smdp.com/events/#/details/smc-jazz-ensemble/15093592/2025-06-02T19

TUESDAY | JUNE 3

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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00230 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Morris Simon for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Morris Simon this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Morris Simon to Maurice Simone The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 06/13/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: -. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 . 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

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Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No. 25STCP00559 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of LaSaige Uniqua Monae Sibley for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: LaSaige Uniqua Monae Sibley with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: LaSaige Uniqua Monae Sibley to LaSaige Uniqua Monae Sibley LaSaige Sibley Franics (aka) to LaSaige Uniqua Monae Sibley . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 06/09/2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: 45 Room: 529 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Alhambra Courthouse 111 North Hill Los Angeles, CA 90012. 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

Summons

IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR COMANCHE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMACASE NO. CJ-2025-00178(Judge Emmit Tayloe)STRIDE BANK, N.A.,Plaintiff,Vs.COPPER RIDGE APTS LAWTON, LLC, anOklahoma limited liability company;ROBERT HOWARD LEVEEN, ASTRUSTEE OF ROBERT LEVEEN TRUST;826 SOUTH OSAGE, LLC, a Californialimited liability company; DOS MUNDOSHOLDINGS, INC., a California corporation;MASTER OF MY DOMAIN LLC, anOklahoma limited liability company;JENNIFER ASHLEY DYNOF PERKIN, anindividual; SEAN GAVIN PERKIN, anindividual; SEAN GAVIN PERKIN ANDJENNIFER ASHLEY DYNOF PERKIN, ASCO-TRUSTEES OF THE SEAN ANDJENNIFER PERKIN REVOCABLE LIVINGTRUST; BOARD OF COUNTYCOMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OFCOMANCHE and RHONDA BRANTLEY inher official capacity as TREASURER OF COMANCHE COUNTY; CITY OFLAWTON, a municipal corporation; REDI-CARPET, INC. f/k/a REDI-CARPET SALESOF HOUSTON, LTD, a Texas corporation;AIR CONDITIONING REPAIR LLC, anArkansas limited liability company; PRIMETIME DEMOLITION AND REMODELLLC, an Indiana limited liability company;PPS of Oklahoma, LLC, an Oklahoma limitedliability company; and OCCUPANTS OFTHE PREMISES,Defendants. SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICEAS TO DEFENDANT DOS MUNDOS, LLCTHE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:You will take notice that Stride Bank, N.A. ("Plaintiff") filed its Petition (the "Petition")in the above-captioned matter in the District Court of Comanche County, Oklahoma against theabove-named Defendant, Dos Mundos Holdings, Inc., alleging foreclosure of its interest, if any,in and to the following described real property:Lot Three (3), Block Seventeen (17), MEADOW BROOK ADDITION, PART 7,to the City of Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.Having a mailing address of: 4751 Motif Manor Blvd, Lawton, OK 73505-4831(the "Real Property"), and, unless you answer the Petition on or before July 9, 2025, judgment will be entered againstyou foreclosing your interest in and to the Real Property.Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of May 2025ROBERT MORALES, Court ClerkBy: Martha Martin Deputy Court ClerkAttorney(s) for Plaintiff(s):Armando J. Rosell, OBA #18821Stacy S. Ramdas, OBA # 22893ROSELL & LOVE, PLLC101 N. Robinson AvenueCorporate Tower, Suite 700Oklahoma City, OK 73102Telephone: (405) 702-0888 Facsimile: (405) 601-8751arosell@rlok.lawsramdas@rlok.lawAttorney for Plaintiff, Stride National Bank, N.A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 05/28/25 2025108762 The following person(s) is (are) doing business 1. RAPP SALOON COMMUNITY MARKET. 2. RAPP SALOON MARKET 3.HIGHLAND PARK POP UP 4. RAPP SALOON POP UP 30306 Barcelona Rd. Castaic, CA 91384 Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are MOSAIO CREATIVE PRODUCTIONS LLC 30306 Barcelona Rd. Castaic, CA 91384 If corporation or LLC- Print State of CA This is Business is Conducted: A Limited Liability Company . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2025 . Registrant /Corp/LLC MOSAIO CREATIVE PRODUCTIONS LLC Title: Manager MONIQUE GAGNIER ROBINSON . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 05/28/2025 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

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AI

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as legitimate, according to a state analysis.

The employment department refuses to say if that algorithm is in use today, providing a written statement that its fraud detection processes are confidential "to ensure we don't provide criminals with information that could aid criminal activity."

'THEY'RE TALKING OUT OF BOTH SIDES OF THEIR MOUTH HERE'

The report also appears to be out of sync with a trio of analyses carried out in the past year by California Legislature staff, which indicated the state would have to spend hundreds of millions of dollars or more each year to monitor the government's use of high-risk algorithms.

Last year, Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan proposed a bill that would have required state agencies to conduct risk assessments of algorithms that can make a "consequential decision" about people's lives—much like the sorts of algorithms in the new Department of Technology report.

Three different legislative analyses of her concept by appropriations committee staff concluded it would be an expensive endeavor, costing hundreds of millions of dollars a year, with ongoing costs in the billions of dollars.

If there are no high-risk automated systems in California government, how can it cost millions or billions of dollars to assess them?

That's what one source familiar with the analyses wondered. The person, who requested anonymity out of concern for potential professional consequences, said they see little daylight between the definition of a high-risk automated system in the Department of Technology report and a consequential decision in the Bauer-Kahan bill. They think somebody's lying.

"There's no way those two things can be true," they said. "They're talking out of both sides of their mouth here."

Authors of the legislative analyses did not respond to multiple requests for comment. And Porat of the technology department was also at a loss. "I can't fully explain that," he told CalMatters. "It's possible that a department and agency in partnership with some group or even within the state may be considering something for the future that did not meet the definition that was laid out in the requirements last year."

The legislation that required the high-risk automation reports specifically mentions systems that produce scores. Given the pervasiveness of tools that assign risk scores, the result of the Department of Technology inventory is surprising, said Deirdre Mulligan, director of the UC Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, who helped develop AI policy for the Biden administration.

Mulligan said it's essential that the government put rules in place to ensure automation doesn't deprive people of their rights. She agrees that analyses that predict potentially billions in testing costs may signal future plans to use high risk automation by state agencies, which makes now an opportune time to make sure such protections are in place.

Samantha Gordon, chief program officer of advocacy group TechEquity, which has called for more transparency around how California is using AI, said that state agencies need to expand their definition of high-risk systems if it does not include algorithms such as the one EDD used in 2020, which can deny people of unemployment benefits and imperil their ability to keep a roof over their head, feed their family, or pay for child care.

"I think if you asked an everyday Californian if losing their uninsurance benefits at Christmas time when they have no job caused a real risk to their livelihood, I bet they'd say yes," she said.

HIGH-RISK GENERATIVE AI IN STATE'S FUTURE

The high-risk automated decision making report comes at a time when state agencies are rolling out a slew of potentially risky AI applications. In recent weeks, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that state agencies are adopting AI tools to do things like speak with Californians about wildfires, manage traffic safety, quicken the rebuilding process after wildfires in Los Angeles, and inform state employees who help businesses file their taxes.

Legislators want to track these sorts of systems in part because of the potential that they could make mistakes. A 2023 state report about risks and opportunities for government adoption of generative AI cautions that it can produce convincing but inaccurate results, deliver different answers to the same prompt, and can suffer from model collapse, when predictions stray from accurate results. Generative AI also carries the risk of automation bias, when people become overly trusting and reliant on automated decision making, the report said.

In late 2023, Newsom ordered the technology department to compile a different report, an inventory of high risk usage of generative AI by executive branch state agencies. CalMatters requested a copy of that document, but the Department of Technology declined to share it; Chief Information Security Officer Vitaliy Panych called doing so an unnecessary security risk.

What AI deserves a high risk label is an ongoing debate and part of the legal regime emerging in democratic nations around the world. Tech that earns that label is often subject to more testing before deployment and ongoing monitoring. In the European Union, for example, the AI Act labels as high risk models used in critical infrastructure operations as well as those that decide access to education, employment, and public benefits. Similarly, the AI Bill of Rights compiled during the Biden administration defined as high risk AI that can make decisions about your employment, health care, and housing.

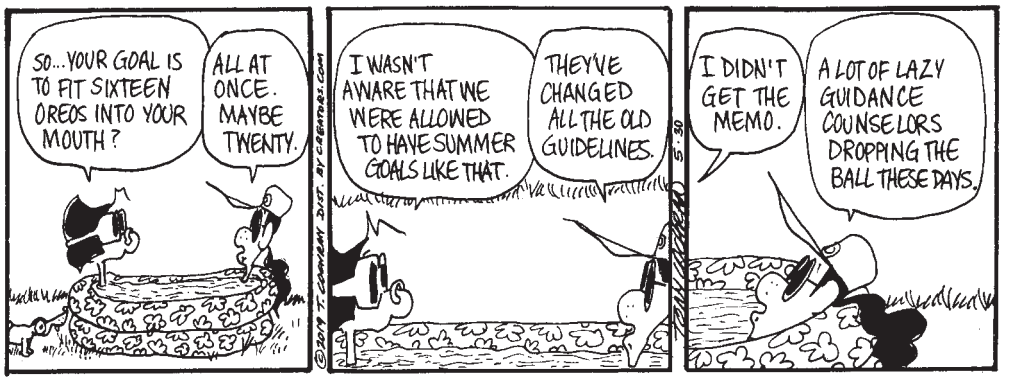
The California Legislature is currently considering dozens of bills to regulate AI in the coming months, if Congress doesn't place a moratorium on state AI regulation for a decade. A report ordered by the governor about how to balance innovation and guardrails for AI is due out this summer.

The law that requires the high-risk automated systems report has some notable exceptions, including the entire state judiciary and licensing bodies like the California Bar Association, which triggered controversy last month after it used AI to write questions for its high-stakes exam. The law also does not require compliance from local governments, who often use AI in criminal justice or policing environments, and school districts. where teachers are using AI to grade papers. The health care marketplace Covered California, which The Markup revealed is sharing the personal information of Californians with LinkedIn, is also using generative AI but that entity is not required to report to the Department of Technology.

By Khari Johnson. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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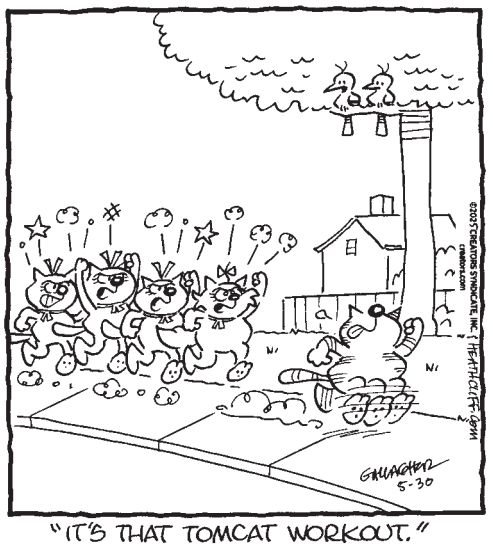
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Basil	Chips	Gates	Pets	Soap
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 30)

Your bright mind is the star this trip around the sun, and an idea that's been simmering finally finds its market. You'll make money in a way that feels like play and attract collaborators who are hungry, smart and ready to win. More highlights: Laughter-filled dinners, quiet understanding and the kind of companionship that feels like home. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 22, 17, 40, and 6.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today you're focused on really understanding people - not just smoothing things over on the surface, but getting to the root of what they need or where they're coming from - so that better relationships and bigger successes can happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Flip the script. Try on different ideas just to see how they feel. You're not locked into one path. You've got way more options than you thought, and honestly? It's kind of exciting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You like all kinds of people and are open to whatever they bring. Your warmth makes people feel comfortable to be themselves around you. It's the kind of vibe that can't be forced - only earned by a spirit as generous as yours.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The usual way isn't working. It's time to add some novelty. Try something new inside the familiar. You need a fresh challenge, a different angle - and honestly, just telling someone who gets it might lift your whole mood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Misinformation, assumptions and stories based purely on posturing are part of today's egomaniacal collage. In a world full of hype and bad advice, you'll lead with practical intelligence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's easy to feel rushed when things seem scarce - like you have to take whatever's there. But kindness steadies you. When you connect with others, you're reminded: Good things aren't running out. You've got time to choose well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you pay close attention, the world opens to you in subtle, serendipitous ways. You'll overhear the perfect line, notice the exact sign, feel the next yes in your bones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Intelligence isn't one single ability measured by IQ, but a variety of capacities - everyone possesses a unique mix. Until you recognize how someone's intelligence expresses itself, you won't fully see them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When someone says "trust me" it raises suspicion instead of confidence. If they have to say it, you wonder why they feel the need to. Today, the same goes for overused words like "authenticity" and "transparency."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Growing pains are a sign of your inner power. Feeling confined is proof that you've outgrown your current situation. Discomfort is a reflection of your expansion. You don't have to wait for rescue. You'll either be freed or you'll liberate yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's plenty of groundwork to lay, and you're busy with it all day. You don't care whether the work gets noticed, only that it gets done. Still, you'll be spotlighted and celebrated by people who are proud to see you in motion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are so many around who will resonate with you that it would be a waste of energy and an exercise in futility to pursue relationships with those who don't. Shared values and mutual understanding will click in without an ounce of effort.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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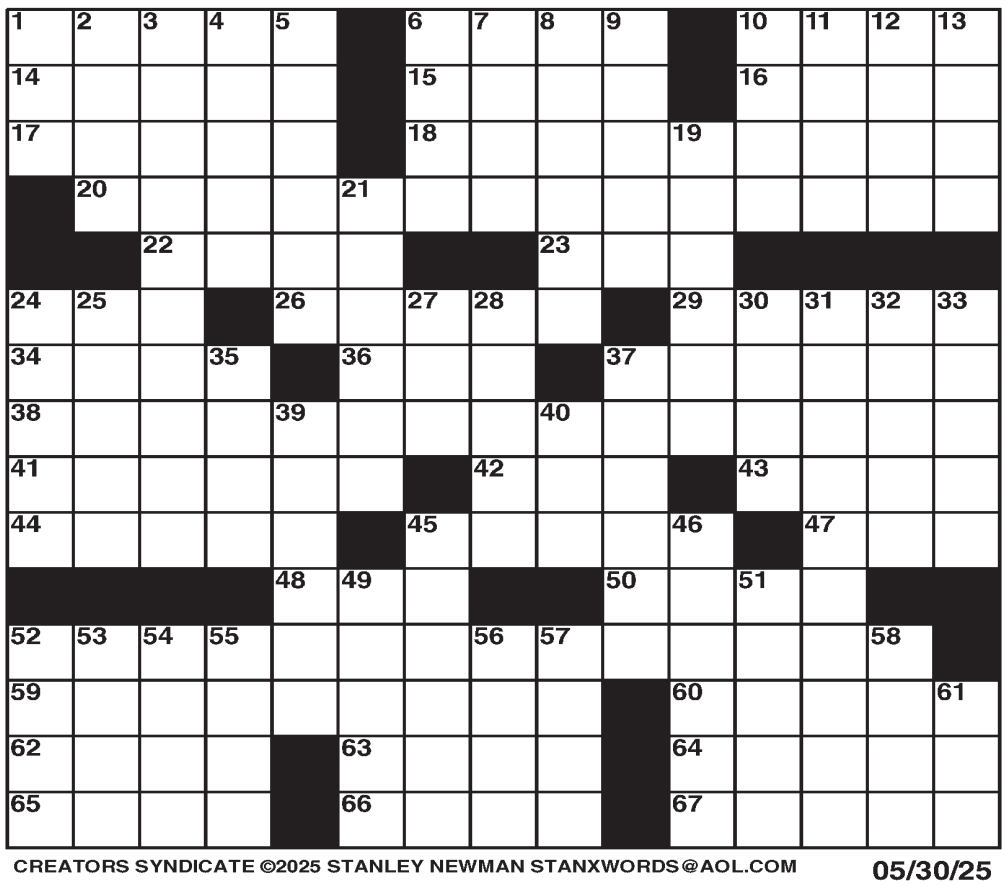
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14 Shake awake
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16 With 65-Across, particularly perceptive
17 Arnold's swordsman
18 Numbers nerd
20 Oceanic "Give it an honest effort"
22 Put on a scale
23 Piratic plaint
24 Keep from streaming
26 Elitist
29 Case conclusion starter
34 Wind up on stage
36 May time, briefly
37 Satellite datum
38 Oceanic "Stay flexible"
41 Plundered completely
42 Freeway lane designation
43 What Watt was
44 Upper sky
45 Invigorant
47 Half of nine
48 GameCube successor
50 On the horizon
52 Oceanic "Find awe in the world"
59 Undercover
60 Throat bug
62 *Game of Thrones* rating
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8 Eagerly unwrap
9 Web troll
10 "You can leave now"
11 Sugar source
12 Change direction
13 Very dark
19 Narrow band
21 Picked up on
24 Evasive maneuver
25 More or less
27 Show favor (for)
28 Straight start
30 Pretzel shapes
31 Self-engrossed
32 Attach, in a way
33 Encampment array
35 Ending like -ula
37 Offer counsel
39 *Barbie* director
40 Aurora tidbit
45 Cross-promotions
46 Exerts no effort
49 Otherwise
51 Closing music
52 Something to build on
53 Emotion that sounds like the Silver St.
54 Ultimate height
55 Work assigned
56 Plan phase
57 In charge
58 *Everything Everywhere...* Oscar winner
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PALISADES

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rebuilding efforts. We fully intend to recreate the elysewalker experience and look forward to reopening our doors and reuniting with this resilient community."

Caruso, who developed the original Palisades Village and has been a central figure in private-sector rebuilding initiatives, said the reopening represents more than commercial renewal.

"This is not only about bringing back a shopping center. This is about accelerating recovery," Caruso told attendees. "People need spaces where they can congregate, shop, dine and connect with each other. Those common areas are what help restore a community's spirit. I believe you have to have an economic engine and that's what we are building."

Caruso said his firm will reconstruct the public park inside the Village, bring back the annual holiday tree lighting and Menorah celebration, and fund extensive improvements to the surrounding streetscape, including sidewalks, trees and lighting. He emphasized that the upgrades will be privately funded and not rely on city money.

In addition to the flagship retail comeback, a new restaurant concept is expected to be announced later this year. The developer declined to offer details but hinted that it would be designed to generate excitement by the holiday season.

Wednesday's announcement also underscored Walker's long ties to the neighborhood. She opened her first store in the Palisades in 1999 after moving from New York, raising her family nearby and growing her business from a modest 900-square-foot space into a nationally recognized retail brand. The store had just marked its 25th anniversary before it was lost in the fires.

"I chose the original location because it was one block from my children's school," Walker said. "Friends gathered every day at three o'clock when the kids got out. We created a hub way more powerful than any fashion or clothing. Clients became friends and then they became family."

Caruso credited Walker's decision to return as a turning point. "When a retailer chooses to invest here, it is a powerful voice of confidence in a bright future," he said. "Elyse and I share a determination to bring back the Palisades better and stronger."

The event also included remarks from Corinne Verdery, Caruso's CEO, who framed the day as a milestone in the post-fire recovery. "We are kicking off our restoration and accelerating our progress," Verdery said. "Our goal is simple, to bring families back, small businesses, jobs and spark economic revival."

Also in attendance was actor Ted McGinley, who holds the informal title of honorary mayor of the Palisades alongside his wife, Gigi. Speaking as a longtime resident, McGinley said the community is eager for the return of its central village.

"We're not going anywhere," he told the crowd. "We can't wait for it to be rebuilt and reimagined. And if you need help, my wife and I are glad to do so."

Caruso's comments extended beyond the Palisades. He said similar revitalization strategies are underway in Altadena, where his team is working with Disney to reimagine public spaces. Through his Steadfast LA initiative, he is also helping fund improvements to the Palisades Recreation Center and other civic spaces.

The billionaire developer, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Los Angeles in 2022, sidestepped questions from reporters about a possible second campaign. "I'm not going to make a decision on politics until well after the summer," he said. With regards to Palisades Village, Caruso's message was clear, rebuilding is not only happening, it is being fast-tracked. "This community is not coming back," he said. "It's going to be roaring back."

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TRANSIT

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those trains or those high-quality bus lines," Wiener said at a legislative hearing late last month.

The bill has survived three committee hearings, but only barely, overcoming the opposition of two committee chairs. Supported by advocates for denser housing development and public transportation, it is fiercely opposed by construction labor unions, an array of city governments, anti-density activists and some advocates who argue the state should prioritize new housing set aside for low-income residents over market rate development.

The committee chairs who oppose the bill said they support more housing construction but think legislation like Wiener's should come with more terms and conditions for private developers.

In an opposition letter written to a Senate committee last month, a coalition of anti-poverty and environmental justice groups led by the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation wrote that California law should "ensure that the existing low-income households and people of color who disproportionately use transit daily benefit from transit-oriented development."

By allowing for more dense housing around transit stops without explicit affordability requirements the bill "risks accelerating displacement of these core transit users," the letter reads.

The bill now awaits a vote before the entire Senate. The vote is expected next week.

The debate represents a broader rift within the California Democratic Party between those who believe the best way to alleviate gentrification is to build additional housing to accommodate an influx of new, higher earning residents and those who see market-rate development as, at best, a poor substitute for affordable housing and, at worst, something that makes the problem worse.

Manville said he has not been following the legislative debate closely, but argued that building more housing near transit stops is likely to boost ridership in two ways.

First, he said, incoming residents will be more likely to take the bus or train. Higher income gentrifiers may not ride transit as much as the lower income residents, but at least from a pollution and climate perspective, "one reduced trip by a high-income person eliminates so many more miles of driving than a trip by a low-income person, because rich people drive more."

Second, and more importantly, building more apartment units diverts some of the feverish competition for existing units and eases pressure on rents. Slowing rent hikes will make it "easier for lower income people to stay in that neighborhood and continue to ride," he said.

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BUDGET

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operational deficit stems from sluggish recovery in tourism and retail sectors that form the backbone of Santa Monica's tax base.

Sales tax revenue remains 1.2% below pre-pandemic levels, while parking revenues have dropped 16.1% compared to fiscal 2018-19, according to city data. Hotel tax collections are running $2.7 million lower than the same period last year, reflecting the slow return of visitors to the popular beach destination

The budget squeeze comes as the city faces additional pressures from ongoing labor negotiations with all 11 employee bargaining units and mounting legal costs. While the lion's share of the city's legal bills stem from the ongoing Uller litigation (more than $230 million so far), pending litigation over district based voting remains as do smaller settlements for a variety of issues. Officials announced a $1.42 million settlement in one such case as part of the regular business that night.

While staff said the city has worked to implement cost-cutting measures while maintaining core services, they acknowledged that "further reductions would erode service quality, limit response capacity, and undermine economic development."

The budget maintains current service levels but includes no significant new programs outside those funded by voter-approved Measure K for public safety improvements. Proposed new revenue sources include beach encroachment application fees and code enforcement investigation fees.

Council members ultimately approved significant budget adjustments by a 6-1 vote, including freezing most vacant positions with exceptions only for critical needs. The action followed extensive discussion about staffing levels that remain below 2019 levels, limiting the city's operational capacity.

Representatives from multiple employee unions addressed the council, expressing frustration with stalled contract negotiations and the need for competitive compensation to retain workers amid rising living costs.

The budget reflects the city's attempt to balance fiscal constraints with Council priorities of affordable housing, clean streets and safe neighborhoods, and economic development. Officials stressed the need to make Santa Monica "an attractive and desirable place to live, visit, and do business" despite the financial challenges.

Voters passed Measure K in 2024 raising fees paid at parking lots and the advisory PSK that earmarked half the funds for public safety. As an advisory measure, PSK has no authority to mandate actions and there was significant discussion amongst the Council about adhering to the intent of that measure as opposed to siphoning the money off to support other uses.

Mayor Lana Negrete said that while she understood why proposals were being made to divert Measure K money away from public safety, it would be dishonest to deviate from the voter approved uses.

"I totally appreciate what you're trying to do but the unions that I went to, that signed on to it, that supported it, which helped get it passed so that we have the money, police and fire supported it because they thought it was going to go to those things and people voted for it because they thought it was going to go to those things," she said. "The fear was that it wouldn't go to those things and it would fill potholes in the budget and that's exactly what's happening now and I'm just saying that I made that promise that I would make sure that it would go to those things."

After refining the budget, Councilman Jesse Zwick, who first proposed Measure K, said he thought intent had been met with efforts from the dais to realign spending to the public safety priority.

"We are meeting the needs of public safety by not reducing the capacity of our police department as to what it is currently and I believe we are honoring measure PSK through spending over half of the allocation on direct and traditional public safety needs," he said.

As a result, the budget will support expanded homeless liaison services, drone technology for emergency response, traffic enforcement and street light maintenance. The budget also includes funding for a therapeutic transport team and traffic safety education programs. While money is being put towards public safety, the budget removes five as yet unfilled positions from the police department.

However, the capital improvement program remains significantly underfunded, with insufficient resources to address the growing backlog of maintenance needs. Budget estimates for funded projects face additional risk from potential tariff increases and uncertainty around federal funding.

Officials warned that additional budget measures would be required if the region's economic downturn persists, if the city must issue bonds to cover legal liabilities, or if federal funding for public safety, transportation and affordable housing is eliminated.

The final budget vote is scheduled for June 24.

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