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From lava pits to wand battles, Dream Park aims to reboot the Promenade with mixed reality

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SMDP Staff Writer

The northwest end of the Third Street Promenade has become the testing ground for a new form of public entertainment. Blending augmented reality with real-world interaction, a mixed-reality experience known as Dream Park is drawing families, tourists and gamers to the northern end of the shopping district, with its creators hoping to help revitalize foot traffic and reignite interest in the area's underused spaces.

"We've been running it actually since January," said Aidan Wolf, creator of Dream Park. "We were based in Santa Monica and just trialing it out with people on Third Street Promenade, bringing in thousands and thousands of players."

Dream Park, first prototyped at

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Courtesy image

REBOOT THE PROMENADE: A new mixed-reality game called Dream Park is drawing crowds to the Promenade's north end, blending AR with real-world play in a bid to boost foot traffic and revive the underused shopping zone.

Officials advance cannabis retail ordinance with social equity focus

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica is moving forward with a comprehensive cannabis ordinance that would allow retail marijuana sales throughout the city's commercial districts while establishing a social equity program to benefit communities most affected by decades of cannabis criminalization.

The proposed ordinance, which came before the Planning Commission for a public hearing, would make cannabis retailers a permitted use in all non-residential zoning districts, eliminating the discretionary review process currently required for other businesses like liquor stores.

"Council is very, very clear for this particular use. They do not want any discretion review. So it'd be essentially a permitted use, you know, that needs to meet certain standards," said Planning Manager Jing Yeo.

Under the proposed regulations, cannabis retailers must maintain a 300-foot buffer from other cannabis businesses and cannot operate on the same city block as another cannabis store. Additionally, a 600-foot buffer is required from sensitive sites including schools, youth centers and state-licensed day care facilities.

The ordinance builds on interim regulations adopted in November 2023 that allowed the city's two existing medical marijuana dispensaries on Wilshire Boulevard to begin selling adult-use cannabis to customers 21 and older.

A significant component of the ordinance focuses on addressing what officials call the disproportionate impact of cannabis criminalization on minority communities, particularly in the Pico neighborhood.

The proposed social equity program would prioritize individuals who meet specific eligibility criteria: documented cannabis arrests or convictions, household income below 80% of the Area Median Income, and residency in Santa Monica or disproportionately impacted areas.

Planning Commissioner Nina Fresco suggested expanding access to the program.

"I would suggest, even if we're going to limit this in a cannabis way, maybe they would consider that people would only need to meet two out of three of those requirements," she said.

The equity program emerged

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Santa Monica is not actually a 'sanctuary city' but it does oppose immigration crackdowns

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

When officials released a list of sanctuary cities in advance of the recent Los Angeles raids, many Santa Monicans were surprised, albeit a little relieved, that the city was left off the list. Locals assumed it was yet another error on the already questionable list but Santa Monica is not actually a Sanctuary City, rather, the municipality has aligned its legislative and law enforcement priorities with the movement.

Prior to the Trump Administration taking office, City Hall unanimously reaffirmed its commitment to not enforcing federal immigration laws or assisting in federal immigration enforcement as the city prepared for potential policy shifts under the new federal administration.

In December 2024, the council passed a motion explicitly stating the city "will not be used to assist or facilitate federal immigration enforcement" and directing staff to prepare contingency plans if federal or state funding were tied to immigration enforcement operations.

The action reinforced Santa Monica's long stance as an effective sanctuary jurisdiction, even though city officials have avoided formally adopting that specific label.

Santa Monica stopped short of officially declaring itself a "Sanctuary City" by name when it adopted key protections in 2017. At the time, city leaders pointed out that the term lacks a single legal definition and chose instead to

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Linda Claypool (Cloe) Wowereit

May 05, 1940 - May 23, 2025

It's with a heavy heart that Linda Claypool Wowereit, 85, passed away in her sleep peacefully at her family's home on May 23, 2025 after suffering with Alzheimer's dementia. She was surrounded by her daughter, Kimberly Ballard and friends and family in Kent, WA where she had relocated too years ago.



She was born May 7, 1940 to Sam Cloe and Edith Hudson (Cloe) in Cassville, Arkansas. They moved to Santa Monica, CA when she was about 4 years old & settled into becoming a true "California Girl," spending almost the entire rest of her life there in the CA sun she loved so much. She loved music & dance & spent time in school at Santa Monica High learning the flute and performing in their prestigious Drill Team. She went on to become a librarian at Santa Monica College & immersed herself in her love of reading sci fi and learning. She went on to have one daughter & worked at the Santa Monica Municipal Courthouse issuing marriage licenses to many celebrities! She loved that job! She lived a life of giving back to her community and helping stray/lost or abused animals. She donated time at many church soup kitchens & donated to local animal organizations & rescues like "The Cat House" in Santa Monica. She had a beautiful voice & sang in church choirs her entire life as well as sang to folks in convalescent & nursing homes. She often thought of others before even considering herself. Her career allowed her to be helpful to kids and assist them as needed. She loved working at the Los Angeles County School District, specifically West Chester High School Attendance Office. Her love of family & children allowed her to help as needed in the position- just like she had lived her life. It was a great fit for her & she shined! Since retirement she again lived a life of service to her church & faith- often having church rummage/craft/bake sales for much needed community donations & continuing to sing in several church choirs, barbershop quartets & nursing homes.

Her greatest loves were family, friends, cats & helping. Her greatest passions were her love of music & singing, crocheting, shopping, cats & animal welfare, cherry blossoms & anything her favorite color green. She was very elegant and loved anything beautiful or pretty. She was, by definition & character, a true "lady." Always dressed to the nines with perfect hairdo, makeup and warm, friendly smile for all. She was such a sweet, gentle & kind soul and the world surely isn't as bright without her shining light. She lived a life full of love, faith, forgiveness & always tried to make the world a better place for everyone & animals. She truly made the world a better place just being herself and we're all better for knowing her, I believe.

She would kindly ask in lieu of flowers please kindly make a donation of any amount to your favorite animal or rescue organization or local Humane Society/ASPCA, where help is always needed. This was a huge part of her life & it would truly honor her.

She was just reunited to WA several years ago with her family and we are all devastated but recognize the tremendous blessing having her home, with her family. We love her always & will keep her memories in our hearts forever. She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Wowereit Ballard,Kent, WA., Granddaughter, Krissina Ballard, Auburn, WA., SIL Grandson, Eric Prado, Auburn, WA., Great Grandsons, Remicio & Romeo Prado (apples of her eye) Auburn,WA., Best Friend of over 60years, Trudi Zubi, Eaglerock, CA., Dear Friends, Cheryl & Ron Fink, Los Angeles, CA., and many, many other friends & families she's known and loved throughout her life.

Her love lives on in each she knew!

With troops and protests, Trump's feud with California moves to the streets of LA



Photo by J.W. Hendricks for CalMatters

TROOPS: Federal Bureau of Investigation agents face off against protesters during an ICE raid at Ambiance Apparel in Downtown Los Angeles on June 6, 2025.

When he took office, President Donald Trump made every indication that California's politics and policies were directly in his sights. He started with a list of so-called sanctuary jurisdictions, a designation that includes the entire state, and promised to defund them.

Since then, he has challenged California's approach to the environment, health care, education and LGBTQ rights, mostly in federal court – there are four pending lawsuits titled "State of California v. Trump," and another 16 that the state has joined against the president.

Last week, the conflict escalated when White House officials told CNN Trump was planning to cut federal funding to California. On Sunday, he sent in the troops.

Trump deployed hundreds of California National Guard soldiers in downtown Los Angeles as part of a rolling immigration enforcement action throughout Southern California that entered its third day.

The mobilization, made over the objections of Gov. Gavin Newsom and the mayor of Los Angeles, was the first time a president has called in the National Guard since 1965, when Lyndon Johnson ordered the Alabama National Guard to protect civil rights protesters marching from Selma to Montgomery.

"This is intentional chaos," Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said at a news conference. "There was no need to federalize troops. And so to have this here is really just a provocation and something that was not needed in our city."

Tensions in the city ratcheted up again in downtown Los Angeles, where protesters on Sunday faced off with police officers who

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California labor leader charged with impeding officer during immigration crackdown

A California union leader has been charged with conspiring to impede an officer during a demonstration over President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown, authorities said Monday.

David Huerta, 58, is being held in federal custody in downtown Los Angeles and is expected to attend a bond hearing later Monday, federal prosecutors said.

Huerta is president of Service Employees International Union California, which represents thousands of janitors, security officers and other workers in the state.

> We demand David Huerta's immediate release and an end to these abusive workplace raids
>
> - April Verrett, SEIU's international president

The SEIU held a large rally in downtown Los Angeles Monday in support of Huerta and to stand up for his right to observe and document law enforcement activity. Union leaders from across the state led the crowd in chants of "Free Huerta now!"

Demonstrations were also planned in at least a dozen cities, from Boston to Denver.

The union has been a strong Democratic supporter, and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and California's two Democratic senators wrote a letter to federal officials demanding answers regarding Huerta's arrest. California Sen. Adam Schiff was at the court ahead of Huerta's hearing.

"It is deeply troubling that a U.S. citizen, union leader, and upstanding member of the Los Angeles community continues to be detained by the federal government for exercising his rights to observe immigration enforcement," the senators wrote.

Protests broke out last week in response to reports of immigration raids in the nation's second-largest city. Tensions have since escalated with thousands of protesters taking to the streets after Trump took the extraordinary move of deploying the National Guard. Demonstrators blocked a major freeway and set self-driving cars on fire as law enforcement used tear gas and rubber bullets to control the crowd.

Huerta was arrested Friday when law enforcement officers were executing a federal search warrant at a Los Angeles business suspected of hiring illegal immigrants and falsifying employment papers, a special agent for Homeland Security Investigations, which is part of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, wrote in a court filing.

A crowd of people including Huerta gathered outside the business yelling at the officers. Huerta sat down in front of a vehicular gate and encouraged others to walk in circles to try to prevent law enforcement from going in or out, the agent wrote, adding it was clear "he and the others had planned in advance of arrival to disrupt the operation."

A law enforcement officer approached Huerta and told him to leave, then put his hands on Huerta to move him out of the way of a vehicle, the agent wrote. Huerta pushed back and the officer pushed Huerta to the ground and arrested him, according to the filing.

"Let me be clear: I don't care who you are—if you impede federal agents, you will be arrested and prosecuted," Bill Essayli, U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles, said in a post on X. "No one has the right to assault, obstruct, or interfere with federal authorities carrying out their duties."

Messages left for Huerta's attorney, Marilyn Bednarski, have not been returned.

The SEIU said in a statement that the union condemns the immigration raids and will continue to protect workers' rights.

"We demand David Huerta's immediate release and an end to these abusive workplace raids," said April Verrett, SEIU's international president.

By AMY TAXIN and JASON DEAREN Associated Press. Taxin reported from Santa Ana, California.

GET IT DAILY...



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.2**

TUESDAY — *FAIR TO GOOD* | **SURF:** 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder

Surf fills in further & is fun. Clean in the morning and PM onshore wind bump not too bad. Playful round of long period SW swell (220-205) builds to a peak. Island shadowing (both Tahiti & Channel) takes a little bite out of size/consistency, but surf still looks fun. Exposures south county have the best size, a tad less energy working in to the summer points. Widespread waist-stomach high surf at the breaks with decent exposure, with occasional chest high sets. Standout breaks get to head high. Light/variable wind early, trending light SW/W for the PM.

WEDNESDAY — *FAIR* | **SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach

Holding to easing from Tuesday. Clean in the morning and PM onshore bump not horrible. Still fun size in the water as SW swell gradually backs down. Will also have a little more NW windswell energy in the mix. That'll help shape for the beachbreaks. The expectation is for lully waist-chest high surf at many spots, while top breaks get to shoulder-head high. Light/variable wind in the AM, manageable onshore flow in the afternoon.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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2025/06/10	Tue	9:07 PM	5.93	H
2025/06/11	Wed	04:40 AM	-0.71	L
2025/06/11	Wed	11:19 AM	3.34	H
2025/06/11	Wed	3:13 PM	2.53	L
2025/06/11	Wed	9:39 PM	5.97	H
2025/06/12	Thu	05:17 AM	-0.76	L
2025/06/12	Thu	12:01 PM	3.34	H
2025/06/12	Thu	3:48 PM	2.60	L
2025/06/12	Thu	10:14 PM	5.94	H

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Mega Millions — Draw Date: 6/6 — 16 40 54 56 57 — Mega#: 3 — Jackpot: 243 M

SuperLotto Plus — Draw Date: 6/7 — 16 24 38 40 45 — Mega#: 7 — Jackpot: 15 M

Fantasy 5 — Draw Date: 6/8 — 6 17 18 29 39

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP # 451 MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT – LOS ANGELES AREA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
- **Submission Deadline Is June 30, 2025 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Planning Commission Recommendation to the City Council that the Council Amend the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area.**

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider Resolutions recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt amendments to the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to promote economic recovery and increase land use flexibility in the City's Downtown area.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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

Address your comments to: Steve Mizokami, Principal Planner
Re: Economic Recovery Zoning Amendments

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
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MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about these amendments, please visit the Planning Commission webpage (July 2, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda) or June 4, 2025 PC Item 7B Resolution of Intention. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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fired dozens of less-lethal rounds attempting to disperse people in the streets surrounding the 300 North Los Angeles Federal Building.

At least two self-driving vehicles were set on fire near the protest, and police continued to pepper the rally with rubber bullets well into the late afternoon.

At one point, a protester threw an object at the police skirmish line. In response, an officer fired a foam projectile from a 40 mm grenade launcher. The projectile missed the person who threw the object and struck a nearby woman in the head. She was sitting down when she was hit.

Bill Essayli, U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California – which includes Los Angeles – told KNBC-TV that immigration enforcement agents were under duress while conducting raids in Paramount and Compton.

"You have thousands of people forming and gathering in crowds, rioting, attacking our agents, throwing rocks, throwing eggs, throwing Molotov cocktails," Essayli told the news station.

PROTESTERS FOLLOW ICE AGENTS

In Pasadena on Sunday, a group of local activists homed in on the AC Hotel in the city's downtown, where they said they had located immigration enforcement agents along with their vehicles parked in the garage next door.

About 350 people gathered on the largest intersection bounding the hotel, holding signs that said "Not Here" and "F— ICE."

"We got reports that the people staying here, the (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents that were staying here, were asking the workers and chefs and people that clean the rooms about their immigration status," said Jose Madera of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network.

A restaurant employee in downtown Pasadena said the hotel workers left in the morning or never arrived, evinced by all the open parking on the street that would have been crowded on any other Sunday.

"A lot of people just didn't show up to their job," Airam Gurrola, 22, said.

Mercedes Woolsey of Pasadena said the departure of migrant workers from the hotel was a portent of what the U.S. would look like with fewer immigrant workers, and pledged to return to the protest at the hotel until immigration enforcement agents left.

"Be a menace, that's all we can do," Woolsey said. "We want to make sure that the AC Hotel knows that they decided to do this and we are not OK with that."

At the Urth Caffé across the street, indoor and outdoor brunch service continued without interruption.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS CONDEMN RAIDS

The escalation by the Trump administration could be a turning point for a state with the third-most Trump voters in the country behind Texas and Florida.

Democratic politicians started the year quieter than usual resisting Trump's immigration crackdowns, and with the state facing a multibillion-dollar budget deficit, lawmakers and Newsom were antsy about losing federal funding. That was especially true of Newsom, who was depending on a relatively harmonious relationship with the federal government to secure aid for Los Angeles wildfire recovery.

But California Democrats have since struck a more defiant tone. Last week they advanced numerous bills to discourage warrantless ICE visits to hospitals, schools and shelters. Over the weekend, they condemned the raids and sided with protesters, especially after federal agents arrested prominent union president David Huerta on Friday during a clash with protesters outside an immigration raid of a garment company's warehouse.

Newsom sent a letter on Sunday afternoon to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth requesting that the administration withdraw the troops and questioning the legality of their deployment.

"There is currently no need for the National Guard to be deployed in Los Angeles, and to do so in this unlawful manner and for such a lengthy period is a serious breach of state sovereignty that seems intentionally designed to inflame the situation," Newsom's legal affairs secretary, David Sapp, wrote in the letter.

The governor had previously spoken to Trump on the phone for about 40 minutes on Friday night, a spokesperson said.

Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, a Salinas Democrat, called the raids "an authoritarian assault on our immigrant communities."

His counterpart in the state Senate, Healdsburg Democrat Mike McGuire, said the National Guard deployment "reeks of fascism."

WORKERS BRACE FOR MORE SWEEPS

Marissa Nuncio, director of the Los Angeles-based Garment Worker Center, said garment workers were reeling after immigration enforcement agents detained 20 of them in a raid at Ambiance Apparel in the city's Fashion District on Friday. The amassing of troops downtown made her members worry about a second raid.

The Garment Worker Center held a know-your-rights seminar on Saturday, one day after the raid.

Attendees "wanted to know, how can we stop this," Nuncio said. "How can we resist these attacks on our community? They wanted to know if it's safe to go to work, to go to church, to go to the clinic."

Garment workers are particularly vulnerable because they are often employed in illegal production facilities that pop up and then disappear overnight. They're paid by the piece, usually 5 cents to 12 cents per piece of clothing, a controversial practice that has drawn scrutiny from the Legislature.

Their weekly take-home pay is about $300, or $5.50 per hour, paid in cash.

"We feel the best we can do is inform workers of what's going on," Nuncio said, "and remind them that they have power in their rights."

By Nigel Duara and Jeanne Kuang. CalMatters reporters Sergio Olmos and Mikhail Zinshteyn contributed to this story. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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focus on substantive protections for residents.

However, in 2017, amid federal threats to crack down on so-called sanctuary cities, the Santa Monica City Council unanimously adopted a resolution "embracing diversity, rejecting hate and discrimination." The measure formally affirmed that Santa Monica would not use city resources or staff to investigate, detain or register individuals solely for being undocumented.

The resolution also prohibited participation in any registry or database tracking personal characteristics such as religion, national origin or immigration status.

Santa Monica's Police Department has also maintained a clear policy of non-involvement in civil immigration enforcement that predates the current Trump era.

As early as December 2016, the department said it would leave the enforcement of immigration to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and [ICE], instead focusing local police resources on community safety.

As part of the 2017 actions, SMPD formalized and strengthened its non-cooperation posture by terminating an existing memorandum of understanding with ICE that had allowed collaboration on certain investigations. Previously, SMPD had partnered with ICE's Homeland Security Investigations arm on serious transnational crimes such as human trafficking, drug smuggling and terrorism.

However, to eliminate any conflict with the new city immigration policies, Santa Monica cancelled that agreement. City officials stated that going forward, any cooperation with federal authorities would be on strictly criminal matters that are in line with the City's immigration policies.

In a February 2025 public statement, Police Chief Ramón Batista reiterated that SMPD's "long-standing policy remains unchanged: immigration enforcement is solely the responsibility of federal law enforcement under Title 8 of the U.S. Code."

He assured residents that the department "will not participate in immigration enforcement operations," nor conduct any sweeps, raids or stops targeting individuals based on immigration status.

Santa Monica officers do not inquire about immigration status when responding to calls or conducting investigations, and do not detain people on ICE's behalf without a judicial warrant or clear legal requirement.

The Chief reiterated SMPD's stance again this month. "We want to reassure our community that the Santa Monica Police Department does not participate in civil immigration enforcement" he said.

Politically, Santa Monica has opposed harsh enforcement measures.

During the first Trump administration (2017-2021), Santa Monica joined legal challenges against federal immigration policies. The city signed on to an amicus brief supporting a lawsuit to block the president's executive order threatening to withhold federal funds from "sanctuary jurisdictions."

The city also took action when the Trump administration moved to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in fall 2017. Santa Monica filed an amicus brief in federal court to halt the termination of DACA, joining 25 other cities and counties.

The December 2024 resolution directed the City Attorney to monitor and join litigation as needed and instructed staff to prepare contingency plans if federal or state funding were tied to immigration enforcement.

Beyond adopting non-cooperation policies, Santa Monica has engaged in various programs and partnerships to support its immigrant residents.

Through its Human Services Division and community development programs, Santa Monica provides funding to non-profit organizations that offer legal aid to low-income residents, including help with immigration issues, citizenship and other critical needs.

The city's HUD-funded Action Plan lists immigration legal assistance alongside housing, consumer protection and anti-discrimination services as part of the legal aid provided to hundreds of local residents each year.

The city government collaborates with community organizations to ensure immigrants know their rights and feel safe in Santa Monica. Following the 2016 election, Santa Monica's leadership organized community forums and disseminated information in multiple languages to reassure immigrant residents.

The city's official website created a resource page (https://www.santamonica.gov/SafeAtHome), available in English and Spanish, compiling immigration-related information, legal resources and the text of the city's protective policies.

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from a $40,000 state grant that funded a comprehensive assessment documenting how cannabis enforcement has historically burdened areas showing signs of socioeconomic disadvantage. The assessment found that cannabis prohibition has not been enforced uniformly across the city but has instead disproportionately affected areas with clear signs of socio-economic disadvantage.

"The argument here is that the war on drugs had a disproportionate impact on certain people, and the reason that people have had their lives literally ruined by convictions related to cannabis use," explained Commissioner Shawn Landres. "And so the idea is to create an opportunity for repair, for restoration."

Qualified equity applicants would receive priority processing for permits, potential fee waivers, and connections to business development resources. The city also plans to require cannabis businesses to hire a designated percentage of employees from equity-eligible populations.

The program includes plans for community reinvestment, dedicating a percentage of local cannabis tax revenue to areas most affected by past enforcement. Officials view this as an opportunity for restoration and repair as cannabis becomes legalized.

If the city secures additional state funding of up to $500,000 through the California Cannabis Equity Grants Program, the program could expand to offer direct financial assistance including startup grants of $5,000 to $25,000 and lease subsidies for compliant locations.

Some commissioners expressed interest in expanding support beyond cannabis businesses. "Why wouldn't we give these types of benefits of streamlined permitting, reducing fees to all small businesses, for people living here in Santa Monica?" asked Commissioner Josh Hamilton.

Commissioner Fresco added: "Why would we only help people who are trying to start small businesses and lift themselves up that way, to start only cannabis businesses? Wouldn't somebody who wants to start a bakery [deserve] the same kinds of incentives if they were from a community that had, you know, suffered from higher rates of incarceration and higher rates of poverty because of racism?"

The ordinance initially focuses only on retail sales, with other cannabis-related uses such as consumption lounges potentially following in future phases based on the performance of retail operations and community demand.

"To be clear, this ordinance is just allowing the retail sales of it. I know there's interest there wasn't just from the Council on like, consumption lounges... That's not what this ordinance allows quite yet that's going to need some additional development," Yeo clarified.

City staff report observing no negative impacts from existing cannabis stores, describing them as well-run and secure operations with strong community support from residents who appreciate having the service available locally.

"We actually already have two that are operating in the city. I don't believe we have heard any complaints, you know, from any of them. I mean, actually, a lot of support from residents. We appreciate having that service," Yeo noted.

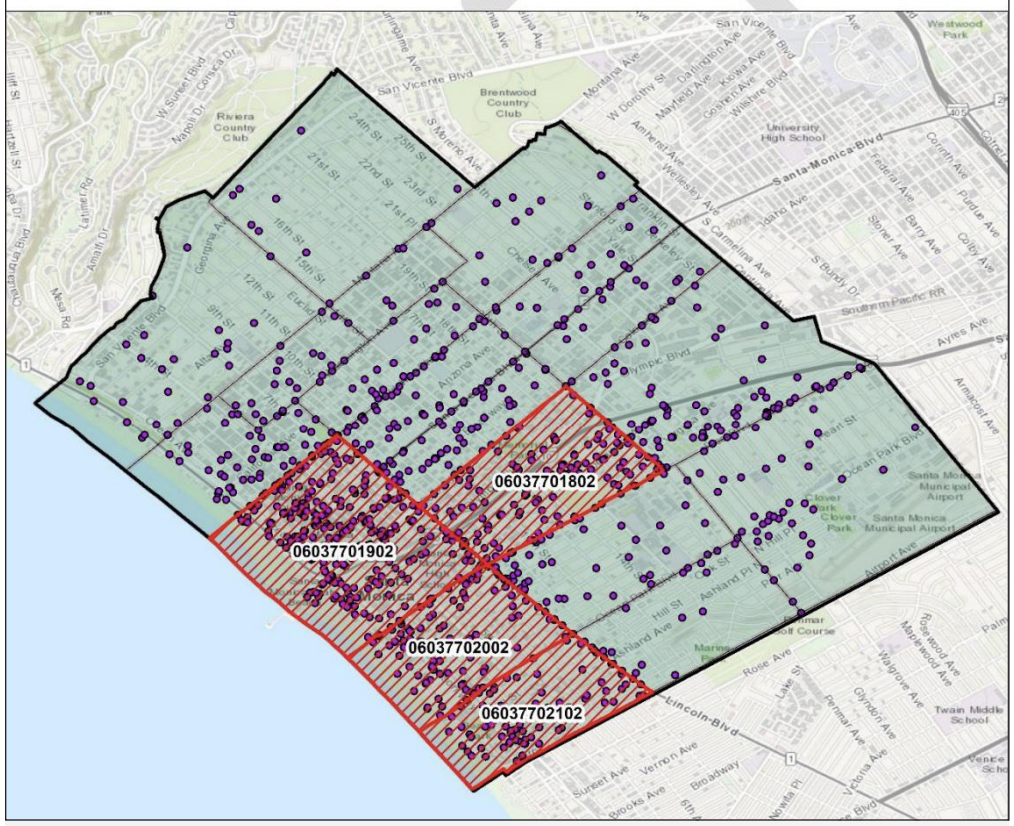
The proposed zoning changes would affect multiple districts including Downtown, Mixed-Use and Commercial Districts, Bergamot Districts, Employment Districts, and the Oceanfront District.

Cannabis retailers would be subject to additional operating requirements and security measures detailed in separate municipal code sections, most of which align with existing state cannabis regulations.

The Planning Commission's recommendation will advance to the City Council for final consideration, with implementation dependent on adoption of the zoning amendments and accompanying regulatory framework.

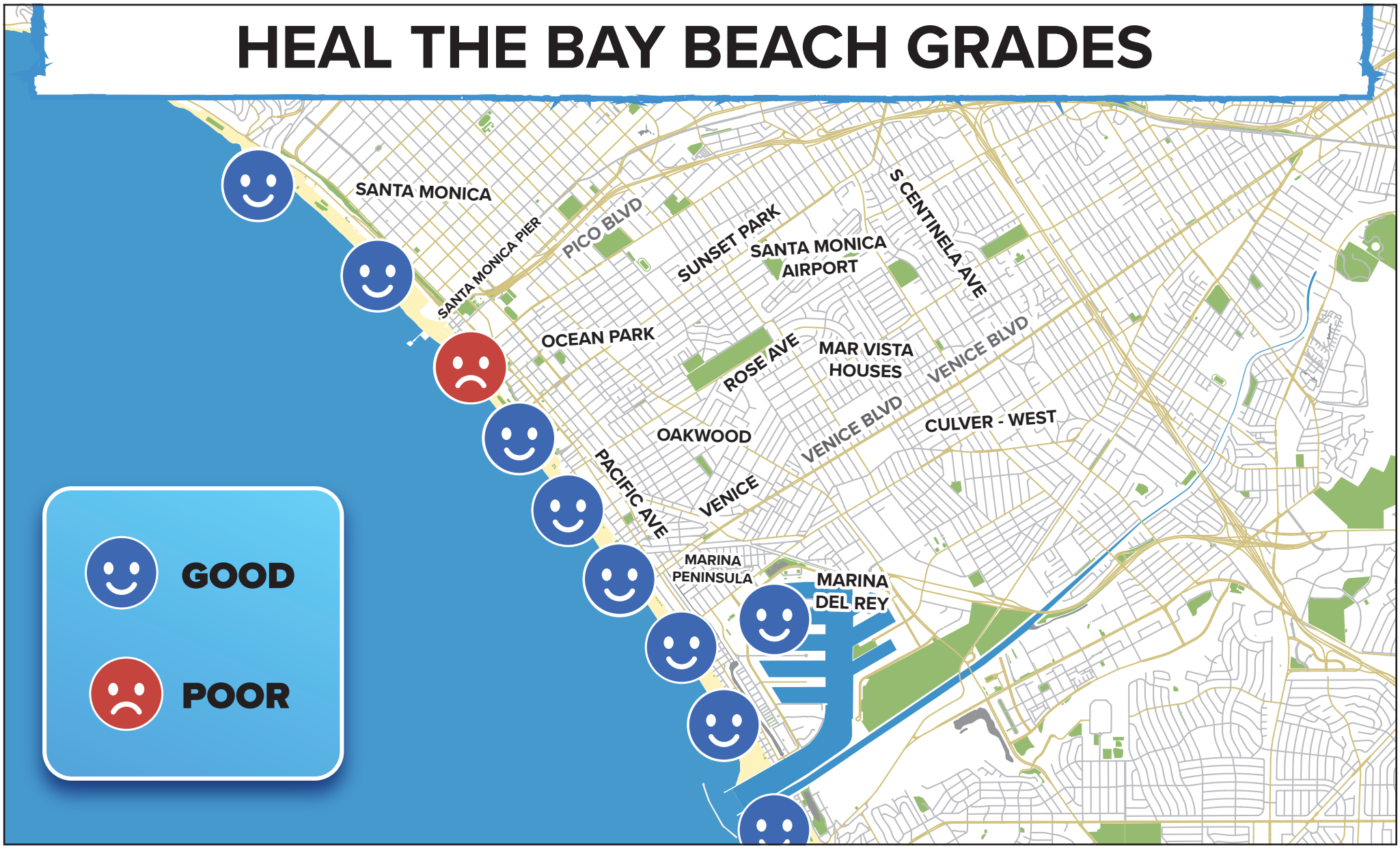
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Figure 11 – Census Tracts with Highest Concentration of Cannabis Arrests



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CANNABIS: Santa Monica is moving forward with a comprehensive cannabis ordinance that would allow retail marijuana sales throughout the city's commercial districts.



VIRTUAL

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events in the Arts District and other sites around Los Angeles, uses Meta Quest headsets to transform the street into an interactive playground. The technology overlays digital gameplay onto the physical environment, allowing users to remain aware of their surroundings while collecting virtual stars, battling cannonball-firing moles or chasing small creatures called "Jubos."

> We still really believe that the real world is a place worth playing
>
> - Aidan Wolf, creator of Dream Park

"We still really believe that the real world is a place worth playing," said Wolf, who grew up in the small town of Granby, Connecticut. "And I'd love it if this next generation coming up, who's maybe more so on their phone and on the video games, can kind of see again the beauty in the world around them."

A typical session lasts 30 minutes, though many players stay longer. The current game map is confined to a single block of the Promenade, but Wolf said the goal is to expand the active zone and eventually add new experiences. So far, the installation has drawn thousands of players using a limited number of headsets supplied by the nearby Two Bit Circus pop-up arcade.

Two Bit Circus reopened in Santa Monica earlier this year after shuttering its flagship downtown location. The Promenade outpost includes retro arcade cabinets, group game stations and immersive digital attractions. It also serves as a launch site for Dream Park, charging $10 per session.

Wolf confirmed that Dream Park is now available daily, with headset rentals offered by Two Bit Circus during regular hours. Players who own a Meta Quest headset will soon be able to access the experience through a downloadable app, allowing them to bring their device from home and connect to a dedicated access point installed on site.

"What's really special about this access point versus what we were doing before is now people will be able to bring their headsets from home, a headset that they would usually only use in their own living room and now they can actually play outside in public with other people," Wolf said.

Wolf also emphasized Dream Park's ability to support local businesses. One cantina near the installation features in-game characters wearing sombreros to match the restaurant's theme. He sees potential for broader integration in schools, retail and tourism. "Businesses themselves can end up being involved in the attractions," he said, adding that even product-level partnerships are possible.

As for safety, Wolf said the system is designed with public interaction in mind. Players hold the headset to their face rather than strapping it on, maintaining awareness of their surroundings. "This was done completely in consideration of these scenarios and safety," he said. "People use their phones while doing all kinds of things. So that's our big safety feature built in."

Wolf declined to weigh in on the city's proposal to allow public drinking on the Promenade, but said his team will stay alert to changing dynamics. "Just like I would consider any type of recreation or sports, we would stay vigilant and conscious of people's ability to have fun safely," he said.

Dream Park plans to introduce new themed experiences throughout the summer, including a sci-fi spaceport, a wizarding quest with wands and dragons and an obstacle course challenge. Wolf compared the model to a cinema rotating different films, with users able to choose between adventures.

Weekly Saturday events from 1 to 4 p.m. will offer a group experience, though the system remains open daily. While Wolf's company is now based in San Francisco, he said his team maintains close ties to Santa Monica and hopes to make the installation a long-term fixture.

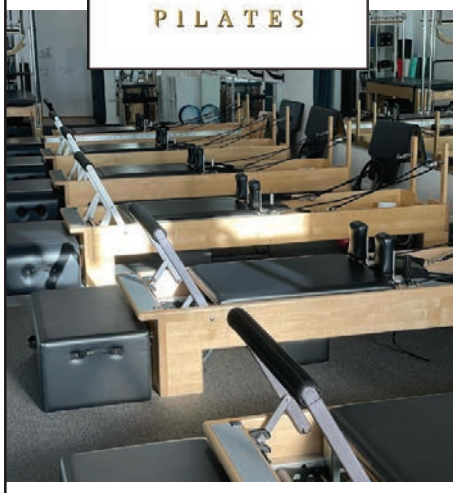
"We just want to test it first to make sure people really like this and a part of the Promenade that they might not care [about], we're using too much," he said.

With more content in development and continued public interest, Wolf sees Dream Park as part of a larger shift in how technology can activate public space. "This is a way of ushering in this kind of new reality that we're all maybe read about or aware about," he said. "We see this as a permanent thing."

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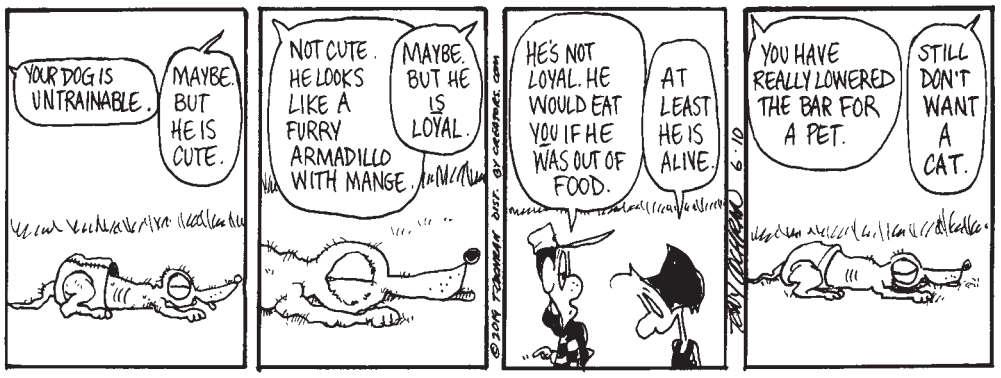
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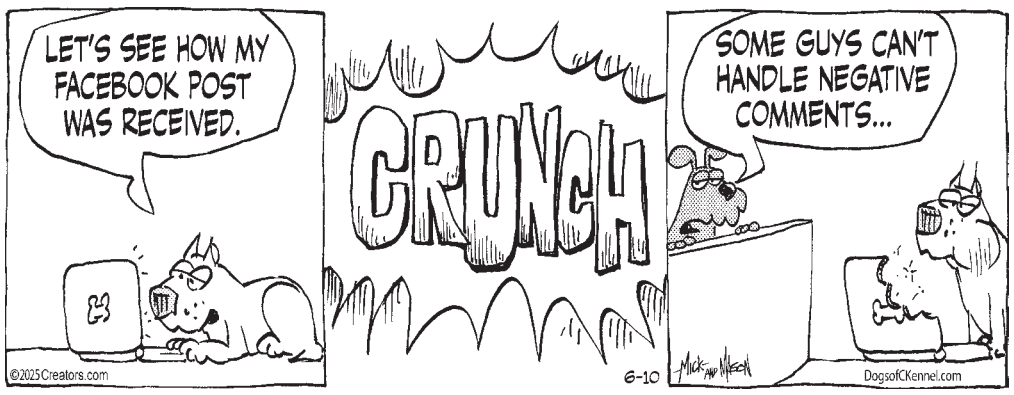
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a mental ledger. You remember who you've helped, who you still owe and who you want to show up for. Let others keep their own scores and standards. The ones who matter are self-monitoring just like you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can live in your truth without bringing anyone else into it. You respect the mental and emotional space others live in. It's part of the reason you won't waste time pointing out the wrongheadedness of others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your whole way of being is infused with creative energy today, not just in art or work but in how you live and how you put things together: a look, a lunch, a line of conversation. It all reflects your unique flair.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Being around a certain person brings that extra surge of vitality to your world, and you'll find yourself prioritizing the relationship because of this. Let your heart be in charge and see what happens.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-reflection is called for. Correcting a mistake is how you become who you're trying to be. Though a bit uncomfortable, today's events create momentum. Whether the outcome is good, bad or a mix, pause to ask, "What was my part in this?"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll notice how scarcity and longing cast an illusory glow. For instance, "the one that got away" is idealized, not because they were truly perfect but because they're gone and therefore no longer complicated by unflattering truths of reality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The only thing separating you from what you want is consistent effort - not shortcuts, not luck, not waiting, just practice. The path to mastery or achievement isn't mysterious. The gap is crossed by showing up, trying, refining and repeating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Challenge the idea that everything you do has to be on purpose. The seemingly pointless game, joke or spontaneous detour will create the most value. Human connection is forged in lightness and somehow becomes substantial in memory and influence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're inherently original, so you really don't have to try in that regard. Instead, lean on structure. You'll still be making it your own, just not at the expense of progress. Efficiency over ego. Bonus: It pays well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be skeptical of advice that benefits the person giving it even if it sounds wise. For instance, the phrase "You have to spend money to make money" is a classic phrase often used by people who want you to "spend" money on them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't whisper in a stadium. You have something important to communicate today. Dramatic choices will do the heavy lifting if you let them, so step boldly forward. Take a risk. Be memorable. The world will reward your daring.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Is it noble to be so sensitive? Maybe. Is it useful? Definitely - at least in today's case. Your discernment is an asset because you're dealing with details, decisions and delicate dynamics.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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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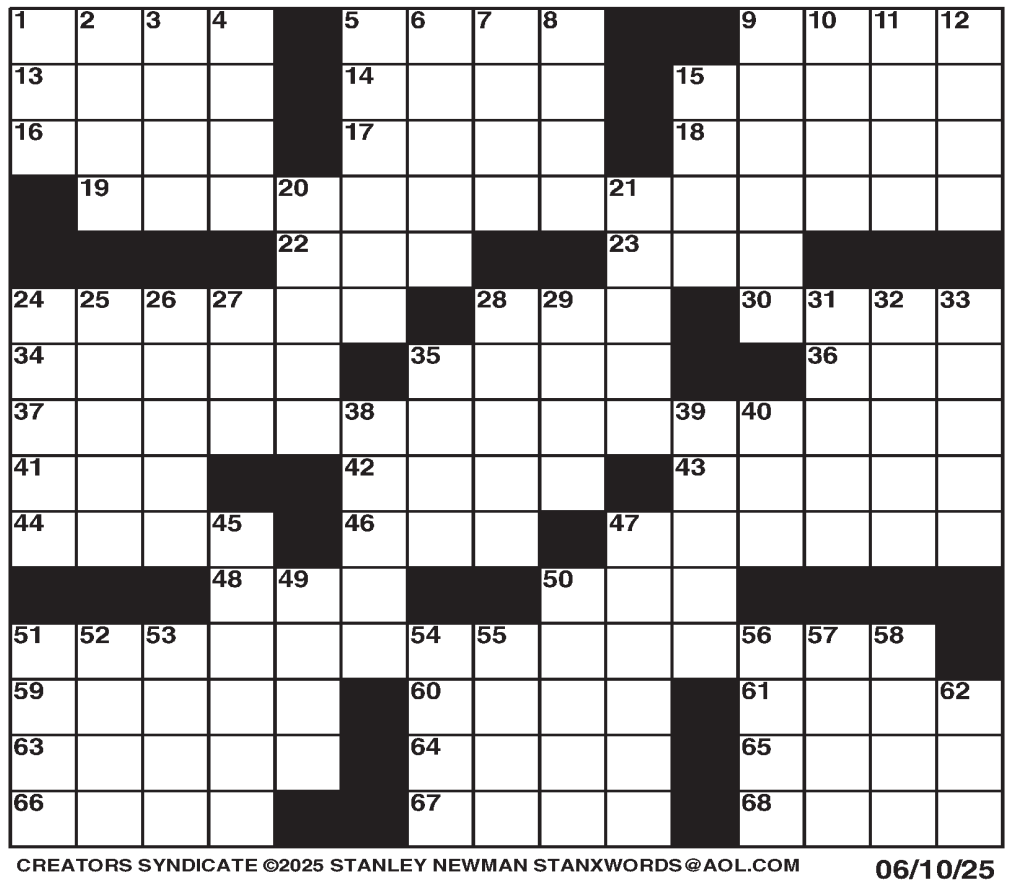
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ACROSS

1 Kindergarten basics
5 Airport shuttle vehicle
9 Rolling stone's supposed lack
13 Prepare, as a gift
14 Sharpen, as a skill
15 Driver of flying reindeer
16 Volcanic flow
17 Goes bad, as fruit
18 Beans in soup
19 Go to sleep
22 Mother's Day month
23 Historical period
24 On top of the water
28 Airline regulating agcy.
30 Cornea neighbor
34 Mail chute openings
35 Kid's punishment, perhaps
36 Earn __ for effort
37 Go to sleep
41 Gives approval for
42 Feeling anxious
43 Detests
44 Cups of pekoe
46 Peg for a golf ball
47 Recollection from the past
48 Shade of a color
50 Fannie __ (home loan agency)
51 Go to sleep
59 Sound from an ambulance
60 Urban renewal candidate
61 Car's rear-__ mirror
63 Storylines
64 "Long live," in Mexico
65 Just a single time
66 Ping-pong table dividers
67 Banana skin
68 Stop sleeping

DOWN

1 Leather-piercing tool
2 Be boastful
3 Bats' underground home
4 Small disagreement
5 Where tonsils are
6 Spacious
7 Poker table payment
8 Untidy situation
9 Tiki bar's rum cocktail
10 "I'll pay for this"
11 Hang around
12 Postpaid envelope enclosure: Abbr.
15 Speak unclearly
20 Break into pieces
21 Hard to lift
24 Broad necktie
25 Speck of snow
26 Much, informally
27 Needing no prescription: Abbr.
28 Sign fraudulently
29 Legal representative: Abbr.
31 Approached quickly
32 Print-shop roller
33 Fresh-mouthed
35 Connection point
38 Gave a fancy party for
39 Bike tire
40 "Don't you know who __?"
45 Bed linens
47 Squirrel, horse, or hippo
49 Large coffee dispensers
50 Light purple
51 Cable channel covering sports
52 Africa's longest river
53 Jogger's pace
54 Invitation letters
55 Novelist Wiesel
56 Openly declare
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62 Itty-bitty



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Three 50-foot colorful chariots will be hand-pulled by crowd participants down Main Street in Santa Monica on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, as part of the 49th Annual Festival of the Chariots.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. from the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on Main Street, proceeding to Rose Avenue and ending at the Boardwalk's Ocean Front Walk Plaza. Hundreds of singers, dancers and musicians will accompany the procession.

Following the parade, a festival featuring Indian culture will operate from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Ocean Front Walk Plaza, expecting to draw 50,000 visitors.

The free event will include live entertainment, a children's tent with games and activities, exotic food vendors, yoga sessions, mantra meditation and an Indian culture gift and apparel shop. Organizers plan to serve a free feast for 10,000 guests.

Festival stages will feature performances by the Shakti Dance Troupe and Indian/Rock fusion acts.

The celebration is based on the ancient annual festival of Jagannath Puri in India, which attracts millions of participants each year. The Los Angeles version was inaugurated in 1976 by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness founder A.C. Bhaktivedanta Prabhupada.

Admission to all events is free.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Approval of the 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**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing as the City Council considers approval of the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and the 2025-26 Annual Action Plan. 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 for housing and community development which identifies high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period. The 2025-26 Annual 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. Prior plans and reports are available at: https://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs.

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12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-06-04T12

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGIN' AND WINGIN
9:00 p.m. - 11:55 p.m. Tavern on Main 2907 Main St Santa Monica. Wednesdays are made for chicken wings and belting out your favorite songs! Join us for a fun filled evening of Karaoke, hosted by none other than Karaoke Star! $0.50 wings special all day long - 7 flavors to choose from Happy Hour from 4p-6p. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/wednesday-night-singin-and-wingin/14639011/2025-06-04T21

THURSDAY | JUNE 12

LUNCHTIME LINE DANCE
12:30 p.m. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard Venice. Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. We will learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul, and more. All levels are welcome. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/lunchtime-line-dance/12342961/2025-06-05T12

FRIDAY | JUNE 13

BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-/14639006/2025-06-06T11

SATURDAY | JUNE 14

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2025-06-07T08

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/14548485/2025-06-07T11

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