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Council to adopt \$908.8M Budget on Tuesday

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council will consider adopting a nearly \$909 million operating budget for fiscal year 2026-27 at its upcoming meeting, finalizing a spending plan that city officials say positions the city for a historic stretch of major international events while sustaining core service levels.

The budget, totaling \$908.8 million net of reimbursements and transfers, was prepared by Finance Director Oscar Santiago and forwarded to the council by City Manager Oliver Chi. It covers all city funds and includes 2,287.6 full-time equivalent positions — 2,175.3 permanent and 112.3 temporary.

The FY 2026-27 spending plan represents the second year of the city's biennial budget cycle, updated to reflect the Realignment Plan and operational adjustments made in March 2026. The General Fund portion of the operating budget totals \$525.2 million in expenditures, supported by \$509.5 million in General Fund revenues.

Council reviewed the proposed budget at a May 26 study session and directed staff to return with final adoption documents, expressing broad support for the plan as presented.

Three changes to the Capital Improvement Program have been incorporated since that session. The Santa Monica Neighborhood Greenways Project, supported by a Southern California Association of Governments Sustainable Communities Program grant, has been accelerated from FY 2027-28 into the current fiscal year. The 4th Street Transit Priority Improvements have also been moved up to enhance bus operations ahead of the 2028 Olympic Games. A third adjustment

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Dragon Alley brings specialty drinks and a local dream to Third Street Promenade



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OPEN: The new coffee shop is part of a trend of openings in the city.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A group of accountants who moonlighted as dreamers officially opened Dragon Alley Coffee on Tuesday at 312 Santa Monica Blvd., the latest business to debut along the Third Street Promenade as the city's downtown commercial corridor continues its slow-rolling revival.

The roughly 1,000-square-foot specialty café held a public ribbon-cutting June 17, drawing city officials and neighbors to celebrate a shop founded by Santa Monica residents Richard and Sage Chand

alongside partners Victor Garcia, Jostin Moller and Fernando Garcia — all of whom work together as accountants and spent six months transforming the concept from a shared ambition into an operating business.

"Six months ago we started as a small accounting team," Moller said at the ceremony. "Six months later, here we are."

The café serves espresso drinks, imported Japanese matcha and a house blend described as having a smoky finish. Dragon Alley has drawn early attention for its lidless, strawless cups and a menu that includes a banana loaf latte

— a drink Debbie Lee, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica Inc., said she sampled the day before the opening.

"I have to tell you, it's one of the best coffees I've had in a very long time," Lee said.

The shop takes its name and identity from dragon symbolism, which the founders describe as representing strength, courage and perseverance. Richard Chand said the café was designed around a simple idea — giving people a place to slow down.

"We wanted to create a place

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Local band 'This Whole Time' brings debut album home to Summer SOULstice

SOPHIA FRIEDMAN
SMDP Intern

A Santa Monica band born out of the city's public school music program will take the Main Street stage this weekend as part of the Summer SOULstice festival — this time with a debut album in hand.

This Whole Time, a funk-soul-rock-jazz quartet whose members met through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District music program, will perform Saturday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the Strand Stage at the annual festival, which runs noon to 7 p.m. along the mile-long stretch of Main Street between Strand Street and Pier Avenue.

The festival, organized by the Main Street Business Improvement Association and free to attend, has been a community tradition for more than 25 years. This year's edition carries a Route 66 centennial theme, with a Roadhouse Beer Garden and tribute act Petty Theft headlining the Pier Stage from 5 to 7 p.m.

For This Whole Time — composed of Christian Tomita, Spencer Danielson, Michael Finch and Aziz Yehia — the performance marks a homecoming with new stakes.

"What's different this time around for us is that now we have an album," said Tomita, the band's vocalist. "We can now point people to, 'Hey, you are the product of this community. Check out our album. This is for you all.'"

The band released its self-titled debut, "This Whole Time," on May 1. The record draws on themes of love, friendship and the passage of time — a reflection, Tomita said, of friendships stretching back to

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Federal Reserve policymakers show support for rate hikes as Warsh reins in guidance

The Federal Reserve kept its key rate unchanged Wednesday yet almost half the central bank's policymakers said they could support a rate hike later this year.

The unexpectedly aggressive tilt toward higher rates would disappoint President Trump and suggests heightened concerns about persistent inflation among Fed officials.

In an unusually short statement after their two-day meeting, the officials dropped language that had suggested their next move would be to cut the key rate. The brief statement reflects the influence of new chair Kevin Warsh, who was appointed by Trump. Warsh has previously criticized the Fed for commenting too broadly on the economy.

Still, Warsh's 18 colleagues on the Fed's rate-setting committee sent a clear message in a set of quarterly projections released Wednesday: Nine signaled they supported higher rates this year, with six of those supporting two or more quarter-point increases.

It's a sharp change from March, when no policymakers penciled in a hike and the committee as a whole forecast one cut in 2026. The change is an acknowledgement that inflation is at its highest level in three years and many officials have said in recent speeches that if inflation doesn't decline, higher rates may be necessary in the coming months.

Warsh, in his first news conference as chair, also underscored the Fed's determination to bring inflation down to the central bank's 2% target, suggesting he will take a hawkish approach as chair. "Hawks" typically support higher rates to quell inflation, while "doves" often support lower rates to boost hiring.

"We've missed (on inflation) for five years and we're going to fix that," he said. "When we deliver on our price stability objectives, which we will, the American people will feel as though the hardships that they've been living through ... are in the rear view mirror."

Warsh had supported rate cuts last year while under consideration to be Trump's pick as Fed chair to replace Jerome Powell. Since returning to the White House last year, Trump repeatedly attacked Powell for not cutting rates more deeply.

Warsh did not hint whether he was leaning toward hiking rates, but economists saw his message at the press conference as hawkish.

"The risk that they might need to raise rates has clearly risen given what we got today," Matthew Luzzetti, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank, said.

Financial markets agreed. Stock prices fell sharply after the Fed issued its statement and Warsh spoke. Bond yields rose.

Trump, for his part, appeared to accept the Fed's decision.

"We have a very good guy over there now so I'm guided by what he wants to do," Trump said in France, where he attended a meeting of leaders from the world's seven largest economies.

All told, another eight officials signaled they would support keeping the rate unchanged, and one penciled in a cut. Warsh did not submit a forecast for how the Fed might change its key rate.

In another shift, the Fed's post-meeting statement contained no hints about its next moves, or what economists refer to as "forward guidance." Previous Fed chairs, starting with Ben Bernanke, saw such guidance as a benefit to the Fed, because it prodded financial markets to move rates either higher or lower, depending on what the Fed preferred.

Warsh told reporters at a press conference that guidance was not "well suited to the current policy conjuncture." He has previously criticized forward guidance, as well as the quarterly projections, for potentially locking the Fed into a specific rate path.

Warsh also said he is forming five task forces to examine such areas as how the Fed communicates, the sources of data it uses in making policy decisions, and the frameworks it uses to evaluate inflation, all with the goal of making sure the Fed is "clear-eyed and focused on the future."

Diane Swonk, chief economist at accounting firm KPMG, said the use of the task forces indicates Warsh is not looking to impose changes on the rest of the Fed, but instead is seeking consensus.

"He wants buy in," she said. "He's not trying to change it by command."

If the Iran war is resolved, gas prices will likely continue to decline and inflation may cool in the coming months. But prices of many goods and services — such as clothes, dental care, and child care — were rising before the Iran war, and inflation has been above the Fed's 2% target for five years, suggesting that there may still be inflationary pressures in the economy.

Warsh also faces a sharply different economic environment than when he appeared to campaign for the job of Fed chair last year. Back then, he was outspoken in favor of lower interest rates, as Trump has demanded. He pointed to the development of AI as a technology that could vastly expand the economy's ability to produce goods and services cheaply, which would over time bring

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As ballot deadline nears, will California's billionaire tax actually go to voters?

Early 20th century political reformers such as Hiram Johnson saw the initiative process — placing measures on the ballot for voters to decide — as an antidote to a Legislature controlled by moneyed interests.

However, 125 years after voters adopted the process, it's come full circle. More often than not, initiatives have become an arena in which moneyed interests joust for pieces of California's vast wealth.

Drafting, qualifying and campaigning for an initiative — or opposing one — can cost tens of millions of dollars, thus making the process an industry unto itself.

The half-billion-dollar battle in 2022 between casino-owning Indian tribes and online gaming companies over control of sports wagering is a case in point. Both competing measures were rejected, but the clash underscored the underlying financial dynamic: While millions of dollars may be spent on initiative campaigns, the stakes can be worth billions. So if one ignores its civic aspects, investing in ballot measures makes perfect sense from a cost/benefit standpoint.

The upcoming November election will have an array of money-driven ballot measures clustered around one question: Who should be taxed to finance California's public services, and how much should they pay?

Those who want tax increases — primarily unions of employees who provide the services — are arrayed against those who believe California already taxes enough, or even too much.

The centerpiece is a measure written by the SEIU-United Health Workers West, which represents workers in the health care industry. It would impose a 5% tax on the personal wealth of the state's estimated 200 billionaires.

It has drawn the ire of those who would be taxed. A few have openly fled California to avoid its potential impact, and there may be others who have quietly changed addresses. They have also created organizations to oppose passage and qualify poison pill measures to counteract the wealth tax's

effects, as the San Francisco Standard reported this week.

Gov. Gavin Newsom is the most prominent wealth tax opponent and has been trying to bulldoze the SEIU-UHW's leaders into removing the measure from the ballot before it is locked in. The deadline is scarcely a week away.

Newsom has marshaled a coalition of opponents, including other unions which are unhappy that 90% of the wealth tax proceeds — perhaps as much as \$100 billion — would go to health care, with relatively small amounts for education and food assistance.

Newsom and other opponents argue that the wealth tax would spark an exodus of wealthy Californians, whose income taxes are the backbone of the state's budget revenues, if they believe their estates could also be taxed. That argument is bolstered by provisions of the measure that would allow the Legislature to amend the tax if the amendment is "consistent with and furthers the purposes of the 2026 Billionaire Tax Act."

The measure defines its purpose as "to protect access to high quality, equitable health care, and to support funding for kindergarten through grade fourteen public education and food assistance programs, by raising revenue from a one-time tax on billionaire wealth."

Those passages could authorize the Legislature to extend the tax or broaden it to lower wealth levels, depending on how courts might define "purposes."

There's an historic reason to believe that if enacted, the wealth tax would not be a one-time levy. In 2012, voters passed a "temporary" surtax on the incomes of the state's wealthiest residents. Four years later, public employee unions sponsored a measure to extend it to 2030. This year they have another measure that would make it permanent.

Once a new tax is in place, those who benefit from it are motivated to keep it in place as long as possible.

Dan Walters, CalMattersOpinion Columnist



Surf report WATER TEMP: 67.8

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

SPAC energy backs off but there's still something left for the AM tide push. It'll be drained to start the morning, low tide at 7:10am. Worth waiting on the tide push mid-morning for most spots. Blend of holding SW swell and leftover SSW/S swell keeps the lights on, down slightly from Wednesday. Early window looks semi clean with a chance to see some S wind chatter. Mid to later AM on the tide push looks reasonably clean. Building W wind expected for the afternoon.

FRIDAY | **SURF:** 3-4ft+
FAIR | Waist to shoulder

Smaller, still fun surf as SW swell tapers off, most size in morning. Best winds then too. Fading old SW swell is still good for waist to shoulder high zone waves in the morning, as standouts are hitting head high, after the draining early morning low tide fills in for a while. Surf slowly dips during the day. Light+ WSW onshores most of morning, rise to moderate for the afternoon.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy drizzle before 11am. Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 66.

Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 59.

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 66.

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)High/Low
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2026/06/18	Thu	1:47 PM	4.06 H
2026/06/18	Thu	6:30 PM	2.34 L
2026/06/19	Fri	12:31 AM	5.70 H
2026/06/19	Fri	07:46 AM	-0.64 L
2026/06/19	Fri	2:40 PM	4.25 H
2026/06/19	Fri	7:45 PM	2.38 L
2026/06/20	Sat	01:31 AM	4.90 H
2026/06/20	Sat	08:34 AM	-0.02 L
2026/06/20	Sat	3:34 PM	4.49 H
2026/06/20	Sat	9:16 PM	2.27 L
2026/06/21	Sun	02:41 AM	4.08 H
2026/06/21	Sun	09:22 AM	0.63 L
2026/06/21	Sun	4:25 PM	4.76 H

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<p>Draw Date: 6/13 12 14 38 41 43 Mega#: 13 Jackpot: 29 M</p>	<p>Draw Date: 6/16 1st: 09 - Winning Spirit 2nd: 11 - Money Bags 3rd: 02 - Lucky Star Race Time: 1:47.36</p>

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for
RFP: # 479 On-Call Regulatory and Treatment Optimization Support for Water Resources

- Submission Deadline is July 20th, 2026 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://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>) There is no charge for the RFP package.



SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD
PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that at its regular meeting of June 11, 2026, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board adopted revisions to the following regulations:

- Regulation 15008.5: adoption of new regulation authorizing reasonable protective measures for confidential, private, or safety-sensitive information in hearing proceedings.
- Regulation 3304: revision to add a cross-reference governing tenant-not-in-occupancy petitions.
- Regulation 3304(g)(7): revision to clarify that absence from a unit due to domestic violence or similar personal safety concerns may be considered a reasonable temporary absence when evaluating whether the unit remains the tenant's usual residence of return.

These changes will become effective by promulgation the day after publication in the newspaper.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be opened and posted for:

BID #4522 HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE RENTAL.
Submission Deadline is June 30, 2026 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: OpenGov (<https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca>). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

**Design Services for 14th Street Two-way Protected Bikeway
Project No. SP2805**

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in designing the 14th Street Two-way Protected Bikeway for an estimated term of 5 years. Scope of work includes concept design, community outreach and engagement, develop plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E), assistance with utility coordination and relocation, and construction support.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to provide Design Services for 14th Street Two-way Protected Bikeway subject project.

RFP questions to be submitted via OpenGov, no later than 5:00pm. on June 22, 2026.

Proposals shall be uploaded via OpenGov, no later than 5:00pm. on July 17, 2026.

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

AROUND TOWN

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SO MANY Soulstice, Juneteenth & Father's Day Events!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes SO MANY Soulstice, Juneteenth & Father's Day Events, and much more!

Annenberg Community Beach House Sunset Picnics: Enjoy a Route 66 theme with trivia, crafts and music along with a new Sand & Sea Room Fun activation offering crafts and games for all ages. Thursday, June 18, 3 to 8 p.m. santamonicapier.org/route-66-events/annenberg-community-beach-house-route-66-sunset-picnic

Venice Art Crawl: Experience the eclectic soul of Venice as local galleries, studios, and pop-up spaces open their doors for this quarterly community tradition. This volunteer-run sunset tour celebrates the neighborhood's historic status as a creative haven, offering everything from large-scale murals and fine art to experimental performance pieces and live music. Thursday, June 18, 6p.m. veniceartcrawl.com

SaMo Juneteenth Gathering: Gather at Christine Emerson Reed Park for sound immersion, live music, an art workshop, and DJ sets by Linafornia and Black Girls Love Vinyl. Friday, June 19, 4 - 8 p.m., 1133 7th St. eventbrite.com/e/a-juneteenth-gathering-tickets-1988970586566

Main St. Summer SOULstice Festival: Main Street shuts down to cars for one massive summer block party featuring live music, Roadhouse Beer Garden, free activations and activities for kids. Santa Monica's new Entertainment Zone allows you to grab your drinks to-go from participating bars and restaurants as you walk the festival. Saturday, June 20, 12-7p.m. mainstreetsm.com/summer-soulstice

34th Annual Juneteenth Celebration: This year's theme, "A Legacy of Liberation: Honoring our Resistance and Resilience," represents the past and ongoing fight for equity and justice for Black Americans. Saturday, June 20, 1 - 7p.m., Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. eventbrite.com/e/the-34th-annual-juneteenth-celebration-tickets-198888757283

The Venice Fest: This annual Summer Kickoff event transforms Venice Blvd into a vibrant celebration of music, food, art & community with live performances, local vendors, immersive experiences, 21+ social gardens, and a soccer match viewing party at Fatty Mart. Pet-friendly and community-driven, the festival invites guests to explore, connect, and celebrate the start of summer in Venice. Saturday, June 20, 12 - 8p.m., 12257 Venice Blvd. thevenicefest.com

Goodboybob Coffee "Ollie + Bob n' Cars: Cars, Coffee, & Dogs": Enjoy a golden hour evening filled with exotic cars, natural wine, coffee, music, dogs, and community. As the sun sets, stroll through a lineup of standout vehicles, grab a drink, dance with the DJ, and ease into summer. Saturday, June 20, 6:30p.m., 2058 Broadway instagram.com/p/DZc3XIVKvdX/

Cabaret at The Crow: Live theater with singers, magicians, drag and comics. Broadway show tunes meets stand-up comedy. Recommended for 16+. Saturday, June 20, 8 p.m., 2525 Michigan Ave. eventbrite.com/e/cabaret-at-the-crow-tickets-1987872090936

Make Music Day Santa Monica: Join this global summer solstice celebration taking place in 800+ cities worldwide with free live music, performances, and interactive experiences across the city. Sunday, June 21, City-Wide makemusicday.org/santamonica

Music Meets the World Cup: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. @ Downtown SaMo Metro Station and Kiss & Ride Parking Lot

Play Day, Concert, and Frequencies in Bloom: 4-7 p.m. @ Reed Park, 1130 Lincoln Blvd.
Ocean Park Assoc: 1-5p.m. @

Midcity Neighbors: 4-8 pm. @ Colorado Center Park (26th/Broadway)

NOMA: 5-8p.m. @ Palisades Park (Ocean Ave. between Georgina & San Vicente)

Pico Neighborhood: 12 - 4p.m. @ Virginia Ave. Park

"Venice Beach Takeover," is scheduled for noon on June 21 and will coincide with Go Skateboarding Day, a global celebration observed each year by the skateboarding community. Organizers say the gathering will include demonstrations, community activities and open skating.

Golden Hour at Third Street Promenade: Designed to complement the Pier fan experience with free pre- and post-match activities, Golden Hour features exhibitors, fan experiences, local vendors and more. June 21 (also June 27 and July 10). santamonicacup.com/events/golden-hour

Annenberg Beach House World Cup Fun & Watch Party (Thursday, June 25, 6-9 p.m.): Enjoy a mix of soccer-inspired activities and World Cup-themed arts, crafts, and games for all ages, plus livestreaming of the Türkiye vs. USA and Paraguay vs. Australia matches. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-cup-fun-watch-party-tickets-1988664251309>

COUNCIL

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reduces funding for an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities-supported project in FY 2027-28 to reflect updated scheduling.

Staff describe the budget as positioning the city to deliver priority capital projects and prepare for the FIFA World Cup later this year, the 2027 Super Bowl and the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Beyond the core budget, council will be asked to adopt a series of implementing resolutions, including updates to the city's Master Fee and Fine Schedules, parking rates, salary classifications and the annual Gann Appropriations Limit. The proposed Gann Limit for FY 2026-27 is set at approximately \$3.56 billion — well above the city's projected \$357 million in qualifying appropriations, leaving the city roughly \$3.2 billion below the

statutory ceiling.

On fines, staff are recommending increases to three existing Code Enforcement penalties — for construction work without a permit, work with an expired permit, and noncompliance with an approved construction management plan — each rising to \$1,000. A new \$500 fine would be established for violations of tenant protection regulations during construction.

The city's aquatics fee schedule, which drew public comment at the May study session over proposed increases, was defended by staff, who said the 8-9% adjustments bring Santa Monica's lane rental rates in line with other Recreation and Arts Department fees while remaining below comparable rates in Long Beach, Torrance and El Segundo.

The budget meeting is scheduled for June 23 at City Hall, 1685 Main Street.

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SOULSTICE

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elementary school.

"Now that we're in the stage of adulthood, it's really quite something to be able to say, hey, we've been bound together forever by this piece of art that we've now produced together," he said. "It's a beautiful thing."

The four members played together in orchestras and bands throughout their SMMUSD years before reuniting after college and forming the band in 2019. The name itself is a direct reference to the group's shared history.

"The whole reason why our band is called This Whole Time is because we've been friends together the whole time," Tomita said. "We've been a part of each other's lives the entire time."

Though the album's songs contain no direct references to Santa Monica, Tomita said the city's influence is woven into everything the band has become — including the fact that it exists at all.

"I wouldn't have made these friends, I wouldn't have met my bandmates, had it not been for the SMMUSD music program," he said. "Having forged these lifelong friendships — that's priceless to me."

Tomita also connected the band's story to a broader conversation about arts funding in the district. Santa Monica-Malibu Unified has faced scrutiny over arts program funding

in recent months. Tomita said he hopes This Whole Time offers one example of what sustained arts investment can produce.

"I'm not going to say that our band is going to be, 'Oh, like, this is the reason why you should keep arts alive,'" he said. "But I think this is one small example of the broader story — look what music within the schools can mean. It can mean lifelong friendships. It can mean continuing the journey of seeing art as a passion."

Sunday's performance will be far from the band's first on Main Street — Tomita estimates they have played the corridor five or six times — and the set will lean heavily on the new album, with some covers mixed in.

"It's kicking off the summer after all," he said. "We're going to be playing songs that are really going to get the people going."

The band's goal, Tomita said, extends beyond any single performance: to serve as a musical extension of the community.

"We want to be the soundtrack to the city," he said. "We are the product of this community. Let's now go and be a part of it and share the music together."

Their music is available on Spotify, Apple Music and other streaming platforms. The band can be found on Instagram.

The 2026 Summer SOULstice runs Saturday, June 20, from noon to 7 p.m. on Main Street. The event is free and open to all ages.

East again, it could take months for prices of gas, groceries, and items such as airline fares, to cool.

At the same time, hiring has picked up in recent months, removing a key rationale for cutting rates. In January, the Fed forecast that it would reduce rates twice this year, as part of its quarterly economic projections. A big reason for those potential cuts is that employers were shedding jobs and policymakers worried that the unemployment rate would rise. The central bank typically cuts its key rate to spur economic growth and hiring.

But earlier this month a government report showed that hiring jumped in May, when employers added 172,000 jobs, the third straight month of solid job gains.

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Economics Writer

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to Exclude Eligible Sites from Senate Bill (SB) 79 Implementation Until One year Following the Adoption of the 7th Cycle Housing Element, pursuant to Government Code Section 65912.161(b)(1)

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance which shall include, but are not limited to, adoption of an Exclusion Ordinance to temporarily exclude sites meeting the criteria established in Government Code Section 65912.161(b)(1) from SB 79's increased development standards within a one-half mile radius of specified transit stops until one year following the adoption of 7th Cycle Housing Element (2030). Consistent with City Council's direction, proposed amendments may also include consideration of strategic increases to local development standards to allow for additional site eligibility in the Exclusion Ordinance. On June 17, 2026, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Number 26-008 (PCS) making a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed amendments.

The City Council will also consider adopting a finding of statutory exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Government Code Section 65912.160(c)(2).

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 AT 5:30 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 councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: SB 79 Ordinance
VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Rachel Kwok by e-mail at Rachel.Kwok@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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.

ESPAÑOL: Este es un aviso público sobre las nuevas regulaciones para desarrollos residenciales en Santa Mónica. 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

ECONOMY

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down inflation.

Even then, many economists were skeptical of his claim. At least in the short run, analysts note that soaring investment in semiconductors and computing equipment is contributing to higher inflation.

Indeed, since the Iran war began Feb. 28, inflation has accelerated to a three-year high of 4.2%, lifted mostly by costlier gas stemming from the Iran war. The Fed typically fights higher inflation by raising its key interest rate to cool spending and growth.

Trump has announced a peace agreement that could bring the three-month conflict to an end, but it's not clear if peace will hold. And even if oil flows freely out of the Middle

EVENTS THIS WEEK JUN 18 - JUN 25

Thursday, June 18, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ace Building Materials Palisades 15401 Sunset Blvd Pacific Palisades

Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening @ Ace Building Materials

ACE Building Materials - a family-owned LA institution - officially opens its Pacific Palisades Rebuild Support Yard with a ribbon cutting ceremony open to all neighbors, homeowners, and contractors. The event features remarks from Councilwoman Traci Park, Maryam Zar of the Malibu/Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce, the Pacific Palisades Community Council, and LAFD Station 69. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ribbon-cutting-grand-opening-ace-building-materials/19149578/2026-06-18T11>

Thursday, June 18, 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica

FIFA World Cup 26™ Michelob ULTRA Pitchside Club

The Michelob ULTRA Pitchside Club on the Pier will open to all fans ages 21+ from June 12 to 25. Kickoff festivities on June 12 include live match viewing with a "Match Day Live Show" by Men in Blazers, DJs and freestyle performances, soccer-themed games, surprise guest appearances and more, followed by daily match viewing, interactive games, cultural programming, merchandise offerings, and appearances by athletes. Be sure to RSVP and reserve a free, timed entry slot. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/fifa-world-cup-26-michelob-ultra-pitchside-club/19194341/2026-06-18T16>

Saturday, June 20, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Four Wood Golf Club 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica.

US Open Scrambe & Watch Party

This year's US Open returns to the legendary Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, NY — one of the five founding clubs of the USGA and widely regarded as one of the purest tests in all of golf. Shinnecock Hills is hosting its sixth US Open, and the anticipation is through the roof. And incredibly, Four Wood Golf has this iconic course beautifully recreated on our simulators! \$30.00 — Members plus 1 guest are free; spectators are free. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/us-open-scrambe-watch-party/19187336/2026-06-20T11>

Friday, June 19, 12:00 p.m.

1315 3rd Street Promenade, Santa Monica.

DADS GOLF FREE AT HOLEY MOLEY GOLF CLUB

Celebrate this Father's Day with 27 outrageously themed mini-golf holes for boundless hours of family fun at Holey Moley Golf Club, located on Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. From June 19-21, all dads golf for free, plus enjoy an all-day happy hour on June 21 featuring \$4 well spirits, \$5 select cans, \$8 select cocktails, as well as \$1 wings and a \$10 Caddy Classic Burger. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/dads-golf-free-at-holey-moley-golf-club/19113871/2026-06-19T12>

Friday, June 19, 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Penmar 1233 Rose Avenue Los Angeles.

Sunset Sessions

Music and good vibes as the Sun sets. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sunset-sessions/18537173/2026-06-19T17>

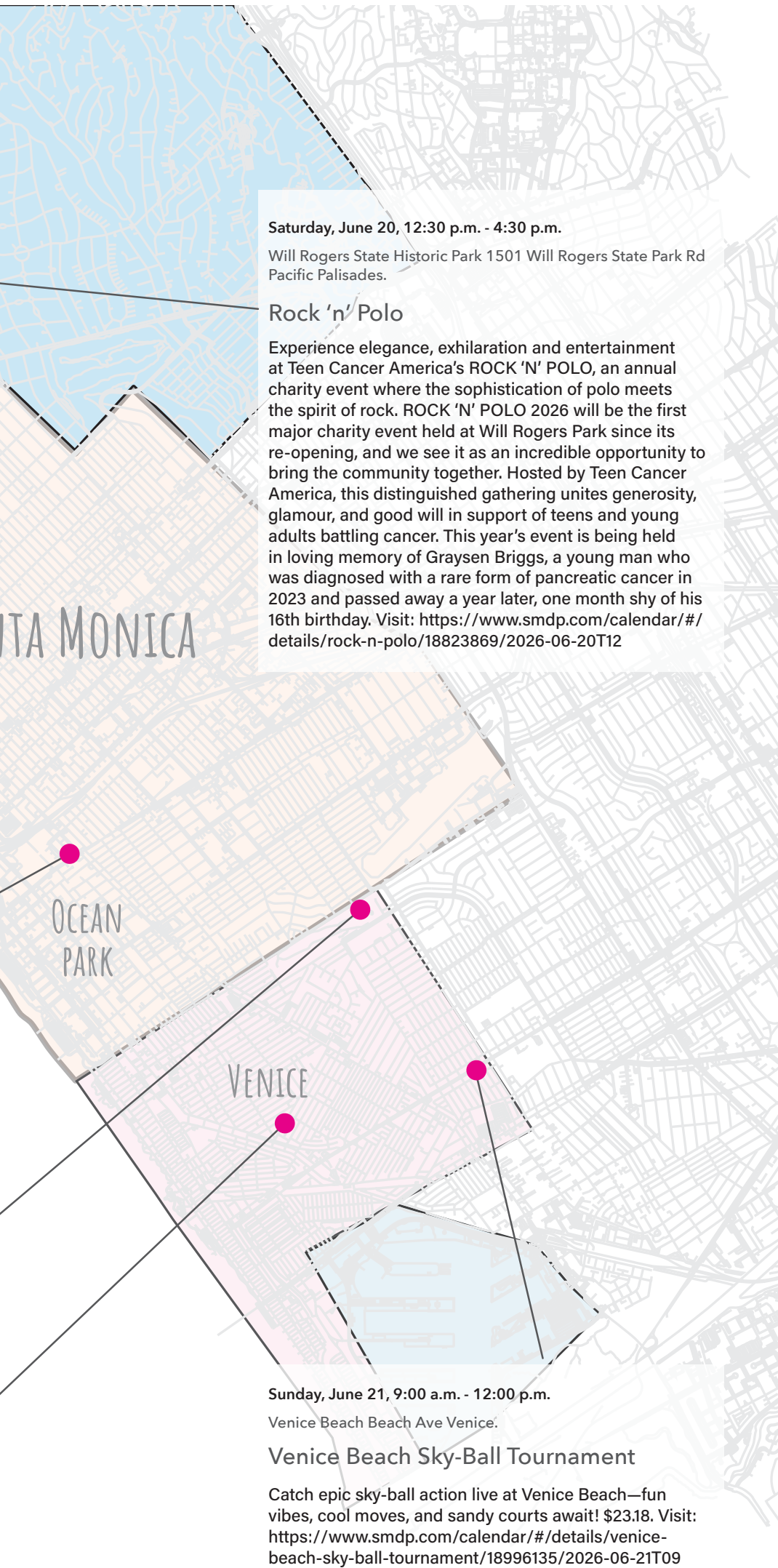
Thursday, June 18, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

1625 Abbot Kinney Blvd Venice.

Metro Diner Classic Car Show

The Metro Diner will host a Classic Car Show on June 18, 2026. The event will take place from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the diner location. Pre-registration is required to attend the show. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/metro-diner-classic-car-show/19208760/2026-06-18T18>

Check out
more events at:
[smdp.com/events](https://www.smdp.com/events)



Saturday, June 20, 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd Pacific Palisades.

Rock 'n' Polo

Experience elegance, exhilaration and entertainment at Teen Cancer America's ROCK 'N' POLO, an annual charity event where the sophistication of polo meets the spirit of rock. ROCK 'N' POLO 2026 will be the first major charity event held at Will Rogers Park since its re-opening, and we see it as an incredible opportunity to bring the community together. Hosted by Teen Cancer America, this distinguished gathering unites generosity, glamour, and good will in support of teens and young adults battling cancer. This year's event is being held in loving memory of Graysen Briggs, a young man who was diagnosed with a rare form of pancreatic cancer in 2023 and passed away a year later, one month shy of his 16th birthday. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/rock-n-polo/18823869/2026-06-20T12>

Sunday, June 21, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Venice Beach Beach Ave Venice.

Venice Beach Sky-Ball Tournament

Catch epic sky-ball action live at Venice Beach—fun vibes, cool moves, and sandy courts await! \$23.18. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/venice-beach-sky-ball-tournament/18996135/2026-06-21T09>



THURSDAY | JUNE 18

CHAIR FITNESS WITH COACH TODD

11:00 a.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Chair Fitness with Coach Todd. Register with American Legion. Email jimkirtley@ymcala.org for more information. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/chair-fitness-with-coach-todd/18763133/2026-06-18T11>

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-06-18T11>

SUCCULENTS & SANGRIA

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 3113 Lincoln Boulevard Santa Monica. Join us for an evening of sangria sipping, succulent potting, food, drinks, and a cabi clothing pop-up at Urban Jungle Plants and Pottery. \$44.52. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/succulents-sangria/19065225/2026-06-18T18>

DDC PRESENTS: GOOD GRIEF

8:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. A night of stand-up comedy about grief, loss, and laughing through it. \$23.11. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ddc-presents-good-grief/19161066/2026-06-18T20>

FRIDAY | JUNE 19

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early and be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Please RSVP on FB, IG or email <https://mobilecommunitymeditationcenter.com/> and remember to check FB or IG for any changes or cancellations. Free— Donations are accepted. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-06-19T10>

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USA SOCCER HOUSE

12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 57 Windward 57 Windward Avenue Los Angeles. The Home For Fans This Summer = Free Entry For ALLOPEN TO ALL FANSThe home for soccer fans to cheer on the U.S. Men's National Team this summer. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/usa-soccer-house/18942555/2026-06-19T12>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. The Bundy Triangle events are free and open to the public. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-06-19T17>

MISHKON TEPHILO - COMMUNITY SHABBAT AND DINNER

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mishkon Tephilo 206 Main Street Venice. Enjoy a beautiful in-person Shabbat followed by a delicious dinner with the Mishkon community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mishkon-tephilo-community-shabbat-and-dinner/18847399/2026-06-19T18>

GOOD CAUSE COMEDY

9:00 p.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica. Laugh for a Good Cause at LA's newest comedy benefit show! Want something fun to do solo? Night with friends? Date night? Look no further! \$23.11. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/good-cause-comedy/18890830/2026-06-19T21>

SATURDAY | JUNE 20

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

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation invites the community to move, stretch, and recharge by the ocean as Wellness & Waves returns for its 2026 season. Taking place every Saturday from April 4 through October 17, 2026, from 8 to 10 a.m., this free, all-ages wellness series transforms the iconic Santa Monica Pier into an open-air fitness destination at the most iconic outdoor setting in Southern California. With the Pacific Ocean as its backdrop, Wellness & Waves offers a welcoming, energizing way to start the weekend—no membership required. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wellness-waves-returns-to-santa-monica-pier-free-sat-morning-fitness/18475500/2026-06-20T08>

AROUND TOWN

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Danny McBride discussing collection of stories, Thrilling Tales of Modern Men: Stories: An addictive, unpredictable, darkly hilarious collection of stories from Danny McBride—the beloved creator and star of *The Righteous Gemstones* and *Eastbound & Down*. Thursday, June 25, 8pm, New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. <https://livetalksla.org/events/danny-mcbride/>

Cult-Favorite Restaurant La Copine Celebrates Debut Cookbook w/ James Beard Foundation with a Book Signing at Wednesday Farmers Market: Claire and Nikki opened La Copine in 2015, shortly after getting married. What began as an eclectic, “IYKYK” restaurant has grown into a destination beloved by California locals, travelers, and celebrities alike (from Olivia Wilde and Kwame Onwuachi to Patti Smith and Kate Moss). More than a collection of recipes, the cookbook tells their “love-at-first-sight” story and serves as a blueprint for building a life on one’s own terms in the California desert. Wednesday June 24.

ONGOING: Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio;

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

How to Taste Wine Like a Pro: Join our sommelier and winemaker Amanda Rubin for a fun and interactive evening as they guide you through how to properly taste wine like the pros. Learn how to swirl, sniff, sip, and identify aromas and flavors while gaining insider tips straight from the experts. Whether you’re a longtime wine lover or just getting started, this relaxed and welcoming class is the perfect way to sip, learn, and have fun. Thursday, June 18, 7p.m., AJA Vineyards, 1417 2nd St. eventbrite.com/e/how-to-taste-wine-like-a-pro-tickets-1989725530624

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Pizzeria Grand Opening: Join the ribbon cutting, live DJ, and special appearances by the Turtles themselves. Cowabunga! Saturday, June 20, 10:30a.m., 1444 Third Street Promenade

Father’s Day HABIBI-Q at Orla: Enjoy a family-style feast designed for sharing and built around bold Egyptian-Mediterranean flavors inspired by Chef Michael Mina’s heritage. The special menu features Kataifi-wrapped Prawns, Glazed Salmon, Saffron Rice Pilaf, and the centerpiece of the experience: a 12-hour Smoked Short Rib served with HABIBI-Q sauce. Sunday, June 21, 5 – 9:30p.m., 1700 Ocean Ave. sevenrooms.com/reservations/orlabymichaelmina

Father’s Day Steak & Spaghetti Sunday at The Georgian: The menu features a 12 oz. New York Strip steak, where each guest will enjoy housemade garlic bread, Caesar salad, The Georgian’s renowned spaghetti with red sauce, and their choice of dessert. Sunday, June 21, 5 – 9p.m., 1415 Ocean Ave. thegeorgian.com/events/spaghetti-sunday

Father’s Day at Viceroy’s Sugar Palm: Highlights include The Burger-nator featuring

three smashed patties, white American cheese, avocado, bacon, truffle aioli, and fries; a fresh Lobster Roll served on a buttered brioche bun with citrus aioli and house-made sriracha chips; and an elevated Surf & Turf with a 10 oz Wagyu Black Opal striploin, grilled harissa Chilean shrimp, truffle fries, coconut peppercorn jus, and chimichurri. Sunday, June 21, 12 - 10p.m. instagram.com/sugarpalmsantamonica

New England Meets the Beach - The Lobster BLT Hits Luke’s: Just in time for peak beach season, Luke’s Lobster is giving their classic rolls a New England-style upgrade with the limited-time launch of the Lobster BLT. The seasonal special layers wild-caught lobster with crispy bacon, bright tomatoes, romaine lettuce, mayo, and a squeeze of lemon, served alongside a bag of chips (\$24). 200 Santa Monica Blvd. instagram.com/lukeslobster

Garden of Champions: A Father’s Day Celebration: This Father’s Day, experience the world’s biggest football matches from the edge of the Pacific at Regent Champions Garden. Live international screenings unfold throughout the day alongside elevated match day cuisine featuring award-winning Chef Michael Mina’s signature game day favorites in addition to specialty cocktails, free-flowing craft-beer, premium lounge seating, and family-friendly experiences. Sunday, June 21, 8:30 AM - 8 PM eventbrite.com/e/garden-of-champions-a-fathers-day-celebration-tickets-1989878105981

Stella Artois, San Marzano Tomatoes & Patio del Mar Summer Collb: All three are celebrating 100 years this summer and in honor of 1926, for \$19.26 guests can enjoy a Stella Artois and Centennial Flatbread with San Marzano Tomato Sauce, Cherry Tomatoes, Mozzarella, and Basil. hotelcasadelmar.com/dining/patio-del-mar

Further Afield: LACMA Block Party: Big things are happening at LACMA! They’re celebrating the opening of the new David Geffen Galleries with free (!!) entry to the museum and a block party including outdoor exhibits on the iconic courtyards. Festivities include 15 food vendors, live DJ sets and music all day long and an Art Parade featuring more than 1,000 artists presenting mobile sculptures, costumes, and inflatables. Saturday, June 20 lacma.org/event/block-party

More Further Afield: Smorgasburg LA 10-Year Anniversary Celebration: It has officially been a decade since Los Angeles collectively agreed that standing in a scorching parking lot on a Sunday afternoon to pay for premium street food is a top-tier lifestyle choice. To celebrate, the massive weekly food market is throwing a rager that includes a reunion lineup of legendary vendor alumni returning for one day only, hyper-limited anniversary collaboration dishes, live DJs, and a beer garden packed to the brim. Sunday, June 21, 777 S. Alameda St. la.smorgasburg.com/calendar/smorg10year

Looking Ahead: Pier 360 Beach Festival (6/27-28); Main St. July 4th Parade (7/4); COAST Open Streets Festival (7/19); National Night Out (8/4)

If there’s something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: SO MANY Soulstice, Juneteenth & Father’s Day Events!

Classifieds

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026094279. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BIG FROG CUSTOM T-SHIRTS & MORE OF WEST LOS ANGELES, 11870 SANTA MONICA BLVD SUITE 105, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): COQUI COUTURE, LLC, 4243 COOLIDGE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ AARON HOLMES, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/29/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/28/2026, 06/04/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026112063. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TWO COASTS LEGAL, 3110 MAIN STREET BLDG C, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): EMILJIA KOVACEVIC, 3110 MAIN STREET BLDG C, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ EMILJIA KOVACEVIC, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/21/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/28/2026, 06/04/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026095025. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARTISTS MATTER RECORDS, 3021 AIRPORT AVENUE SUITE 101B, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): ARTISTS MATTER INC., 3021 AIRPORT AVENUE SUITE 101B, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ LLOYD SAX, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/30/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 05/28/2026, 06/04/2026, 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026122363. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALPHA GROUP, 28942 HANCOCK PKWY, VALENCIA, CA 91355, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): UNLIMITED CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., 30505 JASMINE VALLEY DR, CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2026. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ DAMON VARGAS, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/04/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/11/2026, 06/18/2026, 06/25/2026, 07/02/2026

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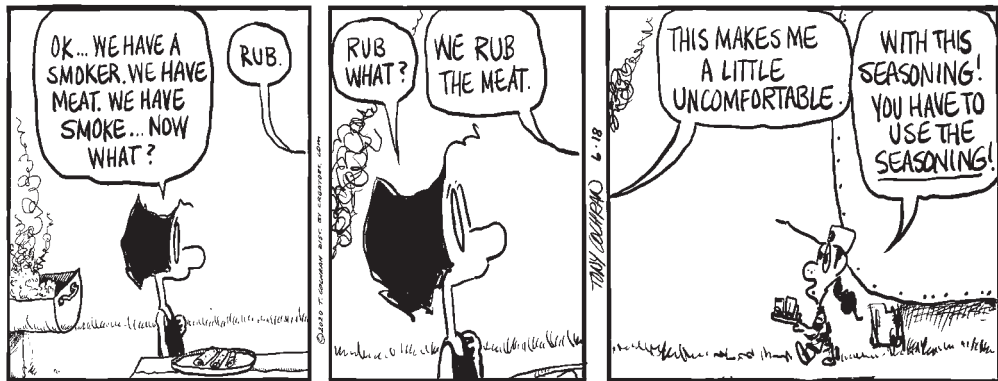
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026132626. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EXODUS BEER SHOP, 2819 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): KYSKY SOLUTIONS LLC, 7032 YARROW WAY, CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95610. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ KYLE MACDONALD, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/17/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/18/2026, 06/25/2026, 07/02/2026, 07/09/2026

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026131937. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SNOOZE & SHOWER VENICE BEACH, 1515 PACIFIC AVENUE, VENICE, CA 90291, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): NAPX, INC., 52 EL BONITO WAY, MILLBRAE, CA 94030. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ NEIL WONG, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/16/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/18/2026, 06/25/2026, 07/02/2026, 07/09/2026

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By TONY COCHRAN



Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



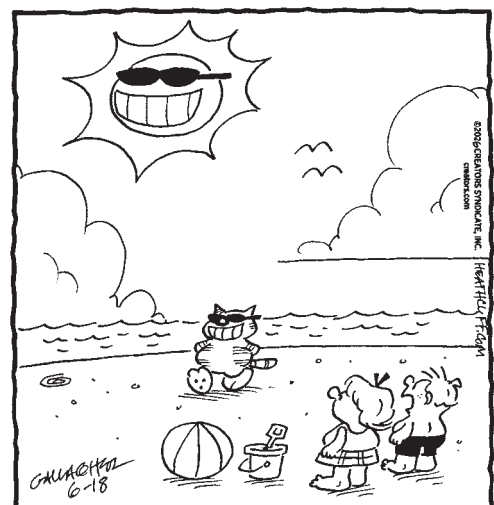
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FIND THE WORDS

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 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Sausage sizzle

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| Beer | Drinks | Light | Snags |
| Bench | Eggs | Mozzie coil | Stubby |
| Brush | Embers | Nibbles | Tomato |
| Buns | Fire | Onion | sauce |
| Burn | Fish | Paper | Tongs |
| Cask | Flies | plates | Veranda |
| Chips | Garage | Patio | Wine |
| Chops | Hat | Peanuts | |

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 18)

It's your Year of the Lotus, in which you are finally able to enjoy rest, peace, comfort and exciting escapism, too. But in a mythological twist, you balance these soft, pleasurable moments with active focus and a strong sense of purpose. More highlights: Love connection thrives through shared adventures and late-night honesty. Financial pressure lifts due to structural changes. Energy you put into your own health and fitness pays off in vitality and joie de vivre. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 30, 14, 1 and 25.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today's win has to do with your familiarity with a tool. The more you use it, the more it does for you. It's something different in your hands than it is in other people's. In a weird way, tools can become part of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Long ago you realized how much there was to gain from listening more than you talk. You continually practice deep listening because it gives you better guidance as you navigate all kinds of relationships, professional and personal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You think about what the people around you might need, want and delight in. Being considerate comes easily to you. No wonder you are surrounded by friends and confidantes. People will learn what you do and hire you to do more of it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're playful and that's why you get to know people faster. You quickly assess things such as compatibility, emotional flexibility and perspective. Through lighthearted communication, you come to a mutual understanding you wouldn't have with more formal interactions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People are more persuasive when they stop trying to sound impressive and focus instead on making sure the other person understands their message. Today's prospects are bright because you say things in a language that feels grounded, direct and sincere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Creative growth depends upon showing up repeatedly. You may resist a rigid schedule, but you still need to work in the time to do a thing regularly, otherwise your skill won't develop fully. Seek inspiration - it motivates.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know reactive people who run hot emotionally and seem to attract conflict. You'll consider your role in those situations. Perhaps they feel safe to lose control because they know you'll hold it together. But that doesn't make it OK.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a shorthand communication with someone - a sibilingsque connection. It's intimacy without ceremony. Familiarity without performance. It enables you to drop social formality and let your affection mix with what comes naturally, even if it's irritation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Count on the inexperienced to tend toward exaggerated estimations of their own abilities - not necessarily a bad thing. The journey to greatness often starts with delusion. There's something to love about the innocence that doesn't know what it can and can't do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Allow yourself to be excited by novelty and levity. Today this mood is perfect for building rapport. Rapport can feel frivolous, but it's actually productive. And it's that rapport that makes it easier to get things done in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Shared pressure creates dark humor and deep trust. This is why co-workers who survive chaos together can develop a strange and lasting bond. Today you'll learn who stays calm and solves problems - just like you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It can be thrilling to stay open to an unexpected thing instead of rejecting it because it arrived unplanned. You do not need to control, organize or fully understand something before letting it into your life.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

LOW-TECH HANDHELDS by Jerry Clarkson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

- 1 Task force
- 6 Big name on Texas maps
- 10 Author Quindlen
- 14 Loses moisture
- 15 Spot of land
- 16 Slippery substance
- 17 Low-tech handheld
- 19 54-Down feature
- 20 Ingot, for instance
- 21 Kick in
- 22 Scintilla
- 23 Diamond-shaped flier
- 24 Low-tech handheld
- 27 When mammoths roamed
- 29 Puzo's last novel
- 30 Spoonful, say
- 31 Not great
- 34 Finish with
- 35 Low-tech handheld
- 39 Tree rescuer
- 42 Mickey's first voice
- 43 Signaled for
- 47 Up now
- 50 Crooner's number
- 51 Low-tech handheld
- 55 39-Across coats
- 56 Two-time Roberts costar
- 57 Cast forth
- 58 With 59-Across, had a charming first encounter
- 59 See 58-Across
- 60 Low-tech handheld

- 63 Milne's first name
- 64 Giggly Muppet
- 65 More forlorn
- 66 Embargoes
- 67 Utterly ruin
- 68 Female donkey

DOWN

- 1 S&L offerings
- 2 Bean that's brewed
- 3 Spreads out
- 4 Secluded sanctuaries
- 5 Curtain hook shape
- 6 Movers' challenge
- 7 Invite for
- 8 Wintry mix
- 9 Anthem contraction

- 10 Frequent driftwood direction
- 11 Intersection warning
- 12 Yoga class greeting
- 13 Android accessory
- 18 Have no use for
- 22 DJIA tech company
- 23 Set of parts
- 25 Heckler's sound
- 26 Shade source
- 28 Hear clearly
- 31 Health facility
- 32 Symbol of wisdom
- 33 Wasn't used
- 36 Has bought
- 37 Reviewer of books
- 38 About 800 meters

- 39 Tourist rental
- 40 Salad herb
- 41 Lama's language
- 44 Low-tech handheld
- 45 Made of clay
- 46 Canine specialist
- 48 Sounds of the city
- 49 Wring (out)
- 50 Nickname like Liz
- 52 Tape type, for short
- 53 Savory flavor
- 54 Yellowstone grazer
- 59 Zin alternative
- 60 No longer famished
- 61 UT Austin library focus
- 62 Encouraging word

Sudoku

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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

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DRAGON

FROM PAGE 1

where people could enjoy a great cup of coffee, have a meaningful conversation, and leave feeling better than when they walked in," Chand said. "We are all dragons. We face challenges, carry burdens, fight battles that others might never see. But our ability to rise



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- Dan Hall, Santa Monica City Councilmember



above those challenges — that is the spirit of Dragon Alley."

Santa Monica City Councilmember Dan Hall, a downtown resident who said he walks the Promenade twice a day, attended the opening and framed the café as part of a broader commercial comeback. He said businesses like Dragon Alley are providing jobs and places for locals to gather.

Hall also cited the city's investment in

the area. "We've invested over \$60 million in cleaning up our downtown," he said, "and we're very grateful that y'all are part of that story."

Dragon Alley's opening is the latest in a string of new businesses to arrive in Santa Monica over the past several weeks, a stretch that has brought a mix of local independents and national chains to the Promenade and surrounding corridors.

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers opened its first Westside location adjacent to Dragon Alley last week. A day before Raising Cane's opened, The Win~Dow debuted at 930 Montana Ave. in the former Go Get Em Tiger space. Earlier openings include Pop's Bagels, which arrived at 912 Montana Ave., and the Circle Bar, the century-old Main Street dive that reopened after nearly three years dark.

The Promenade is also home to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Pizzeria — billed as the first official TMNT-themed restaurant — which will hold its formal grand opening June 20 at 1444 Third Street Promenade, and a FIFA World Cup 2026 pop-up shop at 1427 Third Street Promenade that opened earlier this month.

The activity follows the City Council's unanimous approval in March of an eight-point economic development package that included a \$3 million Economic Development Fund targeting restaurant-attraction incentives and tenant-improvement assistance focused on the Promenade. The council also made permanent in August 2025 the suspension of formula-retail restrictions first enacted in 2018, clearing the path for national tenants alongside the local independents — like four accountants with a dream — now filling the storefronts.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Downtown Community Plan and Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to Implement the City's Realignment Plan.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider adoption of amendments to the City's Downtown Community Plan and Zoning Ordinance for implementation of the City's Realignment Plan. Consistent with the plan, the amendments would create new incentives for Downtown housing projects, establish a flexible regulatory framework for City-owned sites in the Downtown, and facilitate economic opportunity on key gateway sites in the Downtown. The amendments may also include other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications as necessary. On June 17, 2026, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Numbers 26-009 (PCS) and 26-010 (PCS) making a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed amendments.

At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will also be considering compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 AT 5:30 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 councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
Re: Realignment Plan

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Ross Fehrman by e-mail at Ross.Fehrman@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 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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