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Santa Monica Dune Project Postponed Amid Fire Safety Concerns



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BEACH: The proposal would expand the amount of dunes along local beaches.

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The California Coastal Commission postponed a vote on a controversial dune restoration project that would transform nearly 40 acres of Santa Monica's beach, following fierce opposition from residents who warn the plan poses fire risks in the wake of the devastating Palisades Fire.

The commission delayed consideration of the Santa Monica State Beach Dune project's Phase 3, despite staff recommendations to move forward with the multimillion-dollar initiative that would convert about 19% of the

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New owners bring sweet new life to longtime Santa Monica bagel shop

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

In a quiet but unmistakable transformation, NY Bagel & Deli on Wilshire Boulevard has entered a new era. The bagels are still boiled and baked in-house, the pastrami still stacked high and the regulars still take their coffee at the counter. But look closer and you'll notice a fresh layer of polish; redesigned booths, warm lighting, a vibrant bakery case lined with rainbow cookies and chocolate rugelach. Moreover, the name has been changed ever so slightly to New York Bagel Deli & Bakery and a new neon sign that glows "It's a Sweet World long after dark."

Behind the changes are husband and wife team Lenny Rosenberg and Adaeze Nwanonyiri, who quietly purchased the deli in February and

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Scott Snowden

BAGEL: The new owners of NY Bagel & Deli are expanding the menu.

Andrew Thomas to step down as CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Andrew Thomas will step down as Chief Executive Officer of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc (DTSM) the nonprofit announced Friday, concluding a tenure marked by post-pandemic revitalization, organizational turnover and a mixed reception from stakeholders navigating the future of the city's downtown core.

Thomas, who was appointed CEO in July 2022 following the 25-year leadership of Kathleen

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Sick of loud ads on Netflix? A proposed California law would turn down the volume



Cal Matters

TV: There's a proposal afoot to make advertisements quieter.

Ever been streaming a show or a movie and been jolted out of your entertainment reverie by an ad so loud it felt like it rattled the windows?

If California's lawmakers have their way, those blaring commercials on streaming platforms might soon have the volume turned down.

A bill sailing through the Legislature with bipartisan support would prohibit online streaming services like Netflix and Hulu from cranking up the volume during commercials. The proposal would make the platforms comply with the same standards as a 15-year-old federal law that limits how loud traditional television and cable broadcasters can make their advertisements.

Senate Bill 576 hasn't been a very tough sell for its author, Democratic Sen. Tom Umberg of Santa Ana, despite opposition from California's influential entertainment industry.

"This is the most popular bill I've introduced this year," Umberg said in an interview with CalMatters.

Case in point: Every senator who was present that day voted for the bill when Umberg brought it to the Senate floor in late May. Umberg appealed to their annoyance.

"I'm guessing that all of you have been annoyed when you're … streaming television, and a commercial comes on and it is exponentially louder than the other shows," Umberg told his colleagues.

He glanced around the chamber. "You see heads nodding aye."

President Barack Obama signed the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation (CALM) Act in 2010, which gave the Federal Communications Commission authority to issue rules ensuring that the average volume of TV commercials does not exceed the volume of the programming they accompany, according to the bill's analysis. It notes that streaming services were still nascent at the time. Members of Congress have since tried to add streaming platforms to the law, but two 2023 federal bills didn't get hearings.

Umberg's bill aims to make streaming services in California follow the same rules despite Congress not yet taking action.

But would it be legal for California to do so?

UC Berkeley Law Professor Tejas Narechania told CalMatters that federal courts have ruled "that the California Legislature could enact consumer protections aimed at California residents, even if they affected out-of-state content providers."

Narechania cited a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in favor of a California deaf-rights organization that sued CNN for violating state law by failing to put closed captioning on videos it had on its website.

UMBERG: DON'T WAKE THE BABY!

While a significant amount of legislation comes to lawmakers through lobbyists pitching their proposals, this one came to Umberg from a baby. Well, the baby's parents anyway.

He said his legislative director, Zach Keller, has an infant daughter named Samantha Rose. The baby had finally settled down to sleep and her parents, in turn, settled down to relax and watch a show when an ad came on so loud it woke the baby.

"Her father, at the behest of the baby's mother, brought a bill idea to me," Umberg said. "I thought, 'That's a good bill idea,' so we introduced it."

The plight of parents with sleeping babies hasn't been enough to ward off opposition to the bill from California's entertainment industry, including the Motion Picture Association of America. It has donated at least $204,000 to lawmakers since 2015, according

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California, epicenter of the nation's housing crisis, is finally getting a housing agency



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HOUSING: A long-awaited agency is finally coming.

After years of soaring rents, increasingly out-of-reach home prices and an enduring homelessness crisis that touches every corner of the state, California is finally creating a state agency exclusively focused on housing issues.

You might wonder what took so long.

Earlier this year, Gov. Gavin Newsom introduced a proposal to split up the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency — an awkward grabbag of disparate bureaucratic operations — into two fresh agencies: One just for housing and homelessness-related departments and one for everything else.

The Legislature had until July 4 to veto the plan. It didn't (though some Republicans tried). Now the work of standing up California's first housing agency begins.

Supporters of the bureaucratic reshuffle say the move is long overdue. In surveys, Californians regularly name housing costs and homelessness as among the state's top concerns. That alone warrants the creation of a new cabinet-level adviser to the governor, said Ray Pearl, executive director of the California Housing Consortium, which advocates for affordable housing development.

"A cabinet-level secretary who will sit with other cabinet secretaries, whose purview will be housing … that is elevating the agenda to the highest level," he said.

Pearl, like virtually every expert interviewed for this article about the new agency, described the reorganization as "just the first step" in bringing much-needed order and efficiency to California's network of funding programs for affordable housing.

"Simply moving people around and giving them a new business card doesn't change the system," he said.

A spokesperson for the governor stressed that the creation of a new housing agency is part of a broader effort by Newsom to prioritize one of California's most vexing issues. Since taking the helm of state government in 2018, the governor has ramped up pressure on local governments to plan for more housing, urged them to clear encampments of unhoused Californians and pushed for legislation aimed at ramping up construction.

"This is the first administration to make this a part of our everyday conversation — putting a magnifying glass on the issue of homelessness and finding ways to effectively address it. These structural and policy changes are going to create a generational impact," said spokesperson Tara Gallegos.

Among the seven cabinet-level agencies, the BCSH has always seemed like the "everything else" wing of state government. Affordable housing grantmakers, lenders and urban planning regulators share agency letterhead with cannabis and alcohol industry overseers, professional licensors, car mechanic watchdogs and everyone at the California Horse Racing Board.

"We used to call it 'The Island of Misfit Toys,'" said Claudia Cappio, who ran both the California Housing Finance Agency and the Department of Housing and Community Development in the years immediately before and after 2012 when both were packed into

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Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2025/07/14	Mon	06:38 AM	-0.39	L
2025/07/14	Mon	1:15 PM	4.29	H
2025/07/14	Mon	6:19 PM	2.31	L
2025/07/15	Tue	12:11 AM	5.24	H
2025/07/15	Tue	07:11 AM	0.05	L
2025/07/15	Tue	1:54 PM	4.56	H
2025/07/15	Tue	7:25 PM	2.21	L
2025/07/16	Wed	01:05 AM	4.51	H
2025/07/16	Wed	07:45 AM	0.60	L
2025/07/16	Wed	2:37 PM	4.87	H
2025/07/16	Wed	8:49 PM	1.99	L
2025/07/17	Thu	02:17 AM	3.73	H
2025/07/17	Thu	08:22 AM	1.21	L
2025/07/17	Thu	3:26 PM	5.21	H
2025/07/17	Thu	10:31 PM	1.51	L
2025/07/18	Fri	04:02 AM	3.11	H
2025/07/18	Fri	09:09 AM	1.80	L
2025/07/18	Fri	4:20 PM	5.57	H
2025/07/18	Fri	11:58 PM	0.80	L
2025/07/19	Sat	06:06 AM	2.95	H
2025/07/19	Sat	10:14 AM	2.29	L
2025/07/19	Sat	5:18 PM	5.94	H
2025/07/20	Sun	01:06 AM	0.06	L
2025/07/20	Sun	07:46 AM	3.18	H
2025/07/20	Sun	11:27 AM	2.57	L
2025/07/20	Sun	6:16 PM	6.30	H
2025/07/21	Mon	02:01 AM	-0.58	L
2025/07/21	Mon	08:46 AM	3.50	H
2025/07/21	Mon	12:37 PM	2.64	L
2025/07/21	Mon	7:12 PM	6.62	H
2025/07/22	Tue	02:49 AM	-1.03	L
2025/07/22	Tue	09:29 AM	3.77	H
2025/07/22	Tue	1:40 PM	2.54	L
2025/07/22	Tue	8:04 PM	6.86	H

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Draw Date: 7/9
5 9 25 28 69
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 234 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/8
4 6 38 44 62
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 80 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/9
14 18 29 37 44
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 24 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/10
20 22 28 36 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/10
EVENING: 9 8 9
Draw Date: 7/10
MIDDAY: 7 3 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/10
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2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
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Name Change

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How US views of immigration have changed since Trump took office, according to Gallup polling

Just months after President Donald Trump returned to office amid a wave of anti-immigration sentiment, the share of U.S. adults saying immigration is a "good thing" for the country has jumped substantially — including among Republicans, according to new Gallup polling.

About 8 in 10 Americans, 79%, say immigration is "a good thing" for the country today, an increase from 64% a year ago and a high point in the nearly 25-year trend. Only about 2 in 10 U.S. adults say immigration is a bad thing right now, down from 32% last year.

During Democratic President Joe Biden's term in office, negative views of immigration had increased markedly, reaching a high point in the months before Trump, a Republican, took office. The new Gallup data suggests U.S. adults are returning to more pro-immigrant views that could complicate Trump's push for sweeping deportations and other anti-immigration policies. The poll shows decreasing support for the type of mass deportations Trump has championed since before he was elected.

Since taking office, Trump has called on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to do all in its power to deliver "the single largest Mass Deportation Program in History." His administration has also pushed to limit access to federal benefits for immigrants who lack legal status, sought to revoke the citizenship of immigrants who commit crimes and is working to end birthright citizenship for children born to those without legal status or who are in the country temporarily.

In general, Americans' views of immigration policies have shifted dramatically in the last year, the Gallup polling shows — including among Republicans, who have become much more content with immigration levels since Trump took office but who have also grown more supportive of pathways to citizenship for people in the country illegally.

The broader trend also shows that public opinion is generally much more favorable to immigrants than it was decades ago.

The vast majority of U.S. adults say immigration is good

Americans' more positive view on immigration is driven primarily by a shift among Republicans and independents.

About two-thirds of Republicans now say immigrants are "a good thing" for the country, up from 39% last year. And independents moved from about two-thirds last year to 80% this year.

Democrats have maintained their overwhelmingly positive view of immigration in the last few years.

The share of Americans who want immigration decreased has dropped significantly

In the time since Trump took office, Republicans have become more satisfied with the level of immigration in the country.

The share of Americans who want immigration "decreased" in the United States dropped from 55% to 30%. While fewer Americans now want to decrease the number of people who come to the U.S. from other countries, more want immigration levels kept the same than want higher immigration levels. About 4 in 10 say immigration should be kept at its current level, and only 26% say immigration should be increased.

The poll suggests Republicans' sharp anti-immigrant views highlighted before November's election — which helped return Trump to the White House — have largely faded. The share of Republicans saying immigration should be decreased dropped from a high of 88% to 48% in the last year. Close to 4 in 10 Republicans now say immigration levels should remain the same, and only about 1 in 10 would like an increase.

Much of that Republican movement likely comes from support for the Trump administration's stringent immigration enforcement, but there are also signs in the Gallup polling that Republicans have become more supportive of pathways to citizenship for immigrants in the country illegally and more likely to see benefits from immigration that could be at odds with the Trump administration's priorities.

More Americans back a pathway to citizenship

Most Americans favor allowing immigrants living in the U.S. illegally the chance to become U.S. citizens if they meet certain requirements over a period of time, the poll shows.

Almost 9 in 10 U.S. adults, 85%, favor a pathway to citizenship for immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children, and nearly as many say they favor a path to citizenship for all immigrants in the country illegally as long as they meet certain requirements.

That increased support for pathways to citizenship largely comes from Republicans, about 6 in 10 of whom now support that, up from 46% last year. Support was already very high among independents and Democrats.

Support for deporting immigrants in the country illegally has also decreased across the board, but less significantly. About 4 in 10 U.S. adults now favor deporting immigrants who are in the country illegally, down from about half a year ago.

By LINLEY SANDERS Associated Press

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

City's 150th Anniversary Celebration Kicks Off at State of the City Event

Santa Monica will launch its 150th anniversary celebration at the annual State of the City event on Thursday, July 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Reed Park and the newly reopened Miles Memorial Playhouse.

The free public event features a fresh format with an opening reception hosted by Mayor Lana Negrete and incoming City Manager Oliver Chi. Attendees can enjoy live performances, art displays, music, activities for all ages and a beer garden operated by Santa Monica Brew Works.

The celebration will include city department booths, with the Department of Transportation team offering prizes and information. Visitors can tour the historic Miles Memorial Playhouse and experience interactive exhibits showcasing Santa Monica's creativity and community connections.

Reed Park is located at 1133 7th St. Multiple Big Blue Bus routes provide convenient access to the venue, with Routes 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 18, 41, and Rapids 3, 7, and 10 all stopping within a 10-minute walk of the park.

The city is offering free bus rides to event attendees. Passengers should inform their bus driver they are attending the State of the City for complimentary transportation.

The milestone anniversary celebration aims to highlight the elements that define Santa Monica as a vibrant coastal community while looking toward the city's future development and growth.

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Montana Ave.

Library Offers Free Yarn-Spinning Workshop

The Santa Monica Public Library will host a free yarn-spinning workshop on Saturday, July 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Montana Avenue Branch.

Volunteers from the Greater Los Angeles Spinning Guild will teach participants how to create hand-spun yarn using traditional spindles and wool. Instructors will also demonstrate yarn-making techniques on spinning wheels.

The drop-in event welcomes attendees at any time during the three-hour session. Participants can receive hands-on spinning lessons or observe the meditative process. Space and supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Greater Los Angeles Spinning Guild consists of hand-spinning enthusiasts from Los Angeles and Orange County who incorporate their craft into various fiber arts including knitting, weaving, rug-making, felting and crochet.

The Montana Avenue Branch is located at 1704 Montana Ave. The library is wheelchair accessible and welcomes people of all abilities. Those requiring special accommodations should call Library Administration at 310-458-8600 at least one week before the event.

The library encourages sustainable transportation options. Secure bike parking is available for cyclists, and Big Blue Bus riders can plan their trip at bigbluebus.com.

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YARN-SPINNING: Public Library will host a free yarn-spinning workshop on Saturday, July 19.

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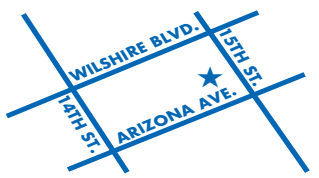
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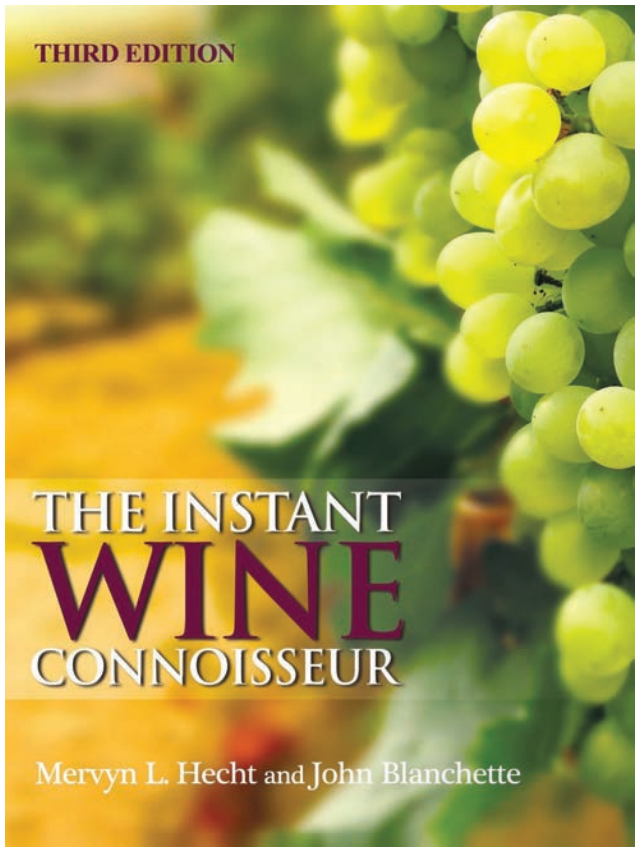
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DTSM

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Rawson, confirmed his departure in a statement that highlighted achievements such as expanded public safety measures, homelessness outreach, new business development and the launch of California's first regularly recurring Entertainment Zone on the Third Street Promenade.

"When I returned to DTSM in 2022, it truly felt like coming home," Thomas said. "Together, we rebuilt the foundation, reimagined the future and reignited the spirit and pride of our downtown."

> "His vision and commitment have left a lasting impact"
>
> - Michele Aronson, DTSM Board Chair

The timing of his resignation follows months of internal review and debate by the organization's 13-member board. In April, the board held a split vote in closed session to authorize contract negotiations with Thomas, with six members in favor and four opposed. A separate motion to open the CEO role to outside candidates failed. The board then voted unanimously to create an ad hoc committee tasked with defining leadership performance standards, negotiating terms and commissioning an organizational analysis.

While the official statement did not cite a specific reason for Thomas's departure, the board held a special closed meeting on Thursday evening. His announcement came just one day later.

Thomas joined DTSM during a volatile period for downtown Santa Monica. The district, once considered one of the premier retail and tourism destinations in Southern California, was struggling with declining foot traffic, vacancies, a surge in homelessness and property crime and strained relations between the nonprofit and the City.

A longtime figure in urban placemaking, Thomas had previously served as DTSM's director of operations from 2001 to 2010 before leading the Westwood Village Improvement Association. Upon returning as CEO in 2022, he inherited a dramatically reduced staff, a weakened revenue base and mounting pressure to reinvent the downtown district as visitors' habits shifted and retail trends evolved.

His tenure was marked by an ambitious push to reframe the district's appeal. With support from city staff and the DTSM board, Thomas led the launch of the Promenade's Entertainment Zone, a pilot program that suspended noise restrictions and live performance permitting rules to allow regular events such as DJs, dance acts and food pop-ups. The zone was intended to attract younger and more local audiences, as well as diversify the business base beyond traditional retail.

In parallel, Thomas championed the expansion of the nonprofit's private security efforts, worked to bolster cleaning services and launched marketing initiatives aimed at reintroducing downtown Santa Monica to regional and national audiences.

But his leadership was not without friction. Some property owners expressed concern over budget priorities, perceived alignment with city staff over business interests and the organization's communications strategy. The board itself became increasingly divided over the direction of the organization, culminating in a series of pivotal votes in the spring.

In Thursday's statement, Thomas expressed gratitude to board members, city officials, staff and community partners. He praised DTSM employees as "the heartbeat of the organization" and said he looks forward to staying connected with the downtown district even as he transitions out of his leadership role.

"Serving this community has been the honor of a lifetime," he said.

DTSM Board Chair Michele Aronson offered praise for Thomas's contributions during what she described as a "challenging time" for the organization and the district.

"His vision and commitment have left a lasting impact," Aronson said. "We look forward to building on the strong foundation he helped create."

Thomas will remain with the organization for a transitional period to assist with leadership handover. No interim or permanent successor has yet been named.

His departure marks the end of a three-year chapter in which DTSM sought to redefine its identity while navigating financial uncertainty, organizational restructuring and shifting expectations from both the City and its business stakeholders.

To compare, Thomas's predecessor, Kathleen Rawson, led the nonprofit for 25 years and earned annual compensation ranging from $263,000 to $293,000 in her final years, according to nonprofit tax records. Thomas's starting base salary in 2022 was $245,000, with provisions for annual increases and bonuses based on performance targets such as sponsorships, safety metrics and district cleanliness.

The board is expected to meet in the coming weeks to discuss interim leadership and next steps.

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DUNE

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city's beach into native dune habitat.

The postponement came after more than 20 residents submitted opposition letters raising concerns about fire hazards, homeless encampments, maintenance costs and reduced beach access. The proposed phase would cover 38.5 acres — triple the size of the first two phases combined.

"The planned vegetation, directly next to our homes, is a direct fire threat, amplified by existing encampments," wrote Paul Schneider, a longtime Santa Monica resident and homeowner along Palisades Beach Road. "Santa Monica's painful history with fires, including the Palisades Fire, makes this risk inexcusable."

The Palisades Fire, which destroyed thousands of homes in January, has heightened concerns about placing dry vegetation near residential areas. Multiple residents cited the disaster as evidence that the dune project could create dangerous conditions.

"We've already seen what can happen in the Palisades, and yet we're inviting the exact same conditions right back into one of the most vulnerable areas," Schneider wrote in his public comment.

Despite the opposition, commission staff recommended approval with conditions, arguing the project would enhance coastal resilience and create habitat for sensitive species like the western snowy plover. The staff report addressed resident concerns but maintained the project's benefits outweighed the risks.

The project would install foredune and back dune habitat along three miles of coastline, using 3-foot-high fencing and native vegetation. Areas would be seeded with plants including beach evening primrose, red sand verbena and beach bursage.

Residents also complained they received no direct notification about the project, despite it being located within hundreds of feet of their homes.

"We never received any direct notice of this project that will be within a few hundred feet of our residence, thus we feel we have had no chance to respond and comment on this project when it was being developed," wrote David Newberg, a resident at 1415 Palisades Beach Road.

The opposition letters raised additional concerns about maintenance costs, arguing the city lacks resources to properly clean and monitor the dune areas. Several residents warned the fenced areas could become havens for homeless encampments and trash accumulation.

"Dune structures will trap debris and become long-term garbage zones, especially given that the city already struggles to maintain basic public spaces," wrote resident Jonathan Spica.

Public comments during the commission's July meeting in Pismo Beach revealed the depth of community division. Opponents described the dunes as a "huge disruption to the vision" and worried about reduced beach access for community activities like frisbee leagues and fitness classes.

Environmental advocates supported the project as a nature-based solution to climate change. Hila Bay, an environmental nonprofit, called dune restoration crucial for protecting beaches from "increased wave action and storm surge" and providing "important habitat for sandy beach organisms."

The project is a collaboration between the City of Santa Monica and The Bay Foundation, building on earlier phases that restored about 8.25 acres of beach. Previous phases have demonstrated success, with the federally threatened western snowy plover nesting at the site for the first time in the Los Angeles region in nearly 70 years.

Staff proposed a five-year authorization period and required the applicants to assume risks from coastal hazards including flooding and erosion. The project would maintain 25-foot-wide public access corridors and a shore-side buffer for beach access.

The commission has not announced when the item will be rescheduled for consideration.

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EXPANSION: The city wants to expand the pilot project to a much larger area.

BAGEL

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have been steadily reimagining the space ever since. The couple, whose backgrounds are as diverse as their menu, have spent more than a decade reviving bakeries and cafes across Los Angeles, the Valley and even the East Coast, always with an eye toward honoring tradition while refreshing the look and feel.

"This place had a strong core already," Rosenberg told the Daily Press. "We didn't touch the recipes. We just gave it more presence, added a bakery, revamped the interior and gave people more to look at when they walk in."

The bakery case, now central to the shop's layout, is stocked with a rotating selection of treats drawn from Rosenberg and Nwanonyiri's other venture, Bea's Bakery in Tarzana. Almost all of the baked goods, including their signature challah, ube cookies and poppy seed rolls, are trucked in from the Valley each morning, a deliberate move to make Bea's popular offerings more accessible to Westside customers.

"We weren't going to buy just another bakery," Rosenberg said. "This place gave us a Westside footprint and let us blend bakery with bagel deli in a way that feels organic."

Their acquisition of the shop came at a time of heightened local tension, with rebuilding in fire-ravaged Palisades neighborhoods still stalled and some downtown areas struggling to regain foot traffic. Yet Rosenberg remains unfazed. A baker since the age of seven, he's weathered economic crashes, 9/11 and the pandemic without losing a single business.

"It's never been about the environment," he said. "It's about learning to pivot. If you offer something good, and you know your audience, people will find you."

That principle is something Nwanonyiri has leaned into as well. Born in Houston to Nigerian parents, she studied design in New York and Los Angeles before turning her creative instincts into a full-time role shaping the look and feel of each shop Rosenberg acquires. When they met at a party in Malibu more than a decade ago, the two bonded over food, aesthetics and a shared desire to build something lasting. Since then, they've co-managed a string of revamps, from Marmalade Café on Montana to Lenny's Deli on Westwood Blvd, with Nwanonyiri handling design and Lenny overseeing operations.

"I used to decorate my friends' dorm rooms in college," she said. "My mom would redo our house every few months. I think that stuck with me, colors, textures, atmosphere. It all matters. People want to feel something when they walk in."

In Santa Monica, that meant replacing the shop's worn chairs with new red booths, redesigning the outdoor seating area with plush furniture and shade canopies and bringing in design elements that nod to New York's classic delis without overwhelming the space. A monthly live music series is also now part of the weekend schedule.

"People come in for a bagel and end up staying," she said. "We want this to feel like a place you can linger."

The couple also recently released a cookbook, It's a Sweet World: Recipes from Around the Globe at Bea's Bakery, which expands their culinary vision even further. The book, published in February by Mango Publishing, grew out of their Jewish Life Television series of the same name and features recipes rooted in Jewish and Nigerian traditions, alongside baked goods inspired by customers from all over the world.

"The book includes a Ukrainian poppy seed roll, Filipino ube challah, Southern sweet potato pie," Nwanonyiri said. "These are stories as much as recipes. A lot of them came from customers, things they missed, things that reminded them of home."

Praise for the book has come from actors, producers and longtime fans of the couple's work. Henry Winkler called Bea's black and white cookies, "The best I've had for the last 45 years." Actor Tom Arnold praised their rugelach. The foreword, penned by deli veteran Ziggy Gruber, frames the bakery as a modern link in a vanishing tradition, a place where food, memory and community meet.

For Rosenberg, it's a full-circle moment. He grew up in New York, the son of a Holocaust survivor who taught him to bake and to value hard work. Now, decades later, he's still restoring family-run shops with the same sense of purpose.

"My dad passed the torch to me," he said. "And now Adaeze and I are doing the same. We want to keep the good stuff alive, but make room for something new."

Though they still maintain their Valley base, Rosenberg says the Westside has always been part of their story. Customers from his past ventures already recognize him here. And Santa Monica, he says, is ready for what they're building.

"We're not done yet," he said, nodding toward a still-to-be-unveiled bread wall and more nostalgic touches planned for later this year. "But you don't need to change everything all at once. Sometimes subtle is best."

New York Bagel Deli & Bakery is at 2216 Wilshire Blvd and is open Mon–Fri 5am–3pm and Sat–Sun 5am–4pm. Check out nybdbakery.com for more information.

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NETFLIX

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to the CalMatters Digital Democracy database.

Opponents, including the Streaming Innovation Alliance, argue that the proposal would be difficult for streaming services to implement.

Streaming service ads don't work the same way as commercials at cable and television networks, Melissa Patack, a representative for the Motion Picture Association, told the Assembly's Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee last month.

"When you choose a program on your streaming service, you're actually calling up a digital file and advertising is paired up with that in real time," she said. "The streaming platform may not be able to control the loudness of a particular ad."

Patack added that the streaming industry has done "a significant amount of work" already to "address loudness issues and develop best practices to match the loudness of ads with programming."

Umberg isn't buying it.

"I have a great deal of faith in the entertainment industry, in the technology that they both currently use and are developing, that if they can make ads louder, they can make them less loud," he said.

Umberg's bill now moves to the Assembly floor where Umberg is again likely to appeal to lawmakers' desire for streamers not to wake up more babies such as Samantha Rose

By Ryan Sabalow. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Downtown

Library Celebrates Women of Marvel Comics with Author Event

Santa Monica Public Library will host a celebration of women in Marvel Comics on Thursday, July 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Main Library's Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium.

The event features YALLWEST Book Festival co-founder and Santa Monica-based author Margaret Stohl, along with co-authors Judith Stephens and Jeanine Schaefer, presenting their new book "Super Visible: The Story of the Women of Marvel Comics."

Stohl, author of "The Life of Captain Marvel" and "Black Widow: Forever Read," will be joined by Stephens, producer and co-creator of "The Women of Marvel" podcast, and Schaefer, an acclaimed comics editor.

The book chronicles the history of women superheroes and villains in the Marvel Comics and Cinematic Universes, as well as the women creators who have written, illustrated, edited, produced and directed stories within those realms. The authors describe it as a valentine to devoted comics readers.

The presentation is part of the library's ongoing Summer Reading initiative. The authors' discussion begins at 6 p.m., followed by a book sale and signing.

The event is free and open to the public. The Main Library is located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. and is wheelchair accessible, welcoming persons of all abilities. Those requiring special accommodations should call Library Administration at (310) 458-8600 at least one week prior to the event.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive sustainably using secure bike parking available for cyclists or riding the Big Blue Bus.

For more information on this and other library events, visit smpl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events. Trip planning for Big Blue Bus riders is available at bigbluebus.com.

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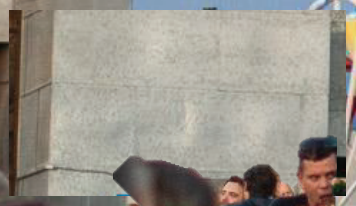
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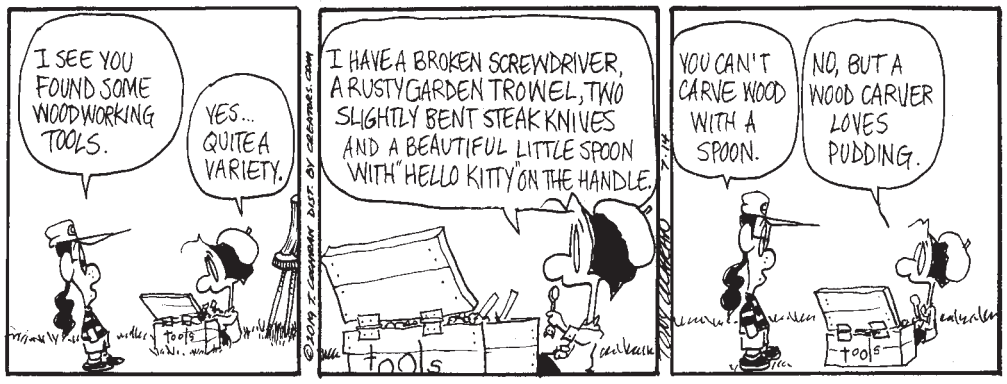
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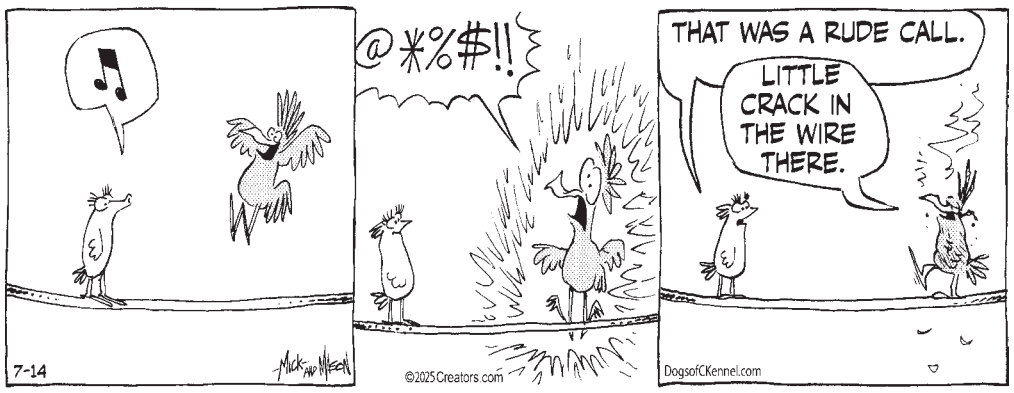
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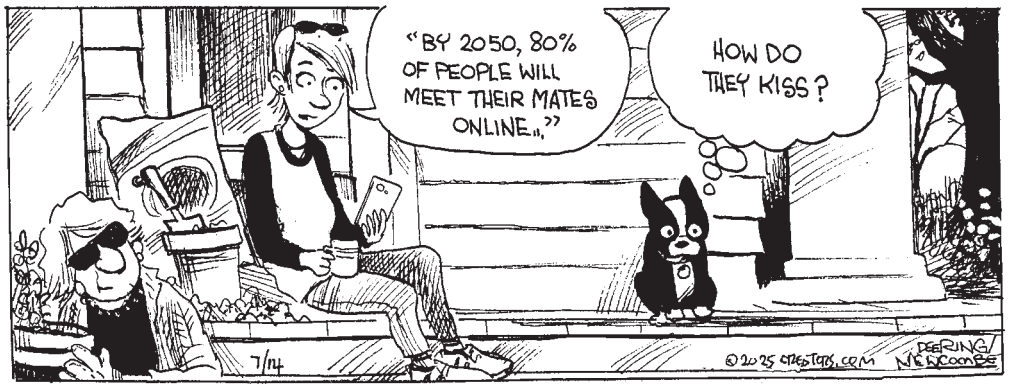
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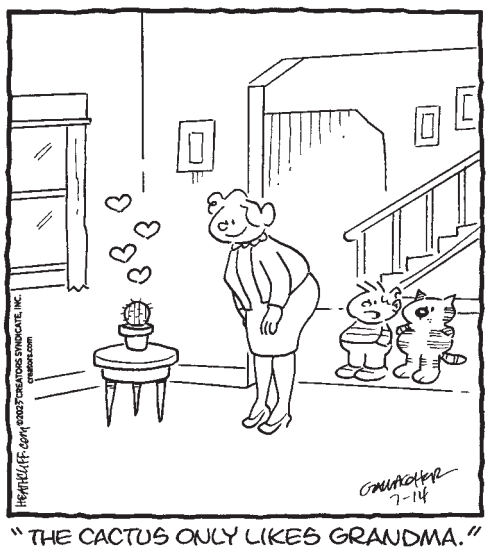
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Bicycle	Dress	Peak hour	Soap
Bike	Drink	Phone	Stop
Boss	Eggs	Police	Taxis
Buses	Fruit	Race	Teeth
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 14)

It's a year of contributing to something bigger than yourself and feeling your significance and belonging inside it. You'll lead with a style so natural, people won't realize they're following — they'll just want to be near you. More highlights: What you design gets used, shared and remembered. You'll master a financial rhythm akin to freedom. You'll take an unforgettable trip to meet inspiring people. Pisces and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 40, 7, 13 and 21.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is no benefit to giving too much, especially if you're giving it to the wrong people. Give to those who need the offering. Give the amount they need. That's how your energy becomes a gift, not a drain, and the exchange leaves everyone stronger.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What you had to do to manage people in your life who are not so easy to manage has given you a set of emotional skills and a special level of intelligence that helps you in other areas of life. It's a part of your competitive edge today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've always known what people aren't saying, but you don't always listen to it because it's so much work and it really doesn't matter all the time. It certainly doesn't matter today. You're clear. You're purposeful. They'll work out their own thoughts; you stay on track with yours.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What makes love real? It is, after all, just a feeling. But it's a feeling that can alter your chemical design in the moment. It's detectable in its effect. What about how it lifts you, feeds you, brings light in a place that hasn't had enough of it? Revel in moments of real joy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Life isn't a new jigsaw puzzle you have to put together. It's an old jigsaw puzzle in a recycled coffee can because the box is lost, and you're not even sure all the pieces are all there, but you go at it anyway, and the picture is coming together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your job isn't to keep everyone around you in a constant state of approval — it's to model strength, discernment and the truth that you are not an on-demand service. You're a human. A spectacular, devoted, busy and wildly creative human.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No matter how a thing seems on paper, life doesn't happen there, books do. Put all theories aside and pay attention to how things feel for you in real time. A task that's meaningful, whether work or play, will bring you joy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In a sense everyone is some kind of "middleman," and there's no shame in it. You are connected to people who have and also to people who need. To bridge the two while also getting what you need out of the situation is the holy work of the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Empathy sharpens your vision. You read the room before the words start flying. You catch the glance, the shift, the tension. It's not time to react yet. You may not even need to react at all. Your steadiness will set a tone. Just wait.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been someone's example — for better or worse. It's fun to be the hero. It's not so fun to be an example of what not to do, but at least you know you're in the game, brave, influential, part of how we all move forward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be free of dangerous tunnel vision because you ask for feedback. A friend who plays devil's advocate will be crucial to the success of a plan, allowing you to see what your audience will, and especially the doubters. You'll find the full range, the right scale and more.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The way you think about yourself is far more critical than how others see you. They're not picking you apart. In fact, most are far more accepting than you imagine. Every little bit of perfectionism you let go of makes room for more joy.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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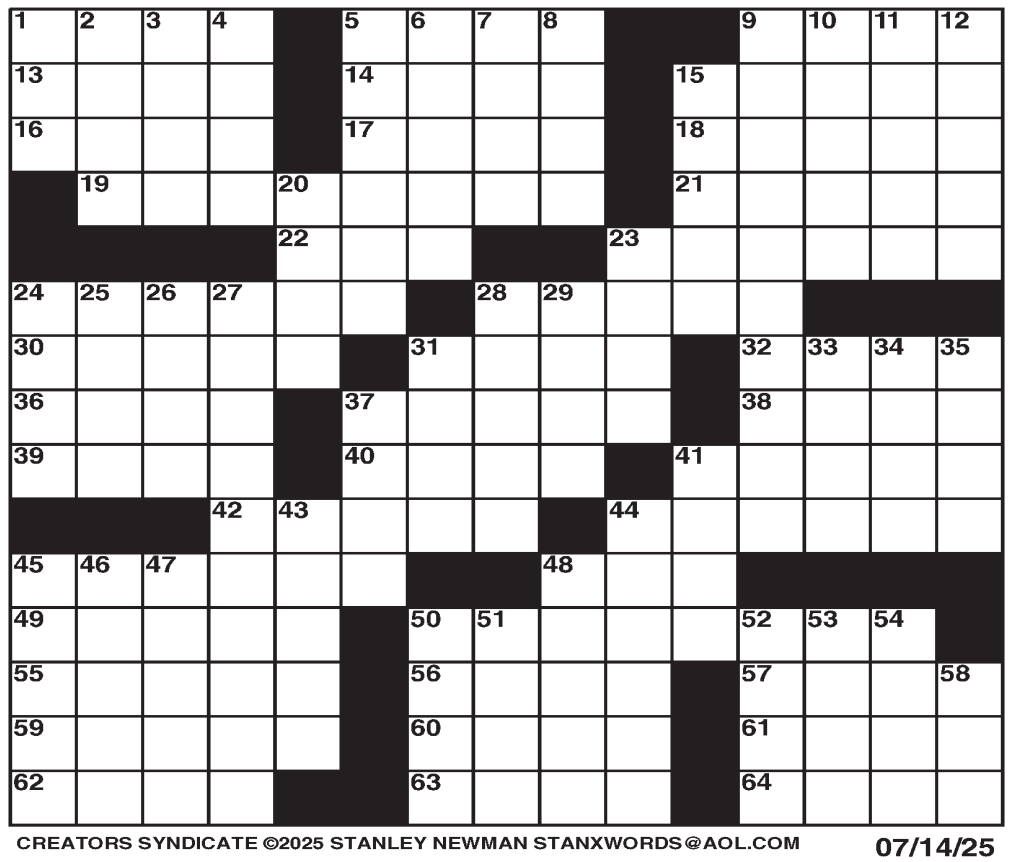
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ACROSS

1 Skidded
5 Performs in a film
9 Casual conversation
13 Evergreen with cones
14 "Not guilty," for one
15 Recliner or throne
16 Two-band, as a radio
17 Charged atoms
18 Jockey's mount
19 Pair that holds novels on a shelf
21 Cider fruit
22 Cubes in a cold drink
23 Is nostalgic for
24 OK to consume
28 Tilt a bit
30 Deserve to receive
31 Short class test
32 Rural hotels
36 __ course (entrée)
37 Handbag
38 Prepare a meal
39 "In addition..."
40 Raise up from the floor
41 Shoe for hockey
42 Layers of paint
44 Nut that sounds like a sneeze
45 Take residency in
48 Water beside San Francisco
49 __ wheat bread
50 Pair for cutting paper
55 Constant wanderer
56 Toward the sunset
57 Blood vessel
59 Software buyers
60 Much-admired person
61 Start a poker pot
62 Tabbies and terriers
63 Bit of heredity
64 Misplaced

DOWN

1 Resort with saunas
2 Arm or leg
3 Helpful facts, for short
4 Showroom sample, for short
5 Per item
6 Biological duplicate
7 __ bar (serve drinks)
8 Bratty backtalk
9 Pair of implements for Chinese food
10 Angelic instruments
11 Airplane walkway
12 Oaks and elms
15 __-link fence
20 Bagpiper's skirt
23 Pencil puzzle with paths
24 Watson or Stone of films
25 Hand out poker cards
26 Colorful part of the eye
27 Pair for viewing things at a distance
28 Browses websites
29 Grocery shopper's sheet
31 Resign from a job
33 Builder of the Ark
34 Brief memo
35 Distort, as facts
37 Broadway production
41 Expresses verbally
43 Newspaper essays, for short
44 Fairy tale king's palace
45 Confess (to)
46 Selected
47 Celestial object with a tail
48 American buffalo
50 Gulp from a flask
51 Hand over legally
52 Egg-shaped
53 Nevada casino city
54 Occupies a bench
58 Tennis court divider



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HOUSING

FROM PAGE 3

the newly created BCSH. "Imagine a staff meeting of all those things ... I learned a lot about horse racing."

HOW MANY FINANCING SYSTEMS IS TOO MANY?

Aside from giving housing and homelessness its own box atop Newsom's organizational chart, the chief selling point of the reorganization has been to simplify the state's hydra of affordable housing financing systems.

Currently, there is one state organization where affordable housing developers apply for loans, another where they go for most grants, a third where they apply for the federal tax credits that builders use to entice private investors to back their projects and a fourth for the bonds needed to secure many of those credits. This doesn't include one-off programs for veterans, transit-oriented development and short-term housing for homeless people, which are sprinkled across state government.

Complicating things further, the tax credit and bond funding programs — the backbone of funding for affordable housing development across the country — aren't even under the governor's control. Those programs are run by the state's independently elected treasurer.

"Many, many states have what is essentially a housing finance agency that controls the majority of affordable housing funds," said Sarah Karlinsky, who directs research at UC Berkeley's Terner Center for Housing Innovation. California's programs are split up, which is unusual.

Beyond that, "what makes California so unique," said Karlinksy, "is the fact that the resources are spread across two different constitutional officers."

That fragmentation appears to be adding to the cost of construction in California. A Terner Center analysis this spring estimated that each additional public funding source delays a project by, on average, four months, and adds an additional $20,460 in costs per unit.

Affordable housing construction is already distinctly expensive here. Building a publicly funded project in California costs more than 2.5 times more per square foot than in both Texas and Colorado, a recent report from the Rand Institute found.

THE DANCE OF SECRETARIES

Will the new housing agency solve that problem? Not everyone is convinced.

Of the many ways in which the scarcity of affordable housing affects most people, "the lines on the org chart" don't crack the "top 100 list," Sen. Christopher Cabaldon, a Napa Democrat, said about the governor's proposal at a hearing in March.

Cabaldon noted that executive reorganizations are a semi-regular feature of California governance. The Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency is itself the product of a reorganization which spun off California's independent transportation agency.

"The dance of the secretaries we do constantly, always with grand ambitions," said Cabaldon. "Simply saying that it's going to cause more focus, that it will be streamlined, that it will cause leadership level action — but how?"

As written, the new housing agency will consist of the current agency's housing-related entities along with a new Affordable Housing Finance Committee, which will be tasked with coordinating the housing subsidy programs currently under the governor's control.

But the major funding sources managed by the treasurer's office will remain where they are. The California constitution wouldn't have allowed Newsom to commandeer those functions from the independent treasurer even had he wanted to.

That's a significant shortcoming, according to the Little Hoover Commission, the state government's independent oversight agency, which reviewed the governor's plan before it was passed along to the Legislature. In its final report, the commission recommended that the governor and treasurer strike a formal deal to "create a unified application and review process" for all the affordable finance programs under their respective purviews.

Neither the governor's office nor the office of state Treasurer Fiona Ma would say if or how they are pursuing that goal.

A single, unified application for every one of California's public affordable housing funding programs has been the bureaucratic holy grail of California affordable developers and policy wonks since at least the mid-1990s. Though the reorganization stops short of requiring that, it set up both constitutional offices to better coordinate in the future, said Matt Schwartz, president of the California Housing Partnership, a nonprofit that advocates for affordable housing.

"There's going to be a bit of diplomacy" between the two executive branches to work out a joint application, said Schwartz, who spoke to CalMatters earlier this year after the governor first introduced the proposal. "That's the longer-term prize that many of us will be pushing to come out of this process."

Some affordable housing advocates have urged lawmakers to be cautious in mushing the various bureaucracies together.

In a letter to four powerful Democratic legislators, the California Housing Consortium stressed that the application systems administered by the treasurer's office already "function extremely well."

That process "is not broken and doesn't need fixing," said Pearl, the consortium's director. Before monkeying with it, he said, "let's get the agency set up."

Pearl and the consortium also noted that past legislation has already mandated the creation of a working group to propose a consolidated application. The findings of that group are due on July 1, 2026. That's the same day the current BCSH is set to officially dissolve and the two new agencies will take its place.

That's also just five months before statewide elections will be held to replace Newsom and Ma, giving voters a chance to decide who will shape the future of affordable housing policy in California.

By Ben Christopher. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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