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State of the City packs Reed Park







Matthew Hall

CITY: A re-conceptualized State of the City ditched the stuffy speeches for a vibrant community celebration in Reed Park. Mayor Lana Negrete and Supervisor Lindsay Horvath made brief remarks celebrating the community spirit, the newly reopened Miles Playhouse hosted a reception, city departments organized activities in the park and the bulk of the event featured live performances from local acts.

Wildfire rebuilding bill on hold after mixed reaction in Assembly

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A bill that aimed to streamline and coordinate wildfire recovery across Los Angeles County will not move forward this year, following a tense committee hearing and calls for more community input from local officials and fire survivors.

Senator Ben Allen said Wednesday that he will pause Senate Bill 549 until 2026, acknowledging concerns over

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Courtesy image

HEARING: A wildfire recovery bill has been paused after a hearing in Sacramento.

Longtime police impersonator Steve Farzam arrested for pretending to be firefighter during Palisades Fire

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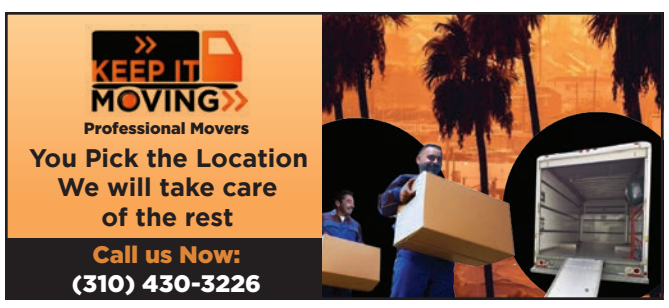
Santa Monica hotelier Steve Farzam has been arrested again for impersonating public safety officers, this time passing himself off as a firefighter during the Palisades Fire.

Steve Farzam, 46, allegedly posed as a firefighter on Jan. 16 during the Palisades Fire, gaining access to restricted emergency zones and interfering with emergency operations, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. He faces up to 23 years and 10 months in state prison after being charged with 28 criminal counts, including 23 felonies.

"This defendant's alleged actions reflect a disturbing pattern of lawlessness and disregard for public safety," District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman said. "Over the course of more than a year, he is accused of repeatedly putting lives at risk, from impersonating a firefighter during an active wildfire to assaulting a first responder and targeting aircraft with a laser."

The charges span incidents between 2023 and May of this year. Farzam pleaded not guilty during his arraignment and is being held

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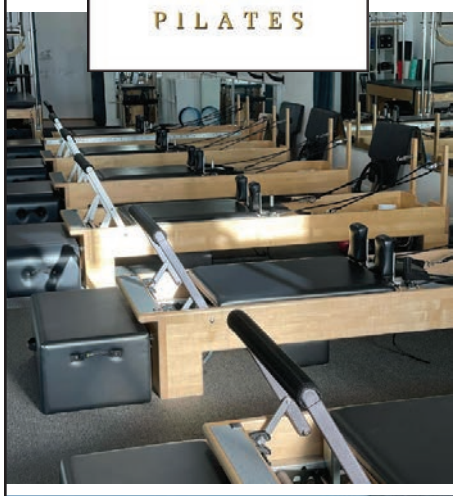


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Citing security threats, California lawmakers want to shield their addresses from public

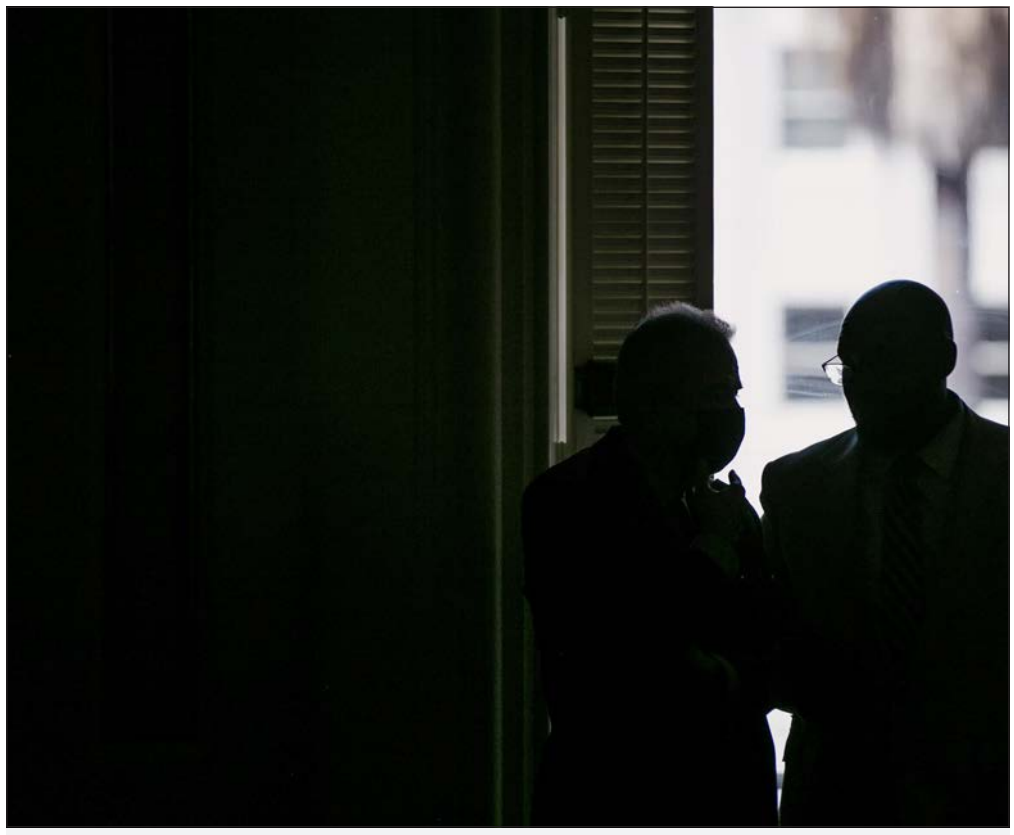


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HIDDEN: Legislators convene during a session at the state Capitol in Sacramento.

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California lawmakers want to limit public access to their addresses and phone numbers after two Minnesota lawmakers were shot, one fatally, in their homes last month.

One proposal would ban journalists from accessing that information through candidates' and public officials' voter registration records, even though there is no indication the Minnesota shooter used those kinds of records to track down his victims.

Officials' voter registration data is already confidential to most of the public. It is available to a select few, including journalists. But AB 1392, authored by Assemblymember LaShae Sharp-Collins of La Mesa and sponsored by Secretary of State Shirley Weber's office, would eliminate that carve-out and effectively block journalists' access to politicians' phone numbers, emails and home addresses and prior voter registration.

"This common-sense bill will protect public servants and their families," Sharp-Collins told lawmakers during a Tuesday Senate hearing.

STRIPPING THE PUBLIC OF VITAL INFORMATION?

But press freedom advocates say they doubt the measure would protect public officials from violence, arguing it would instead strip journalists of vital information they use to keep government officials in check. Journalists often use a politician's residential address to determine if they live in the district they represent and are eligible for office.

"Democracy is founded on the promise of 'trust but verify.' We are not required to take the government's word for it," said David Loy, legal director of the First Amendment Coalition, which advocates for public access to government documents and proceedings. "We understand the concerns, but this should not deprive the press of its ability to do fundamental watchdog and accountability reporting.

Sharp-Collins' chief of staff Michael Lucien said she did not have time for an interview. Her office also did not respond to questions sent by CalMatters via text about how her measure would protect public officials, or whether she believed anyone had used information obtained from their voter registration to target them.

State lawmakers have often cited security concerns in passing laws that limit public disclosure. Last year, they made it harder to access politicians' phone numbers, home addresses and records about properties they own, all of which they are required to disclose in their economic interest statements. A 2022 law allowed California government workers and contractors to shield their addresses from the public if they fear violence.

This year, as lawmakers pushed to reduce public access, they cited fear of violence when they sought to shield use-of-force reports by peace officers and to restrict data brokers from selling politicians' personal information.

"Every single year, we see a number of attempts to limit the public's access to information and access to their lawmakers in person," said Brittney Barsotti, general counsel of the California News Publishers Association. "(AB 1392) is just another attempt that is concerning."

Timothy Cromartie, representing Weber's office, said at a Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendment Committee hearing earlier this month that "escalating threats" to public officials make the measure "an urgent necessity." He pointed to the slaying of Minnesota state Rep. Melissa Hortman

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Behind the masks: Who are the people rounding up immigrants in California?



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

RAID: A line of federal immigration agents and protesters stand-off near the Glass House Farms facility outside Camarillo on July 10, 2025. Protesters gathered after federal agents conducted an immigration raid earlier in the day.

They appeared in plain clothes outside a San Diego hotel, wore camouflage as they raided a Los Angeles factory and arrived with military gear at a Ventura County farm.

The presence of thousands of hard-to-identify federal agents is a new fact of life in Southern California this summer as the Trump administration carries out the president's promised deportations.

Many residents may assume these masked agents are officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). But that's not always the case.

Many of them belong to the Border Patrol, the agency that traditionally has policed the nation's border with Mexico. But the Trump administration sent officers from other agencies to Los Angeles, too, including the FBI and special tactical teams from the Department of Homeland Security not widely seen until now.

Democrats in California's Legislature have proposed measures to unmask the federal agents.

Senate Bill 627, the "No Secret Police Act," seeks to prohibit all local, state and federal officers from using masks with some exceptions. SB 805, the "No Vigilantes Act," would require that officers clearly display their name or badge number. It's disputed whether the state can regulate federal officers and law enforcement agencies are lobbying against the proposals.

Federal regulations state that ICE and Border Patrol agents should identify themselves when arresting someone "as soon as it is practical and safe to do so."

And the public is allowed to ask federal agents to identify themselves.

But David Levine, a professor at UC Law San Francisco said, "they can ask but it doesn't mean they'll get the information."

The number of sweeps and detentions appeared to slow this week after a federal judge issued a temporary restraining order, finding that agents stopped people based on someone's race, language, accent, presence at a specific location or job. For ensuing stops, agents must have "reasonable suspicion" that doesn't consider those factors "alone or in combination," according to the judge's order.

While ICE is a different agency than Border Patrol, both are part of the Department of Homeland Security and carry out immigration enforcement.

The difference may not always matter much, but misidentifying an agency can confuse the public, as it did with the sighting of federal agents outside Dodger Stadium in June. The agents reportedly had no visible names or badges and attempted to enter the stadium's parking lots. The Dodgers put out a statement that "ICE agents" had been denied entry to the stadium. ICE denied it was ever there; the Department of Homeland Security then clarified that it had been Customs and Border Protection agents at the venue.

Images on social media show a constellation of federal agencies supporting immigration sweeps in Southern California. Here's how you can identify them.

BORDER PATROL FAR FROM THE BORDER

Border Patrol agents often wear green

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FARZAM

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without bail. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 28.

The felony charges include six counts of discharging a laser at an aircraft, three counts of assault with a deadly or dangerous weapon, four counts of assault upon a peace officer, one count of impersonation of a public officer, one count of carrying a loaded unregistered handgun in a vehicle, seven counts of perjury by declaration and one count of procuring and offering a false or forged instrument.

He also faces misdemeanor charges of impersonating a fire officer twice and three counts of trespassing on closed lands.

The arrest is the latest in a long history of Farzam claiming to be someone he is not and his lengthy history of legal troubles dating back nearly three decades.

In 1999 Santa Barbara County authorities arrested him for impersonating a police officer and perjury while attempting to become a deputy sheriff. He accepted a plea deal on lesser charges, including providing false information on DMV documents and unlawful vehicle registration.

Three years later, Los Angeles prosecutors charged Farzam for impersonating a firefighter. The L.A. City Attorney filed a 19-count complaint, and Farzam was convicted in 2003 of five misdemeanor offenses related to the firefighter impersonation.

Farzam's legal troubles escalated significantly in 2014 when a multi-agency investigation targeted his activities. In June 2014, the California Attorney General's eCrime Unit, alongside the ATF, FBI and DMV, raided Farzam's home and office at the Shore Hotel.

Investigators seized a cache of law enforcement items, including 16 firearms, 12 emergency radios, 43 forged law enforcement badges and a fully-marked California Highway Patrol police cruiser outfitted with lights. The state initially brought 77 criminal counts against him, with all but four being felonies.

In 2015, as part of a plea agreement, Farzam pleaded no contest to three felonies: impersonating a peace officer, possession of an illegal assault weapon and unauthorized access of a computer system. A Los Angeles County judge sentenced him to 182 days in jail with credit for 90 days already served, resulting in time served.

In 2022, a court reduced these felony convictions to misdemeanors and officially expunged them from Farzam's record following successful completion of his sentence and related conditions.

His criminal history continued between 2017 and 2019 when Farzam was involved in another legal saga involving an attempt to hide his criminal record from public view. When The Atavist Magazine was preparing to publish an exposé on his misconduct history, Farzam's attorney provided what purported to be a Los Angeles Superior Court order sealing his 2015 case records.

However, investigators found no evidence of any such sealing order, and the defense attorney named on the supposed court order had "never heard of Farzam," indicating the document was likely a forgery. By late 2019, Farzam was criminally charged with counterfeiting a court seal in connection with the fake order. He pleaded no contest to three felony charges in this case as well.

Farzam is the former Chief Operating Officer of the Shore Hotel but in an statement, the hotel said he has not held any position at Shore Hotel for over five years and has no affiliation with the hotel, which continues to be committed to providing exceptional service and upholding the highest standards for its guests and the community.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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What California still doesn't understand about men's mental health



Photo by Pablo Unzueta for CalMatters

MEN: A student walks through East Los Angeles College on March 9, 2023.

Every summer, a few headlines remind us about Mental Health Awareness Month. And then, just as quickly, we move on.

But the truth doesn't go away. For people whose lives have been impacted by it, neither does the grief.

I'm a 26-year-old Black man and a project director of a youth-led mental health initiative in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. I've been doing this work for years. But I started living this work when I was 12, the year I lost a sibling to suicide.

I didn't have the language for it then — only the silence that followed.

That silence is still killing us. In California, youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 make up just 21% of the population — yet they account for 57% of all emergency room visits due to self-harm.

That number should stop us cold.

And for young men in that group — especially Black and brown men — the pressures are even sharper. We're over-policed and under-protected, told to be strong but never safe, and expected to endure pain without language or rest.

Too often, the conversation around men's mental health gets hijacked, either to justify violence or to dismiss vulnerability. The algorithms favor rage. The headlines flatten the story. And influencers push a version of masculinity rooted in control, not clarity.

What we call masculinity in America is often just unprocessed grief in a fitted cap.

Through my work with young people across California, I've seen what happens when we offer real space to feel. I've watched boys start to breathe when they realize emotions are not liabilities but signals. They're clues. They're a map back to themselves.

But healing requires more than hashtags. It requires safety. It requires tools. And it requires the cultural permission to pause.

What we need in California is emotional literacy taught in schools, not just trauma response after harm. We need culturally grounded healing spaces not filtered through law enforcement. We need prevention strategies rooted in belonging, not just diagnoses. We need a statewide narrative that treats emotional safety as a part of our infrastructure.

This is about design. We don't need another awareness month. We need a future where emotional safety is a right — not a luxury. A future where no boy learns to hide his grief because no one ever taught him how to name it.

Men aren't broken. We're just long overdue for a new kind of strength.

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New California budget papers over $20 billion deficit, ignores day of reckoning



Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

BUDGET: Gov. Gavin Newsom addresses the media during a press conference unveiling his revised 2025-26 budget proposal at the Capitol Annex Swing Space in Sacramento.

When Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders were drafting a more-or-less final 2025-26 state budget last month, they were closing what they described as a $12 billion deficit, a number that the state's media repeatedly cited.

It was the wrong number; it minimizes the state's chronic gap between income and outgo, as the state's official budget summary released this week confirms.

The budget projects that the state will receive $208.6 billion in general fund revenues during the fiscal year that began on July 1, but it will spend $228.4 billion, a gap just shy of $20 billion.

The $12 billion figure stems from counting a $7.1 billion diversion from one of the state's reserve accounts as revenue — an assumption that violates common sense as well as any legitimate accounting scenario.

The more accurate figure of $20 billion is important because it squares with projections by Newsom's Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office that California has what's called a "structural deficit" in the range of $10 billion to $20 billion a year.

In other words financing all of the programs and services now in state law will indefinitely cost that much more each year than the state is likely to receive in revenues.

The budget closes about a third of the $20 billion gap with an aforementioned $7.1 billion shift from the emergency reserve — money that's supposed to be used to cushion the impact of an economic downturn or calamities such as the wildfires that devastated Los Angeles, earthquakes or destructive storms.

The deficit isn't a genuine emergency because it resulted from irresponsible political decisions, particularly Newsom's declaration in 2022 that the state had a $97.5 billion budget surplus and thus could afford a sharp increase in spending.

The surplus was a mirage, based on assumptions of a $40 billion annual increase in revenues that never happened. Last year, the Department of Finance acknowledged that revenues over four years would fall short of expectations by $165 billion.

However, much of the phantom money was already spent, thereby creating the structural deficit that Newsom and the Legislature basically ignored in putting together the current budget.

The $12 billion gap left after the reserve fund shift was mostly papered

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and her husband last month, the arson on Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro's home in April, the assassination attempt on President Donald Trump last year and the 2022 hammer attack on former U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband at their home.

An earlier version of the measure only applied to state and federal officials. But at the suggestion of the Senate elections committee, it was expanded to apply to local elected officials and candidates for office and allow the secretary of state's office to make the information private sooner.

But critics doubt the proposal would help prevent tragedies like the Minnesota shootings, where the alleged suspect appeared to have obtained the lawmakers' home addresses via "people search" sites instead of the voter roll.

They argue that state law lays out a rigorous request process, where those qualified to receive the voter registration information must submit their names and contact information, explain the reason for their request and attest to their honesty under penalty of perjury.

"It seems highly unlikely at best that reporters or others able to take advantage of that carve out under those strict conditions are going to commit crimes with that information," Loy said.

Loy said the information not only helps journalists fact check officials' residency claims, but also allows reporters to identify politicians if they did things such as receiving a home as a gift from special interests, or leasing to or renting property from their major donors.

A CHECK ON DATA BROKERS

Another proposal inspired by the Minnesota tragedy, AB302 by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan of San Ramon, sought to allow politicians to request businesses, including data brokers and media outlets, to take down or refrain from publishing their personal information, opening the organizations up to lawsuits and fines if they do not comply.

An earlier version of the measure risked violating the First Amendment since it could chill and censor legitimate speech, according to a Senate Judiciary Committee analysis. The First Amendment Coalition and the Freedom of the Press Foundation opposed the effort, citing similar concerns, adding that newsrooms could be exposed to frivolous lawsuits simply because politicians do not like stories they publish.

"These demands and lawsuits will chill news outlets from reporting on matters of public concern," the groups said in a joint letter. "The fact that news outlets will have to defend their reporting as relating to a matter of public concern, potentially through multiple appeals, will cause some to self-censor."

Bauer-Kahan told CalMatters Monday that her intention was to discourage data brokers from selling politicians' personal information. She has agreed to amend the measure to instead require the California Privacy Protection Agency to compile a list of politicians and request data brokers to delete their personal information.

"That's not nearly as troubling as giving them … a tool to be weaponized to silence legitimate reporting," Loy said.

By Yue Stella Yu. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area.**

Additionally, Proposed Amendments to Interim Zoning Regulations to Promote Economic Recovery by Increasing Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area and Establishing a Pilot Program to Allow Exclusively Outdoor Commercial Uses in the Office Campus District.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance (Santa Monica Municipal Code Article 9 Planning and Zoning) to Promote Economic Recovery and Increase Land Use Flexibility in the City's Downtown Area. On July 2, 2025, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Number 25-013 and recommended that the Council adopt the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments were previously adopted as interim zoning regulations, with minor changes, and include expanded opportunities for Alcohol Exemption permits, increased operational flexibility for restaurants with entertainment, and removal of the prohibition against certain fast-food restaurants in establishments with frontage along the Third Street Promenade.

Additionally, the City Council will consider the adoption of Interim Zoning Regulations established by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2754 (CCS), amended and extended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2761 (CCS), amended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2794 (CCS) and amended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2809 (CCS) to promote economic recovery by increasing land use flexibility in the City's downtown area and establishing a pilot program to allow exclusively outdoor commercial uses in the Office Campus (OC) District. The proposed amendments would include, but not be limited to, allowing additional land use flexibility in the City's downtown area and flexibility in floor area ratio for existing non-conforming buildings located on the Promenade.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to 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: Economic Recovery Zoning Ordinance and Interim Zoning Ordinance Amendments

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

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Newsom calls on fire survivors to help shape rebuilding through new digital platform

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Governor Gavin Newsom is urging residents affected by the devastating January wildfires in Los Angeles County to take part in shaping recovery efforts by signing up for a new digital democracy platform, known as Engaged California.

The program, launched earlier this year, invites survivors of the Palisades and Eaton fires to share ideas, experiences and priorities with state officials as California continues to design long-term rebuilding strategies. More than 8,000 people have signed up so far, according to the Governor's Office.

> "Recovery isn't something that happens to you, it happens with you"
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> - Gavin Newsom, Governor

"Recovery isn't something that happens to you, it happens with you," Newsom said in a statement Wednesday. "The feedback generated from the Engaged California process is reflective of residents' experiences and is needed for leaders to understand their vision for rebuilding the future."

The call to participate comes at the six-month milestone since the January firestorm tore through neighborhoods in the Santa Monica Mountains, Altadena foothills and surrounding areas, destroying thousands of homes and triggering one of the costliest fire disasters in state history. According to officials, more than 16,000 structures were damaged or destroyed, with early estimates placing total losses at $250 billion.

Residents who lived or worked in the evacuation zones are being invited to share feedback through the platform on issues ranging from housing and permitting to mental health, community safety and wildfire prevention. Topics surfaced during the pilot phase, which ran from March to May, are now guiding early action across multiple state agencies.

Among the first tangible results: the launch of Archistar, an artificial intelligence tool designed to accelerate permitting approvals in wildfire-affected areas of Los Angeles City and County. The software, developed through a state-philanthropy partnership involving LA Rises, is now in beta testing. It is intended to streamline what many survivors described as a frustrating and bureaucratic rebuilding process.

"Residents said they want an easier permit process and less red tape," the Governor's Office said. "This week marked the beta launch of the new AI permitting tool… to help Angelenos get back into their homes."

In addition, the state has created the CalAssist Mortgage Fund to offer financial support to homeowners whose properties were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable.

Mental health was another priority identified by fire survivors. The recovery website ca.gov/lafires now includes access to immediate counseling services, long-term support programs and multilingual care options. A new public outreach campaign, in partnership with LA Rises, will connect survivors to those services and highlight stories of grassroots recovery efforts throughout affected neighborhoods.

"This is a significant milestone in a brand-new program for the State of California," said Jeffery Marino, Director of the Office of Data and Innovation. "The voices of Californians impacted by the fires are being heard by their government and used to make data-driven decisions."

Nick Maduros, Secretary of the Government Operations Agency, said the state's use of the digital platform marks a shift in how California engages with disaster survivors. "Engaged California has given us valuable insight into how people are feeling in a moment of unimaginable tragedy," he said. "This next step will be pivotal… to listen and learn about how rebuilding should look according to those who experienced it firsthand."

The Governor's Office emphasized that feedback collected through Engaged California remains anonymous and publicly accessible. Participants can connect with others in their communities and explore shared concerns while remaining in control of what they share.

The initiative reflects a broader push by the Newsom administration to modernize government services and boost responsiveness through technology. Since 2019, the state has launched the Office of Data and Innovation, the California Breakthrough Project and executive orders directing the use of generative AI for public benefit.

As of this week, Newsom said, California is "just getting started" on its wildfire recovery efforts and called on all survivors to take part. To join the platform or review comments already submitted, residents can visit engaged.ca.gov.

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MASK

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uniforms and "Border Patrol" and "U.S. Customs and Border Protection" might be labeled on their badge, vest, shoulder, back, bucket hat or cap, and usually in yellow text over blue.

Their marked vehicles tend to be white with a green slash, reading "Border Patrol" on the side.

Some might confuse Border Patrol with Customs and Border Protection officers. Those officials wear blue and usually stay stationed at ports of entry.

You may be wondering why Border Patrol agents are conducting immigration operations deep into Los Angeles neighborhoods, rather than staying closer to the border.

Border Patrol agents can search vehicles without a warrant throughout much of the country. They're allowed to operate 100 miles from any edge of the country and coastline, reaching roughly two-thirds of the U.S. population, according to a CalMatters investigation and documentary produced in partnership with Evident and Bellingcat.

Since its creation by Congress in 1924, the Border Patrol's role has been to prevent unauthorized entry into the United States. The agency polices trade, narcotics, contraband and combats human trafficking.

The agency has a SWAT-like unit known as BORTAC, or Border Patrol Tactical Unit, which has also been documented in immigrant hubs such as MacArthur Park, Los Angeles' Toy District, and Bell. Border Patrol sources describe the unit's use for "high-risk" purposes.

In fatigues, the unit wears a "BORTAC" patch on the left shoulder with, at times, black undershirts.

Customs and Border Protection also deployed its tactical Special Response Team in Los Angeles' North Hills late June, executing a federal search warrant at a "human smuggling hub" tied to national security threats, arresting two, according to the agency.

ICE IN POLICE VESTS

ICE agents might wear an "ICE" patch on the front or back of their vest, usually in black-and-white, though they also can carry a badge of the same design in gold. The ICE emblem features the U.S. Department of Homeland Security eagle seal.

ICE agents might display "police" on their uniform. The ACLU wants ICE to stop using the word "police" on uniforms, contending the agency is impersonating local law enforcement officers

After 9/11, the Bush administration created the Department of Homeland Security, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement within it shortly thereafter. ICE is tasked with enforcing trade and immigration laws, including within the interior of the country.

The Cato Institute found that ICE booked over 200,000 people into detention between October 1 and June 14. More than 93% of book-ins had no violent conviction and 65% had no criminal conviction whatsoever.

ICE itself has a few enforcement divisions. That's why some ICE uniforms might read ERO—part of their "Enforcement and Removal Operations" team—or HSI for "Homeland Security Investigations."

In 2024, ICE launched a rebrand and created the investigations unit to develop cases, and improve public outreach, including with local law enforcement, an HSI official told ABC News.

According to its website, HSI combats a broad array of transnational-related crime, ranging from narcotics smuggling to cybercrime, and from human trafficking to intellectual property theft.

ERO meanwhile manages all aspects of the typical immigration enforcement process: identifying, arresting, GPS monitoring, and deporting unauthorized immigrants. Their site description also says they seek to deport priority undocumented immigrants after they are released from U.S. jails and prisons. They can also assist multi-agency task forces in arresting unauthorized immigrants without any other criminal history who are "deemed a threat to public safety."

ICE also deployed its Special Response Team (SRT), decked in military wear and weaponry, in San Diego late May. It sent a dozen or more of those officers to the Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet near southeast Los Angeles in June, detaining two people for deportation.

Agents from those teams will often feature their logo on the shoulder and will be seen in heavy military-like uniforms. The teams are meant to engage "high risk" situations, according to ICE.

RARE NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT

National Guard troops had been most visible outside a federal building during protests in downtown Los Angeles, but have also accompanied a few immigration enforcement operations. In mid-June, National Guard soldiers accompanied federal agents raiding marijuana farms around Thermal, a desert town near Coachella, where about 70 undocumented immigrants were arrested, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

On July 7, about 90 California National Guard soldiers swept through the Los Angeles immigrant hub of MacArthur Park, a defense official said, to protect immigration agents from potentially hostile crowds, according to the Associated Press. They also were on site in Carpinteria last week.

The National Guard troops in L.A. wear Army uniforms. Soldiers in the state units have patches on their left shoulder that show a raven, a sunburst, or a sunburst on top a diamond, each in black and green color schemes. Troops will also have a full color U.S. flag on the right shoulder. The patch under that, if any, can vary and may be based on a soldier's past deployments.

Part of the U.S. military, the National Guard is able to serve both domestically and globally for state and federal duties, assisting with natural disasters, border security, civil unrest, overseas combat, counter-drug efforts and more. Soldiers largely stay in their home state and can be called on by the state governor or president.

Gov. Gavin Newsom opposed President Trump's decision to send the troops to Los Angeles, and the assignment marked the first time that a president has deployed the National Guard over the objections of a governor since the Civil Rights era.

MORE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

In January, a Homeland Security memo called for Justice Department agents to carry out immigration enforcement, according to ABC News. Deputized bureaus include the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the U.S. Marshals Service, the Federal Bureau of Prisons receiving the "same authority already granted to the FBI."

Officers' affiliations can be seen on their vests, jackets, or at times, their shoulder patches.

Agents wearing FBI fatigues were most visible in the worksite sweep at Ambiance Apparel in LA's Fashion District, arguably the first major operation of the current wave of raids.

On June 10, FBI Los Angeles' X account touted its collaboration with an ICE operation in Ventura County. They have also participated in other immigration raids across the country.

A spokesperson with the Justice Department declined to comment on how it deployed agents from various agencies. In early June, the FBI told KTLA that it is participating in immigration enforcement in Los Angeles and nationwide "as directed by the Attorney General," supporting with SWAT, intelligence and more.

The ATF was also seen at the Ambiance Apparel raid. The DEA was there, too, and has since collaborated with ICE in the region.

On X, U.S. Marshals touted themselves as "on the front lines of immigration enforcement" in Los Angeles while showing officers interviewing a man on a bike. Marshals were also on site at a Ventura County marijuana farm raid where more than 200 people were arrested.

CAN CALIFORNIA UNMASK FEDERAL AGENTS?

The use of masked agents without clearly identifying uniforms has confused the public, including local police receiving reports of kidnappings.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta warned in March that reports of ICE impersonations were growing. Alleged federal agent impersonations have occurred in Huntington Park, Wisconsin, Philadelphia and elsewhere.

"We don't even know who these people are. It's so dangerous, it's so horrific, and it's time to put standards in place," said Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat who is backing two proposals that would compel law enforcement officers to go without masks and display identification.

The Trump administration maintains that the masks are necessary to protect officers' identities as they carry out investigations.

"So, I'm sorry if people are offended by them wearing masks but I'm not going to let my officers and agents go out there and put their lives on the line and their family on the line because people don't like what immigration enforcement is," said acting ICE Director Todd Lyons in a press conference early June.

And some law enforcement experts say the federal government has that authority.

"Certain legislators are giving a false sense of hope that California can legislate laws to control the practices of federal agents," said Ed Obayashi, a longtime sheriff's deputy in California and policy adviser to the Modoc County Sheriff's Office.

"They cannot do that—bottom line. Plain and simple. Federal law is supreme."

Acknowledging potential legal disputes, Wiener said he's willing to test the "time-sensitive" bills in the courts. "Federal employees can't just come in and ignore all California laws," he said. "There are laws that they have to follow."

By Michael Lozano. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



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Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00340 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Malange Nethuli Devangi Peiris Malalasekera for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Nethuli Malalasekera court for a decree of changing names as follows: Malange Nethuli Devangi Peiris Malalasekera to Nethuli Devangi MalalasekeraThe court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 8/8 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica,CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

LA County Approves Aid for Immigrant Communities Hit by Federal Raids

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved four motions to support immigrant communities affected by federal immigration enforcement, including cash aid, expanded food programs and legal challenges to federal restrictions.

The measures, introduced by Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis, aim to address the impacts of immigration raids that began June 6 and federal legislation cutting social services.

"Families are being torn apart by immigration raids, and our safety net is being dismantled by harmful federal policies," Solis said. "Los Angeles County stands with our immigrant communities, and we will continue to fight to ensure that every resident, regardless of immigration status, has the dignity and support they need to survive and thrive."

The first motion establishes a work equipment return program for detained individuals' belongings like food trucks and vending carts left in unincorporated areas. It also expands the county's pet foster program to handle increased animal surrenders due to deportations and creates a cash aid fund within 30 days for affected workers and families. The Small Business Interruption Fund, launching in August, will also be expanded.

For more information on the cash aid fund, residents can sign up for alerts at dcba.lacounty.gov.

The second motion, co-authored by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, examines impacts of federal legislation including $4.5 trillion in tax cuts for the wealthy while reducing funding for Medicaid and SNAP. County departments must report back within 30 days on effects to local hospitals, public services and the economy.

The third motion, also co-authored by Horvath, responds to Trump administration policies limiting undocumented immigrants' access to Head Start, community health centers and behavioral health services. It directs County Counsel to file opposition comments and join legal action while requiring a 15-day report on expected service impacts.

"These families deserve access to health care, education, and the programs that ensure their well-being – not barriers that put their lives at risk," Horvath said.

The fourth motion, co-authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn, expands the Restaurant Meals Program allowing eligible CalFresh recipients to purchase hot meals from participating restaurants. Only about 2,300 of the county's 26,000 restaurants currently participate.

Since raids began, the Board has passed 11 motions from Solis, including one authorizing legal action that resulted in a temporary restraining order halting raids in Los Angeles County and six other counties.

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Citywide

SMMUSD Hires New Fiscal Director

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has appointed Manuel Cuté Ramos as director of fiscal and business services, the district announced following its July 15 board meeting.

Cuté Ramos brings more than 10 years of experience in finance, operations and strategic planning with a focus on educational equity. He most recently served as senior director of finance, operations and data at The Knowledge House, a nonprofit focused on digital equity and workforce development.

Previously, he held leadership positions at Alliance College-Ready Public Schools and the Partnership for Los Angeles Schools, where he managed financial strategy, compliance and compensation reform across large school networks.

"I'm thrilled to bring my passion for educational equity and data-driven decision making to SMMUSD," Cuté Ramos said. "Having personally experienced how access to quality education can transform lives, I'm excited to leverage my background in strategic planning and analytics to help maximize opportunities for all students in this district."

The new director has experience building financial models, streamlining operations and designing real-time dashboards for informed decision-making. He has developed compliance frameworks aligned with federal and state regulations, directed multimillion-dollar compensation strategies and led grant management systems.

Cuté Ramos earned recognition as "Mentor of the Year" for his work supporting first-generation college students in South Los Angeles. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics with a minor in political science from Union College and a master's degree in management science from Yale School of Management. He is fluent in Spanish and has served in various community leadership roles.

"I would like to welcome Mr. Cuté Ramos to the SMMUSD team," said Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton. "His background in finance, data systems and strategic planning, combined with his heart for students and equity, make him an excellent addition to our business services department."

Cuté Ramos replaces Gerardo Cruz, who was promoted to assistant superintendent of business and fiscal services following the June retirement of longtime administrator Melody Canady.

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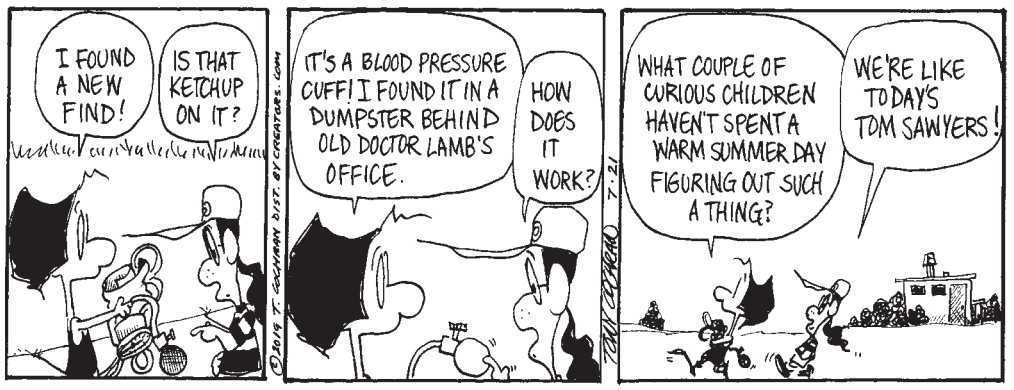


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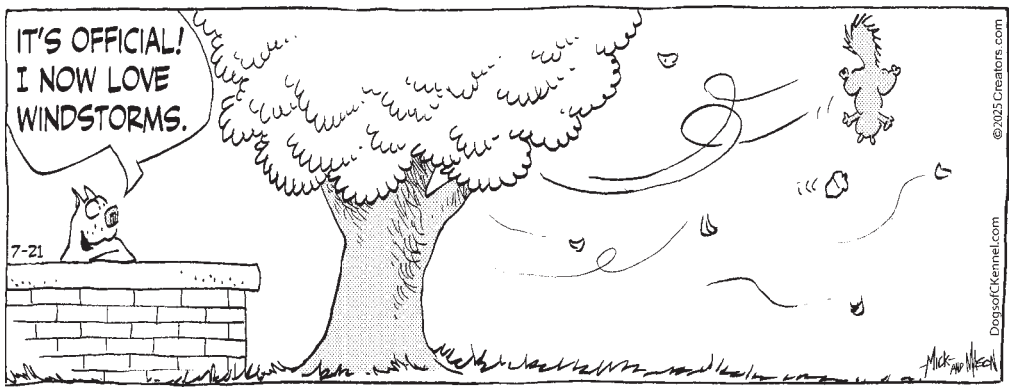
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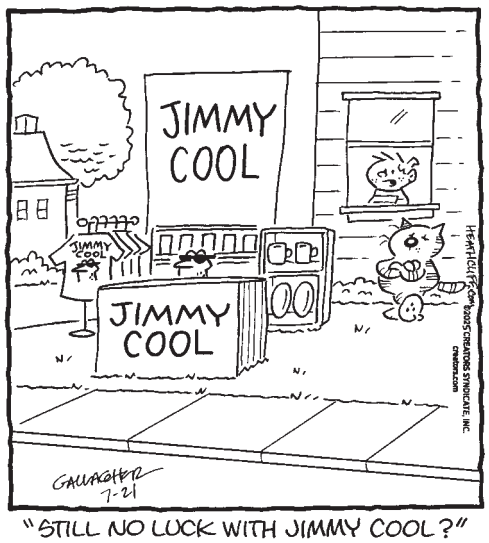
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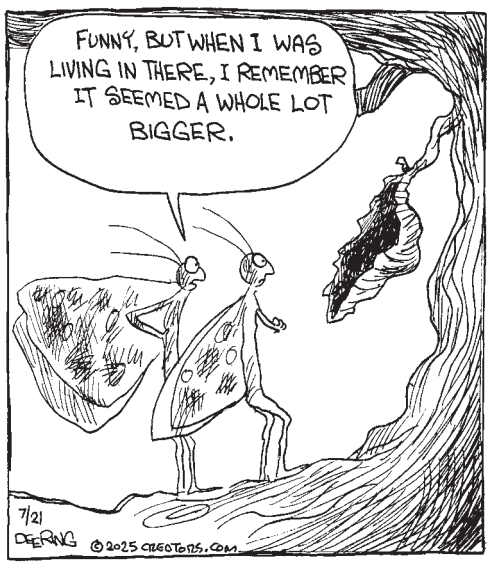
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"STILL NO LUCK WITH JIMMY COOL?"

Strange Brew

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What an unusual name

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 21)

You're somehow both visionary and grounded. Your optimism is backed by what you actually do, which is building something lasting. You'll attract powerful collaborators and move forward with the precision of your humanity — that is to say messily perfect. More highlights: There's a major personal reveal and a romantic twist. Friends show up big. Your emotional range becomes a superpower. Aquarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 18, 21, 5 and 33.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You might feel the urge to cut someone off, ghost them or pull away without explanation because they let you down. Instead of just withdrawing, you'll respond in a way that shows what kind of treatment you accept. You'll set a boundary that also sets an example.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Proximity creates responsibility. You'll be called to localized, present-tense compassion. No one can help the whole world, but you are responsible for responding to the people closest — your family, neighbors, co-workers, strangers on your path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A mature move may not pay off today, but over time, when the long game swings in your favor, you'll be glad you made it. Your next move will influence how others treat you, how you earn their respect and how the relationship shifts to benefit you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It takes courage to be known. You have it and you attract those with similar fortitude. A breakthrough in your social world is coming — someone revealing more of themselves, showing you the kind of closeness you've been craving.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've stopped expecting people to "get" you all the way, and that shift is oddly freeing. Your clarity opens up better ways of relating. You'll speak plainly, act kindly and be magnetically received.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A family situation stirs again. Your role is evolving, and this time, you won't accept the old assignment. You're building a new dynamic one sentence, one choice, one subtle refusal at a time. Keep going.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's easier to be kind in certain circumstances — when needs are met, when moods align, when others go first. You offer a pass to someone moving through rougher circumstances, and this compassionate affordance is a hallmark of good character.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll observe yourself with honesty and see a pattern you hadn't considered before. This has roots. You'll understand where it came from, and you will consciously choose something different — a better match for who you are and what you care about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll find something worthwhile in an average, everyday environment — a note, a spark, a reminder of what you once wanted. Let it pull you in a little. The best treasures aren't always shelved neatly. Some you have to stumble over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Keep noticing your inner weather — where the pressure rises, where the clouds move in, where the air feels charged. To name what's happening inside will give you a wider range of options on the outside.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in a moment of readiness and emotional flexibility, leaving room for something that hasn't fully arrived, like the conversation that changes a relationship, the click of realization or a financial drop. Go about your business. Watched pots don't boil.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're learning to live in layers — the public version of you, the one you show to a few, and the treasured you-only you. Today's work strengthens all three. You've really got something here.

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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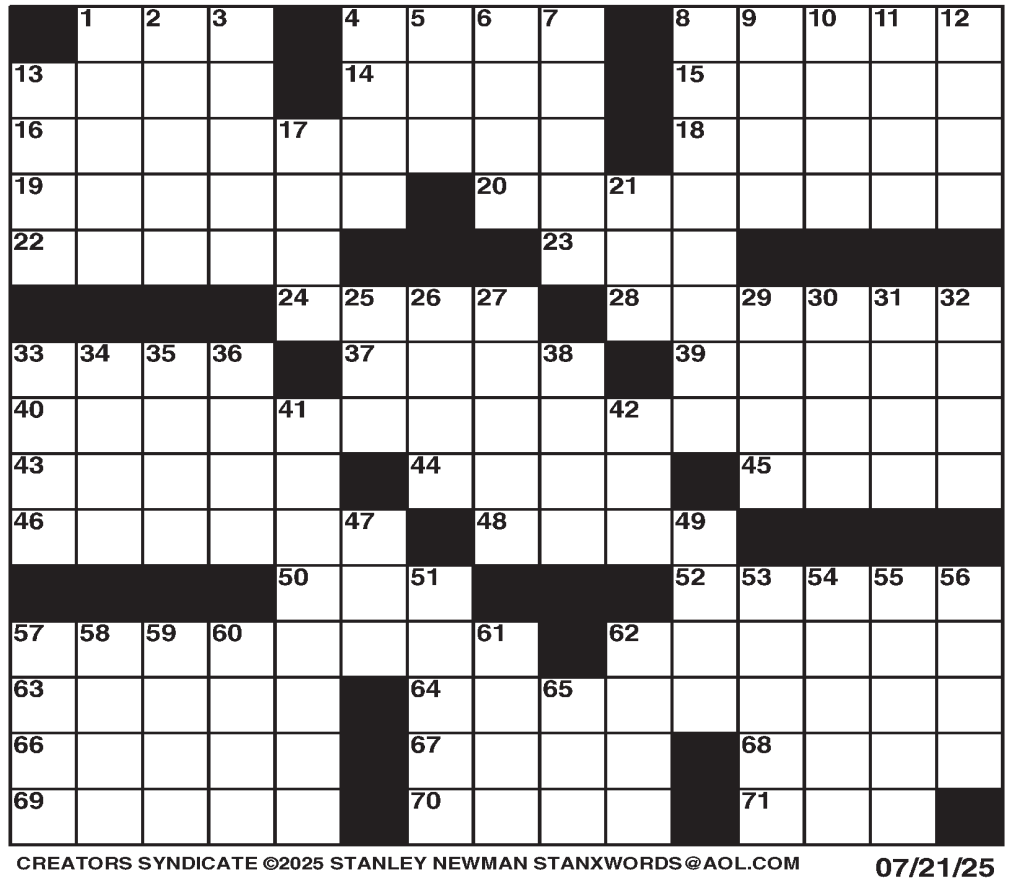
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ACROSS

1 Take a chair
4 Cellphone programs
8 Christmas song
13 Have a fine meal
14 Manner of walking
15 Fruit in a martini
16 Encyclopedia's category
18 Sulks
19 Real estate brokers
20 Adds sugar to
22 Briefly worded
23 Feeling glum
24 Religious faction
28 Female sibling
33 Movie ticket remnant
37 Street or avenue
39 Look __ (resemble each other)
40 Fact-based fiction category
43 Ahead by a point
44 Brief written message
45 Physique
46 Football throws
48 Epic story
50 Neither fish __ fowl
52 Makes a jump
57 A through Z, collectively
62 Make airtight
63 Unhappy, loud spectator
64 Real-life wrongdoing category
66 Koran studier's faith
67 Leaf-collecting tool
68 Broadcasted commercial
69 Divulges
70 Prophetic sign
71 "For __ a jolly good fellow..."

DOWN

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2 Deduce logically
3 Adolescents
4 Mellows, as cheese
5 Utensil for frying
6 Photographs, for short
7 Slow-cooked dinners
8 Humorous entertainer
9 Frequently, informally
10 Ready to harvest
11 Pizzeria appliance
12 Not as much
13 "Darn it!"
17 Highways: Abbr.
21 __ in "easy"
25 Make a mistake
26 Any money made of metal
27 Crunchy Tex-Mex snacks
29 Untidy person
30 Digital TV recorder
31 __ out a living (scraped by)
32 Depend (on)
33 Small retail store
34 Rock singer Turner
35 Puts to work
36 Air-conditioner measures: Abbr.
38 Facts and figures
41 "Two-limb" symbolic warm welcome
42 Turkey drumstick
47 Cry audibly
49 Baldwin or Guinness
51 Nostalgic style
53 Our planet
54 __ and kicking (robust)
55 Mountain lions
56 Went very fast
57 Just slightly
58 Be defeated
59 Opinion survey
60 Become well again
61 Airport shuttle vehicle
62 (Had) looked at
65 Luau instrument, for short



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SB549

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governance, transparency and local control. The legislation, which was originally designed to tweak a financing mechanism for affordable housing and transit projects, was amended in recent weeks to include a sweeping proposal for a new Resilient Rebuilding Authority to assist communities impacted by the January 2025 wildfires.

"When we first introduced SB 549, we knew that it would be difficult to pull together a framework that would be both effective and gain widespread support within the tight timelines of this year's legislative calendar," Allen said in a statement after the hearing. "For me to feel comfortable proceeding, the bill will have to be deeply grounded in community input, empowerment and decision-making, including the support of the impacted Councilmembers."

The hearing highlighted tensions between the urgent need to accelerate rebuilding and the unease many residents feel about the role of government in that process. While several speakers praised the potential benefits of the proposal, others warned that affected communities felt left out.

Allen, whose district includes Pacific Palisades, emphasized that the bill's two parts, the so-called NIFTI-2 fix and the rebuilding authority, are not connected. "It wouldn't make sense to try to form an authority using NIFTI-2's requirements," he said, noting that confusion around the bill's structure had fueled public skepticism.

The first section of SB 549 aimed to revise the Second Neighborhood Infill Finance and Transit Improvements Act (NIFTI-2), a rarely used tool that allows cities and counties to establish enhanced infrastructure financing districts. Allen described the changes as technical, removing the sales tax increment provision and loosening boundary restrictions that have made the program difficult to implement.

The second, more controversial section proposed allowing Los Angeles County to establish a Resilient Rebuilding Authority to manage post-fire recovery. The concept was based on recommendations issued just weeks ago by the county's Blue Ribbon Commission on Climate Action and Fire Safe Recovery.

Aaron Ordower, environment deputy for Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, told the committee that the January fires destroyed more than 16,000 structures and caused an estimated $250 billion in damage. "This approach has been successful to accelerate recovery from major disasters like the Northridge earthquake, Hurricane Katrina and 9/11," he said. "It will give local governments the chance to rebuild faster and meet the crisis."

Urban planning expert Lori Johnson, who served on the Blue Ribbon Commission, said past disasters had shown the value of centralized recovery agencies with redevelopment powers. She cited examples ranging from the LA riots to New Zealand's earthquake response. "There's almost half a billion in philanthropic funds waiting to be invested in this area," she said, arguing that a unified framework would attract and manage those dollars more effectively.

But not everyone was on board. Andrew Antwih, a representative from the office of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, said the city opposed the bill in its current form and urged more time for consensus-building. "When you're forming an entity like this, you want buy-in from as many local jurisdictions as possible," he said. "We think that more time should be allowed."

Assemblymember Matt Haney commended Allen's candor but questioned whether rushing ahead would risk undermining community trust. "What's the harm in waiting two years?" he asked. "These are still just concepts and we haven't seen amendments yet."

Allen acknowledged the challenges, noting he was in ongoing talks with Councilmember Traci Park, who represents Pacific Palisades. "She was nervous about the framing of the bill," he said. "I've assured her we're not going to ram this down her throat." He added that her support would be a prerequisite for moving forward.

Assemblymember Mia Bonta voiced concern over potential gaps in public participation. "I'm big about doing things with the community, not to the community," she said, citing fire survivor Shauna Dawson's earlier testimony in opposition.

The committee ultimately advanced the bill on a divided vote, with several members indicating they might not support it on the floor without major changes. Allen signaled he would not pursue the legislation further this year unless consensus could be built over the summer.

"I don't know where this goes," Allen told the committee. "If we cannot get to a good enough kind of accord by the time we come back from break, I'm comfortable making it a two-year bill."

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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over with on- and off-budget loans from special funds, shifting some spending into future years and using accounting gimmicks, such as shifting some current year spending, the June 2026 state payroll for instance, into the next fiscal year.

One could liken the state budget to a family that takes out loans on its credit cards to finance a lavish lifestyle, or a city that provides pension benefits it cannot afford.

Sooner or later, the debts pile so high that they can no longer be ignored and the day of reckoning arrives. That's one reason why more than 30,000 Californians file for bankruptcy each year and why several California cities have gone bankrupt in recent years.

States cannot file for bankruptcy, no matter how distorted their finances. If they could, California would not qualify because of its almost unlimited ability to borrow money from special funds.

However, there will be a day of judgment if California's spending continues to outpace its revenues, particularly if the state's economy continues its sluggish performance.

Newsom and legislators implicitly assume that at some point revenues will increase enough to cover their spending and pay off their debts — just as a debt-ridden family buys lottery tickets in hopes of avoiding bankruptcy.

By Dan Walters. This article was originally published by CalMatters.



MONDAY | JULY 21

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TUESDAY | JULY 22

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2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Away Santa Monica. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 2 pm by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center VAN parked in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (by the grass on the east side of the parking lot and across the street from the basketball courts at Ocean View Park) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline. Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Please remember to bring sand shoes if you prefer not to walk barefoot, sunscreen, a hat, a jacket if it's cold and water. Tho there's a dog in the photo, unfortunately dogs are not permitted on the beach. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-07-15T14

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7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-07-11T19

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