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Santa Monica delays vote on regional housing trust and will seek new terms for membership

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The Santa Monica City Council on Tuesday postponed a decision on whether to join a proposed regional affordable housing trust, sending city staff back to the negotiating table over concerns that the agreement could expose the city to future costs and let unelected board members steer financing decisions.

Staff had recommended the council approve membership last week but the council voted unanimously to continue the item to its Sept. 8 meeting, directing staff to renegotiate terms of the Joint Powers Agreement that would establish the Westside Cities Affordable Housing Trust. Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Zwick recused himself from the item.

The trust, developed over roughly three years by the Westside Cities Council of Governments, would pool resources among Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Culver City and Beverly Hills to finance affordable housing across the Westside. It would operate as a separate public agency with authority to make grants and loans, provide technical assistance and pursue outside funding on behalf of member cities.

Councilmember Dan Hall, who represents Santa Monica on the council of governments and voted to advance the trust at that level, led



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Los Angeles tourism generated \$42.6 billion in 2025. The next test is turning global attention into lasting growth

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Special to the Daily Press

Los Angeles welcomed 49.5 million visitors in 2025, generating \$42.6 billion in local business sales and supporting more than 530,000 jobs across Los Angeles County, according to new data from the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board and Tourism Economics.

The numbers affirm tourism's place among the region's most powerful economic engines. They also reveal a more complicated story: Los Angeles entered its historic run of global sporting events from a position of strength, but not uninterrupted growth.

In 2024, Los Angeles welcomed approximately 50 million visitors, supported more than 543,000 tourism-related jobs and generated more than \$45 billion in business sales. Compared with those figures, visitation declined approximately 1% in 2025, while business sales decreased by at least \$2.4 billion. Tourism employment also finished below the previous year's reported level, according to Los Angeles Tourism.

International visitation provides important context. Tourism Economics reported that Los Angeles welcomed 6.6 million international visitors in 2024 and 6.4 million in 2025, a 3% year-over-year decline. Yet Los Angeles outperformed the broader United States, where inbound international visitation fell 5.5% to 68.3 million travelers in 2025, according to the U.S. Travel Association. The comparison suggests that although Los Angeles was not immune to national travel headwinds, its global appeal helped soften their impact.

That relative resilience also underscores the importance of air connectivity and the arrival experience in maintaining Los Angeles' competitiveness as a global destination. "This summer's tournament brought the world to L.A., and Delta was proud to help make that journey possible for thousands of supporters traveling to experience one of the biggest sporting events on the planet," said Scott Santoro, Vice President of Los Angeles and Sales West at Delta Air Lines. "Our Delta people worked hard to ensure customers could focus on what mattered most being part of an unforgettable moment."

Santoro said the impact extended well beyond air travel and the matches themselves. "The tournament showcased L.A. on the world stage, driving tourism, supporting local businesses and reinforcing the city's status as a premier global destination. It also offered a preview of what's ahead as Los Angeles prepares to welcome the world again for the 2028 Summer Olympics."

Even during that challenging year, visitors generated approximately \$118 million in economic activity every day. Tourism contributed \$305 million to the City's General Fund and produced \$3.4 billion in state and local tax revenue, helping save the average Los Angeles County household approximately \$1,000 annually in taxes. The Los Angeles Convention Center also hosted

19 citywide conventions, welcoming more than 260,000 attendees and generating over 209,000 hotel room nights. More than 470 additional meetings and events produced another 254,000 room nights. "Despite a variety of headwinds impacting tourism nationally, LA's Visitor Industry continues to be one of the largest contributors to our local economy," LA Tourism President and CEO Adam Burke said. "Ensuring a sustainable future for this vital business sector is critical to the hundreds of thousands of Angelenos and the local businesses—including hundreds of small and diverse-owned businesses, whose livelihoods depend on the industry."

The data arrives as Los Angeles moves from the 2026 FIFA World Cup toward Super Bowl LXI and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The opportunity is not simply to fill stadiums. It is to convert spectators into hotel guests, restaurant customers, transit riders, cultural participants and future visitors. The World Cup provided a live test. The tournament extended into beaches, parks, restaurants and neighborhood business districts through public transportation, fan zones, watch parties, cultural programming and sponsor activations stretching from Venice and Santa Monica to Inglewood and the San Fernando Valley.

Airbnb data illustrates the geographic and economic reach of that activity. In a study commissioned by Airbnb, Deloitte projected that spending by Airbnb guests in Los Angeles and nearby communities during the World Cup could generate approximately \$183 million in business turnover, contribute \$96 million to regional GDP, support 740 full-time-equivalent jobs and produce approximately \$12 million in product-related tax revenue.

The benefits extended beyond accommodations. Deloitte projected \$15 million in turnover for food and beverage businesses, \$10 million for cultural activities, \$9 million for transportation and \$8 million for retail according to Deloitte's Airbnb World Cup economic-impact study.

As the tournament unfolded, Airbnb reported that searches for Los Angeles stays increased 63% week over week ahead of the July 10 quarterfinal. The United Kingdom, Mexico and Canada were among the leading international origins for guests, while San Diego emerged as the top destination searched after Los Angeles, evidence that major events can generate visitor movement extending beyond one host city.

Tourism Economics data shared by Santa Monica Travel & Tourism provides another measure of how World Cup activity traveled beyond the stadium. During match days across the tournament's first five weeks, Santa Monica hotels recorded a 3.7% year-over-year increase in occupancy, while average daily rates rose 42.1%. Revenue per available room—a key measure combining room rates and occupancy increased 47.3%, and total hotel revenue climbed 49.3%. Among the

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Santa Monica launches two-year vision plan for beach and Pier



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PLAN: Santa Monica launches two-year Beach and Pier Vision Plan covering nearly 250 acres of coastline.

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City planners have begun crafting a long-term blueprint for the future of Santa Monica’s beach and its landmark pier, launching a roughly two-year effort that will cover nearly 250 acres of the city’s most heavily used public space.

Senior Park Planner Tony Lopez introduced the Beach and Pier Vision Plan to the Planning Commission on July 15, describing the project as the first step in a lengthy process expected to reshape how residents and visitors experience the coastline.

“This is merely an introduction that we are starting the project,” Lopez told commissioners, adding that no formal documentation has yet begun.

The initiative grows directly out of the city’s broader Parks and Recreation Vision Plan, which the City Council adopted in January. Lopez said that plan has already produced results, including cross-department grant awards and more than \$200,000 in park improvements guided by its prioritization matrices. The beach and pier effort was identified as “action number four” within that document.

The scope of the new plan dwarfs its predecessor. While the Parks and Recreation Vision Plan addressed 144 acres of park space, the beach and pier study spans about 245 acres, including parking lots. “As you can imagine, this task ahead of us is going to be a very large one,” Lopez said.

Lopez said the roughly two-year timeline is intentional. It will allow the city to absorb lessons from a string of major events, including the recently concluded World Cup, the 2027 Super Bowl and the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. “By the time this plan is complete, we will have been able to fold in some of those learnings,” he said.

Internal staff meetings began in February.

Outreach to boards, commissions and outside stakeholders is planned through the summer and fall, with targeted demographic and general population surveys, along with pop-up events on the beach, expected in late 2026 and into 2027. The work is being coordinated with updates to the city’s Local Coastal Program.

Lopez said early discussions are deliberately broad, built around three “30,000 foot level” questions about lessons learned, opportunities for improvement and “blue sky” ideas for the future. Those questions, he said, will grow more specific as community input shapes draft recommendations.

Commissioners offered a range of feedback. Commissioner Shawn Landres urged staff to make accessibility a guiding principle and to consult the city’s disabilities and human services commissions. He pointed to equipment that lets wheelchairs reach the water’s edge, an investment he estimated at a few tens of thousands of dollars. “The principle that I would lean on is accessibility, making sure we’re building a truly accessible infrastructure,” he said.

Commissioner Nina Fresco emphasized preserving the coast’s character. “My first thought was to make sure that the pier and the beach remain family-friendly places,” she said, contrasting that goal with the arrival of digital billboards and open-carry liquor on the promenade. She urged that any new amenities be kept minimal, saying the beach already “seems a little cluttered with signage and utilities.” Fresco also praised the coastal bluff as a natural feature that is “constantly changing and is beautiful” and worth protecting.

Dining drew questions as well. Commissioner Josh Hamilton asked why the beach offers few sit-down restaurants beyond Back on the Beach. Staff pointed to

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California needs to preserve clean air and public oversight. Why Prop. 45 must be stopped

No matter what we look like or where we live, Californians want our communities to be healthy and safe from the impacts of toxic industries.

If passed, Proposition 45, which appears on the state’s November ballot, would be disastrous for communities that already live near industrial pollution, where business interests continue to build new facilities and put our health and safety at risk. Prop. 45 weakens environmental reviews, reduces community input on polluting projects, and allows wealthy corporations to shift the costs onto taxpayers and families.

This fall Californians must vote ‘no’ on it.

Prop. 45 gives polluters much more power over where and how a wide range of projects are developed. Everything, from freeway expansions to mineral extraction facilities near sensitive habitats, could be easier to build. Ecosystem-destroying dams and hazardous biomass power plants could all happen with limited public oversight. Even data centers and warehouses, while not explicitly mentioned, are legally plausible, as scholars have noted.

Prop. 45 essentially shifts power from the public agencies charged with overseeing these projects to the industrial developers backing them.

Many Californians are familiar with the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA (pronounced see-kwah), but not everyone understands how this bedrock environmental law works. CEQA helps protect communities who live closest to polluting projects by requiring that developers take steps to reduce the harms their projects will inflict on air, water and nearby communities. CEQA is frequently the only tool available to limit the worst impacts of pollution, especially when these projects are built near hospitals, parks, schools and homes.

Projects ranging from massive warehouse facilities in Fresno to dairy biogas facilities in Tulare County, for example, offer big profits for corporations, but the hidden costs are what happens to the air, water and health of the communities close to them.

Public review under CEQA offers balance. The CEQA process can and often has led to benefits, like shifted truck routes that reduce the proximity of emissions, or better air filtration to address landfill odors, or investments in technology to reduce polluted run-off water.

CEQA is community power in action.

If Prop. 45 passes, it’s not just housing

that benefits. It’s a long list of project types that could be built, and with far fewer opportunities for communities and public officials to secure these kinds of protections. Prop. 45 even gives developers a new right to sue agencies that try to impose commonsense limitations.

Without a full environmental review, many communities will face even greater public health risks. By allowing corporations to set the terms through a ballot proposition, cities and counties could be forced to use public dollars to curb the pollution private projects create.

When it’s harder for cities and counties to deny or put conditions on hazardous projects, it’s taxpayers who are forced to live with greater pollution in their backyards.

Californians have fought long and hard for state and federal laws that keep our air breathable and our water drinkable. The Trump administration has shown how quickly those protections can be cast aside. Prop. 45 suppresses California’s strongest defense against recent federal rollbacks, leaving everyone at greater risk of polluted air, polluted water and perilous risks to our health.

Special interests like for-profit utilities, tech companies and developers of luxury homes are spending millions of dollars to pass Prop. 45. The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst’s Office estimates the measure may initially cost the public more than \$100 million annually. The long-term impacts could reportedly be “more substantial.”

Prop. 45 benefits the state’s wealthiest and most powerful interests without offering any proof — or requiring any guarantees — that Californians won’t shoulder the costs.

It’s also designed to make it almost impossible for the Legislature to fix any problems the measure causes. Under Prop. 45, legislators can only amend it by a two-thirds vote — and only if an amendment “furtheres the purposes” of the measure.

More than 270 environmental justice, housing, health, labor, conservation, civil rights, climate and clean energy groups oppose Prop. 45. To defeat it, voters must stand up to the corporations that want to dismantle California’s bedrock environmental laws and take away community voices — all so they can more easily line their own pockets.

Mabel Tsang is the political director for the California Environmental Justice Alliance.

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How California voters can reform misused environmental law to boost needed projects



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BAKERSFIELD: Construction workers building an apartment complex site for an affordable housing project in Bakersfield on May 29, 2024.

Members of the California Council for Affordable Housing spend their days trying to do something that should be simple: build homes for veterans, seniors and working families who have been priced out of the communities they call home. Instead, we spend far too much time navigating an outdated project approval and permitting process that is too slow, too unpredictable and disconnected from its original purpose.

The result is fewer affordable homes, higher costs and more Californians wondering if they'll ever afford a place to live.

It doesn't have to be this way. Voters who agree should support Proposition 45, a statewide ballot measure that modernizes California's broken project approval process under the California Environmental Quality Act for essential projects, like affordable housing, while maintaining California's environmental, worker and tribal protections. It brings greater certainty and accountability to a system that too often drives up costs through years of unnecessary and avoidable delay. Let me be clear: I believe in strong environmental review. California should carefully evaluate the impacts of new development. Communities deserve a voice. Developers should be required to address legitimate concerns about air quality, water resources, traffic, wildlife and public health before construction begins. Those protections matter. Prop. 45 preserves them all and strikes a commonsense balance. Too often, I've watched CEQA (pronounced see-kwah) used to delay or

stop affordable housing that was never an environmental threat to begin with. Almost a decade ago, a nonprofit builder set out to build a 100% affordable apartment community in Redlands for veterans, families with special needs and working families. The project included 80 affordable units with onsite support services for people who had served their country and simply needed a safe, stable place to call home. It was exactly the kind of project Californians across the political spectrum say they want to see more of. Yet opponents sued to stop it — not over drinking water, endangered habitat or environmental impact, but over “aesthetics and noise.” The lawsuit was tossed out in 2018, but it triggered a wave of costly delays that added \$21 million to the project — a 70% increase, or roughly \$266,000 per affordable home. That's \$21 million that could have housed more families and veterans elsewhere. Liberty Lane Apartments opened in April, some nine years after its permits were first approved. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated example. Research shows that 87% of CEQA lawsuits target infill housing, which are homes built in urban areas near jobs and transit instead of open space. Many of the groups bringing these lawsuits often have little history of environmental advocacy. CEQA gets invoked, but the environment is rarely what's actually at stake. Every delay carries a real human cost, and the people filing these lawsuits rarely pay it.



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Erosion Control (A, C-27)	Sheet Metal (C-43)	Operable Partitions (B, C-61)
Earthwork (A, C-12)	Joint Sealants (C-61)	Lockers (B, C-61)
Asphalt Paving (A, C-12)	Doors, Frame & Hardware (B, C-6, C-61)	Residential Equipment (B, C-61)
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Fencing & Gates (C-13)	Glazing (C-17)	Theater & Stage Equipment (B, C-61)
Site Furnishings (B, C-27, C-61)	Gypsum Board & Plaster (C-9, C-35)	Window Treatments (B, C-61)
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Masonry (C-29)	Flooring (C-15)	Fire Sprinklers (C-16)
Structural Steel (C-51)	Wall Coverings (B, C-61)	Plumbing & Site Utilities (A, C-36)
Metal Decking (C-51)	Painting (C-33)	HVAC (C-20)
Rough Carpentry (B, C-5)	Visual Display (B, C-61)	Electrical (C-7, C-10, C-46)
Casework (C-6)	Specialties (B, C-61)	Final Cleaning (C-61)
Waterproofing (B, C-39)	Toilet Compartments & Acc (B, C-61)	
Insulation (C-2)	Fire Extinguishers (B, C-61)	

This bid is for Increment 2B of the project. Increment 1 is currently ongoing and consists of demolition of the existing building and installation of site utilities. Increment 2A consists of earthwork and construction of a permanent soldier pile shoring wall.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

California

Newsom Expands Homeless Encampment Partnerships to 13 California Cities

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced new agreements with Ontario, San Bernardino and San Diego to clean up homeless encampments along state highways, bringing California’s total number of city partnerships to 13.

Under the agreements, called Encampment Delegated Maintenance Agreements, the state offsets the cost for local agencies that work with the California Department of Transportation to remove encampments. The three new deals build on 10 previously executed agreements across the state.

“Our partnerships must continue delivering results — helping keep roadways clean and addressing the very real issues of homelessness in our state,” Newsom said. “By pairing historic state investments with local-level coordination, we are helping communities across California create safer, healthier places for everyone.”

Cities may perform encampment removals on the state right-of-way as long as they follow state policies and reporting requirements. Encampments that threaten public health and safety remain the top priority. Other tasks include litter and debris collection, vegetation management and graffiti abatement.

Since July 2021, Caltrans has removed nearly 26,500 encampments along the state right-of-way and collected about 457,000 cubic yards of litter and debris. The department has signed similar agreements with several cities, including San Francisco, Claremont, Commerce, Fresno, Paramount, Riverside, Santa Ana, Santa Fe Springs, San Jose and Santa Monica.

“Keeping our freeway corridors safe and clean while helping people move off the streets and into shelter is a top priority for my administration,” San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria said, thanking Newsom and Caltrans for renewing the city’s agreement.

San Bernardino Mayor Helen Tran said the agreement strengthens the city’s ability to address encampments while ensuring outreach teams continue connecting people with shelter and services. Ontario Public Works Executive Director Tito Haes said the deal will let the city’s public works, police and housing services personnel address encampments and debris more quickly.

State officials said California is outpacing the rest of the country, recording its largest reduction in homelessness in more than 15 years. According to new federal data, the state reduced unsheltered homelessness by 8,391 people, or 6.8%, last year — more than any other state and more than twice the national reduction of 2.9%. Overall homelessness dropped 2.8%, the largest numerical decline since 2009.

From 2024 to 2025, California’s total year-round bed inventory grew by 15,013 beds, from 208,794 to 223,807, the largest increase of any state. The state has created more than 87,000 beds since 2019. Newsom recently announced \$109.6 million in voter-approved Proposition 1 funding for 278 new permanent supportive homes in four communities.

The Newsom administration also pointed to housing gains since 2019, including a 59% increase in annual residential construction, from 70,000 homes in 2018 to about 111,000 in 2024. Streamlining laws have cut the average time from development application to entitlement by 57%, from 160 days to 68 days in 2024.

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- Gavin Newsom, Gov.

Los Angeles

Horvath convenes entertainment union coalition on Hollywood’s future



Courtesy Image

L.A: Supervisor Horvath met with leaders of the Entertainment Industry Union Coalition after the County’s motion to research the Paramount-WB merger and amid efforts to support the film and television industry in LA County.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath met last week with leaders of the Entertainment Union Coalition to discuss challenges facing the region’s film and television industry and strategies to keep production, jobs and investment local. She later introduced a motion at the Board of Supervisors meeting to support legal action against the Warner Bros.-Paramount merger.

The roundtable, led by Teamsters At-Large Vice President and Motion Picture Division Director Lindsay Dougherty, brought together representatives from unions spanning film, television, music and live production. Discussion focused on expanding production incentives, streamlining permitting, protecting workers and strengthening the county’s long-term competitiveness.

“Hollywood and our entertainment industry is too important for Los Angeles County to simply hope someone else will save it,” Horvath said. “Local leaders have an obligation and responsibility in ensuring that we remain the creative capital of the world. That means partnering with labor and studios, pushing for smarter incentives, modernizing how productions work with government, and fighting for the hundreds of thousands of workers and small businesses whose livelihoods depend on a thriving entertainment economy.”

“She has been a staunch advocate for our industry, understanding the important jobs it creates for our members and its critical economic impact for Los Angeles County and across our state,” said Rebecca Rhine, Entertainment Union Coalition president.

Horvath reaffirmed support for California’s expanded Film & Television Tax Credit Program and highlighted proposals to expand credits for post-production and commercial production. She also updated the group on the county’s response to industry consolidation, including advocacy regarding the proposed Paramount-Warner Bros. Discovery merger.

The discussion also highlighted work to implement Horvath and Supervisor Barger’s motion to strengthen production in the county, including exploring an evergreen production fund, streamlining permitting through the LA County Film Office, eliminating duplicative fees and developing a low-impact permitting process for unincorporated areas.

The coalition includes the California Federation of Labor Unions, LiUNA! Local 724, IBEW Local 40, the California IATSE Council, Teamsters Local 399, SAG-AFTRA, American Federation of Musicians Local 47, IATSE Local 892, Writers Guild of America West and the International Cinematographers Guild IATSE Local 600.

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COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

the push to delay. “I generally support what the [council of governments] is trying to do here,” Hall said, pointing to the trust’s ability to access philanthropic dollars and to make loans rather than grants. “However, I would like to continue this item ... because I want staff to go back to renegotiate some points.”

Hall’s central objection concerned money. Under the written agreement, member cities could be assessed contributions through a formula set later by the trust’s board if funding from Measure A, a half-cent countywide sales tax, runs short. “I don’t want to abdicate that authority to a board that has yet to be created,” Hall said, arguing the formula should be determined “now, before we agree to joining.”

He also questioned how the agreement defines a quorum, warning that financing decisions could be made without a majority of elected officials at the table. “You could, in theory, have public financing decisions being made by a majority of unelected technical advisors instead of elected representatives of member cities,” Hall said.

The proposed seven-member board would include one elected director from each of the four cities and three housing experts. Senate Bill 20 requires such trusts to seat at least two non-elected members with expertise in housing or homelessness policy, said Dima Galkin, a consultant with Harris & Associates who presented the plan. The technical members would have full voting rights.

Hall also faulted the compressed timeline, noting the council received the draft agreement July 22 for the July 28 meeting.

Cecilia Estolano, executive director of the Council of Governments, sought to reassure the council that the trust intended

to spend only what Measure A provides. Administrative costs would be covered for at least the first year by Measure A, she said. “We want to make sure that we only spend what is in Measure A,” Estolano said. “We are very cognizant of the tight budgets that our members have.”

Estolano said the trust would let the cities better leverage funds and issue loans to help assemble the financing, or “capital stack,” for affordable projects. If fewer than three cities join, she said, the trust would not form; the money would still flow to the council of governments, which would have to allocate it through grant programs rather than the loan format trusts typically use.

Galkin said the trust could release about \$8 million in funding later this year through a notice of funding availability, assuming all four cities join. The figure combines unspent money from the last fiscal year and the current one.

Staff emphasized that membership would not obligate Santa Monica to approve, fund or site any specific development, and would not affect the city’s land-use authority. Mayor Caroline Torosis confirmed that point “on the record” before signaling her own support. “I see this as low risk and high upside,” she said.

Councilmember Ellis Raskin seconded the motion to delay but praised the effort behind the proposal. “There’s been a tremendous network that’s gone into this, and I think we’re all looking forward to seeing this happen,” he said.

Staff said returning Sept. 8 would still leave time for the other three councils, which are expected to vote in August or September. Activities funded by the grant that paid for the trust’s formation must be concluded by Dec. 31.

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VISION PLAN

FROM PAGE 3

Proposition S, a voter-approved measure that established a beach overlay limiting dining establishments to roughly 2,000 square feet.

Commissioner Jacob Wasserman focused on mobility, calling Pacific Coast Highway “a dangerous, terrible thing between us and our beach” and suggesting a rebuilt Pier Bridge be reserved for pedestrians. He also pressed for statistically representative surveys rather than reliance on open-house attendance.

Water quality surfaced repeatedly. Commissioner Leslie Lambert said the bay is “really not that safe to swim” and questioned who bears responsibility. Lopez said the city is arranging stakeholder meetings with the Bay

Foundation and its Office of Sustainability and Environment. Commissioner Jim Ries offered a more immediate warning, urging staff to watch the pier’s condition ahead of a predicted El Niño.

Planning staff also confirmed the beach is drawing interest for the 2028 Games, with the French delegation set to occupy the Annenberg Community Beach House and a “Nation’s Village” planned near Crescent Bay Park.

Lopez said he would return to the commission as themes such as mobility, experience and vision come into sharper focus. “I’m looking forward to this process,” he said.

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TOURISM

FROM PAGE 2

Los Angeles-area submarkets analyzed, Santa Monica posted the strongest hotel revenue growth, despite being approximately 12 miles from the stadium.

The results demonstrate how destinations can capture substantial event-related value without hosting a match themselves. Santa Monica paired its hotels and recognizable coastal attractions with six weeks of community programming, sponsor activations and public events culminating in Michelob's Santa Monica Pier activation, COAST, creating additional reasons for visitors and residents to remain in the city. "Summer in Santa Monica and the World Cup delivered a great match," said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism. "The city from our residents, partners and businesses prepared, adapted and seized the moment. Our collective goal is to keep that momentum going as we prepare for major events, including the Ocean Way Festival on our beach in September, Super Bowl LXI and welcoming the world to Los Angeles for the 2028 Olympics."

That momentum will soon face another test. The inaugural Ocean Way Festival, presented by Goldenvoice, will bring two days of music, food, wellness and beach culture to Santa Monica on September 26 and 27. The progression from World Cup activations to a major beachfront music festival and then Super Bowl and Olympic opportunities shows how event infrastructure, public-private partnerships and destination marketing can build upon one another rather than beginning again with every event.

Santa Monica's performance reinforces a larger economic development lesson, a mega-

event's value should not be measured only at the stadium gate, but its reach depends on how effectively the region connects visitors with accommodations, transportation, cultural experiences and neighborhood businesses.

For Stephen Cheung, president and CEO of the Los Angeles County Economic Development (LAEDC) and World Trade Center Los Angeles, the region's diversity must be treated as an economic advantage, not simply a marketing message. "Our diversity has always been our greatest economic strength," Cheung said. "As we prepare to welcome the world for the World Cup, Super Bowl, and Olympics/Paralympics, our region must invest in the workers, entrepreneurs, and families who built what visitors will come here to see."

Mega-events deliver their greatest value when they become catalysts for broader economic participation rather than isolated moments of entertainment. Hotels, short-term rentals, transportation, restaurants, cultural institutions and neighborhood businesses collectively create the visitor experience. Los Angeles' expanding destination portfolio including LACMA's David Geffen Galleries, Destination Crenshaw, the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, West Harbor, the Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center and continuing modernization at LAX—strengthens that proposition.

The 2025 numbers are therefore neither an uncomplicated success story nor a prediction of decline, but a baseline. Los Angeles already knows how to capture global attention, now it's about transforming that attention into longer stays, stronger international visitation, wider regional spending and benefits that remain visible long after the final whistle.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 5

The cost falls on the veteran waiting for supportive housing; the senior trying to remain in the community where they raised their family; or the teacher, nurse or first responder commuting farther every year because they can't afford to live where they work.

Ultimately, it falls on taxpayers who end up paying millions more for the grants and tax credits that fund the exact same project.

Permitting delays alone add more than \$75,000 to the cost of a typical new home in California. In a state short millions of homes to meet demand, we cannot afford a project approval process that makes it harder, slower and more expensive to build the homes Californians need.

Housing isn't the only thing paying the price. The same broken process delays clean drinking water projects, transportation improvements, schools, healthcare facilities, clean energy infrastructure and other essential projects that can lower living costs and improve quality of life.

Prop. 45 does not eliminate CEQA. Every project must still comply with the state's

strongest-in-the-nation environmental laws. Cities and counties still decide what gets approved in their communities, and Californians will continue to have a voice in the process.

Prop. 45 modernizes California's project approval process by establishing clear, enforceable timelines and creating a faster, more predictable process for resolving legal challenges.

Prop. 45 won't solve every challenge contributing to California's housing crisis, but it addresses one of the biggest: a broken project approval process that drives up costs, delays essential projects and leaves Californians paying the price.

California has a choice: We can continue accepting a broken status quo, or we can update our project approval process while preserving the strong protections Californians value.

Our state doesn't have to choose between protecting the environment and building the homes and essential infrastructure our communities need. Prop. 45 enables us to do both.

Jenna Abbott is the executive director of the California Council for Affordable Housing, a trade association representing the state's affordable housing industry.

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You hesitate before pressing send. You almost put the phone down instead of making the call. You stand in the doorway for a second longer than necessary. Then you do the thing anyway, and the day changes from there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some responsibilities feel heavier than lead because they are new and you're still learning or because you've carried them too long. Either way, you rise to the occasion. You're on a streak now and don't intend to break it today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Anything "too perfect" is widely considered to be uncool. Excellence comes with a bit of damage, a quirk, or at least a strange story. That's how people know it's real.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your confidence becomes contagious. People leave conversations with you believing more is possible than they did an hour earlier. They start making plans before they reach the parking lot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships improve, not that they were ailing so much as ready to become something even more fitting for your life. Both people are ready to be more helpful, communicative, comfortable and fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll encounter people who seem apathetic to the things that really matter to you. They won't care more just because they're told to. They'll care more when they finally see why it's important.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You focus on what people do well instead of keeping score of their every mistake. You aren't excusing bad behavior. You're making room for people to keep growing. You treat them with dignity and they see themselves as dignified.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sure, you're as emotionally independent as the next person, which is to say, you're susceptible to influence. Catching vibes is only human. That's why it's crucial to surround yourself with people who embody the moods and values you want for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Problems sometimes fix themselves. They can also become non-issues because people get used to them. Real problems persist. They demand your attention until it's impossible to ignore them. If it's not really a problem, it fades into the scene.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In a world governed by the second law of thermodynamics, entropy is ever-present. So, perfect balance is either mythic or momentary. It's why you appreciate those brief moments when everything happens to line up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just when you think you know how things run, you'll discover inconsistencies, new routes and rollercoaster-like loops. That's why you no longer assume you've seen it all. You leave a door open for new possibilities to walk through.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Like the parent of a tantrum-throwing toddler in a public venue, you may momentarily concede to inconvenient and unreasonable demands just to keep the action rolling along without drama. But this will be addressed at a more opportune time.

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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Newsday Crossword

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MONDAY | AUGUST 3

COMMUNAL GARDENING @ ISHIHARA PARK

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. Communal Garden Program Work Days @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden - Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Free Come get your hands dirty in the Communal Garden Program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, a communal spot to learn and acquire gardening skills. Seasoned as well as new gardeners of all ages are welcome. Free drop in activity, no reservation needed. Visit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden site for More Information. Subject to cancellation due to weather. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-08-03T09>

SUMMER FUN AT HOLY GROUNDS

Join us at Holy Grounds on weekday mornings this summer for a cup of coffee, chats with old and new friends, and special activities at 10a! We're located at 725 California Avenue in Santa Monica. Free underground parking! Holy Grounds is the coffee bar and book/gift shop at St. Monica. Located inside the Caruso Community Center, we serve organic coffee and tea from Urth Caffe, assorted pastries and baked goods, and soft drinks. We also have a great selection of books, music, jewelry and unique religious gifts for all occasions! Free WiFi for our customers! Stop by and check us out! Mondays: Connect with our parish Navigators and find your niche at the parish. Tuesdays: Drop in for Coffee Talk with Father Vince and discuss faith issues that are of interest to you! Wednesdays: Meet up with special guests from our local community. Thursdays: Test your board games skills! Fridays: Deacon Kevin welcomes all to Book Club. Communal Gardening @ Ishihara Park 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. Communal Garden Program Work Days @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden - Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Free. Come get your hands dirty in the Communal Garden Program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, a communal spot to learn and acquire gardening skills. Seasoned as well as new gardeners of all ages are welcome. Free drop in activity, no reservation needed. Visit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden site for More Information. Subject to cancellation due to weather. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-07-06T09>

PIZZA PARTY AT BODEGA WINE BAR

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 814 Broadway Santa Monica. Every Monday Night at Bodega, every bottle of wine you purchase gets you a pizza half off! 6pm-Close. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/pizza-party-at-bodega-wine-bar/11526040/2026-08-03T18>

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater

1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months! Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED @ <https://ci.ovationtix.com/34923/production/1126449?performanceId=11576550>. \$10.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2026-08-03T19>

CASTANEA SICILIAN CAFE - EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Castanea Cafe 1307 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy 50% OFF all coffees at Castanea Venice Beach ?? Early Bird special every Mon–Thu from 9–10am. Start your morning with premium coffee at a special price – limited time offer! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/castanea-sicilian-cafe-early-bird-special/18847307/2026-08-03T21>

LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AT MARELLE - NIGHT CAP MENU

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-08-03T21>

TUESDAY | AUGUST 4

AUTHOR TALK WITH PAULA J. JOHNSON

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Join us for a conversation that's sure to warm your heart (and make your stomach rumble), as we delve into the legacy of cooking icon Julia Child with Smithsonian curator and public historian Paula J. Johnson, author of Julia Child's Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space. The book includes interviews with chefs who knew Julia well, commentary on her favorite culinary tools and kitchen gadgets, and a stunning array of photos. Julia Child's 20' x 14' kitchen was a serious workspace and recipe-testing lab that exuded a sense of mid-century homey comfort. It has been on display at the National Museum of American

History in Washington, D.C., for most of the past twenty-three years, and museum goers have made it a top destination. The kitchen contains more than one thousand parts and pieces—tools, appliances, utensils, furniture, artwork, knick-knacks, books, and bits of whimsy—all reflecting Julia's status as an accomplished chef, gastronome, delightful cooking teacher, television trailblazer, women's advocate, mentor, and generous, jovial friend. Julia Child's Kitchen (and this online conversation) is a must-have for every serious home cook and Julia Child fan. Register now to enter the discussion and learn more about how Julia Child continues to influence food today! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/author-talk-with-paula-j-johnson/19507470/2026-08-04T11>

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room at Virginia Avenue Park. Each week there will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2026-08-04T11>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO SUMMER CAMP

1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Join us for our summer art workshops for elementary age kids! In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrscm.org/event/elementary-art-studio-summer-camp-383c6> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2026-08-04T11>

WALK-IN TUTORING WITH LAURIE

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Walk-In Tutoring With Laurie Walk-in tutoring is available for any adult who needs help with internet searches, filling out forms, English conversation, reading, writing, resumes, and applications. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walk-in-tutoring-with-laurie/17128550/2026-08-04T14>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Open to all skill levels, sparking creativity through drawing, color work, collage, and mixed-media techniques. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-08-04T15>

WEEKLY WALKING CLUB

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Near Palisades Recreation Center Toyopa Drive and Alma Real Drive Pacific Palisades. A weekly walking club will meet on

Tuesdays for approximately one hour to walk 1.5 to 2 miles. The group will meet at the corner of Toyopa and Alma Real. All levels are welcome. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/weekly-walking-club/19106860/2026-08-04T16>

STAND UP 101: FIND YOUR VOICE (TUESDAYS)

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 1424 4th Street Santa Monica. ump into Stand Up! Discover your own comedic sensibility and shape it into a clear and unique point of view! 6 weeks + a Showcase! \$345.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/stand-up-101-find-your-voice-tuesdays-/19228417/2026-08-04T19>

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 5

TODDLER STORYTIME AND SONGS

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Toddler Storytime and Songs Join us for storytime on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We share stories, songs, and movement activities to build early literacy skills for toddlers aged 18 months to 3 years. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/toddler-storytime-and-songs/18526513/2026-08-05T10>

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early and be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/19479748/2026-08-05T10>

LAUGH FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wise and Healthy Aging 1527 4th Street Santa Monica. Kim Selbert, Certified Laughter Yoga Leader and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist will facilitate this class. We all need more laughter in our lives, right? Through clapping, guided breathing and gentle movement with music, we will learn how to reduce stress, become more energetic and playful and connect positively with other seniors. It's easy, fun and very uplifting. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/laugh-for-the-health-of-it/19300395/2026-08-05T11>



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