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Council approves limited affordable housing pilot program allowing units to be built off-site



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HOUSING: The ordinance addresses a construction crisis that has left thousands of approved housing units unbuilt due to high interest rates and rising construction costs.

MAAZ ALIN

SMDP Staff Write

The Santa Monica City Council voted 6-1 at its last meeting to

approve a pilot program allowing developers to build affordable housing off-site instead of requiring it as part of a development, despite concerns the policy could lead to economic segregation in the city.

Supporters said the emergency ordinance addresses a construction crisis that has left thousands of approved housing units unbuilt due to high interest rates and rising construction costs. Only two building permits for multifamily

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Santa Monica gets clean financial audit as city prepares major permitting overhaul

MAAZ ALIN

SMDP Staff Write

Santa Monica received another clean financial bill of health and is preparing to launch a major overhaul of its troubled permitting system by spring 2026, officials said during an audit subcommittee meeting.

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A US tariff exemption for small orders ends Friday. It's a big deal to some shoppers and businesses

Low-value imports are losing their duty-free status in the United States this week as part of President Donald Trump's agenda for making the nation less dependent on foreign goods and resetting global trade with tariffs

An executive order signed last month eliminates a widely used customs exemption for international shipments worth \$800 or less starting Friday, nearly two years earlier than

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Senator Allen and Assemblymember Zbur will destroy their environmental legacy by opposing SB 79

both Senate District 24 and Assembly District 51, I have long appreciated being represented by environmental leaders. Yet, both Senator Ben Allen and Assemblymember Rick Zbur have suddenly traded their environmental credentials for political cowardice in the face of wealthy NIMBYs.

Both state legislators have opposed Senate Bill 79, a consequential environmental bill that would legalize modest, walkable apartment buildings within a half mile of major transit stops. This is not a radical bill. It is the most basic, evidence-based reform necessary to ease California's housing shortage while slowing biodiversity loss, slashing carbon emissions, and tackling climate change. Scientists and our own state government agree: California cannot reach carbon neutrality by 2045 unless we build far more dense, transit-adjacent housing in our cities.

Where and how we build housing is profoundly important for the environment. It dictates how much we drive, how much untouched habitat we pave over, and how much energy we consume. Denser, walkable housing near jobs and transit gives people real alternatives to car dependence, while sparing open space from sprawl and allowing working families to live closer to jobs, schools, and opportunity. Transit-adjacent infill housing is one of the most effective tools we have for cutting emissions and protecting the Californian landscapes we

Given their careers, SB 79 should be a slam dunk. Zbur, an environmental lawyer who led California Environmental Voters, made climate justice a centerpiece of his career. Allen, also an environmental lawyer, chaired the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and the Legislative Environmental Caucus.

Yet both blinked. When SB 79 came before the State Senate, Allen gave a speech citing vague, undisclosed "concerns" and then registered a 'No Vote Recorded (NVR)', a silent No since non-votes are treated as opposition. Although the Assembly has not yet voted, Zbur has already come out against the bill, decrying it could allow "a six or seven-story building in the middle of a

single-family neighborhood" insisting it "doesn't respect the land use patterns in Southern California."

The irony is staggering: Southern California's land use patterns are exactly why we are in this environmental predicament. Decades of exclusionary zoning and car-centric planning have

As an ecologist and a constituent of locked our region into fossil fuel dependence and ever-longer commutes. By refusing to allow anything denser than sprawling single-family homes, policymakers pushed ever more Californians into high-fire risk areas and steadily chipped away at wild habitats. The tragic death of LA's most loved mountain lion, P-22, was the predictable outcome of sprawl that trapped him in a lonely corner of the Santa Monica Mountains. To defend these patterns is to defend the status quo of climate inaction, habitat destruction, and unaffordable housing.

Opposing SB 79 is not environmental stewardship but abdication of leadership. They are signaling that the appearance of neighborhoods near transit is more important than putting California on a path to carbon neutrality.

Worse yet, Zbur is directly violating one of his campaign promises. As of the writing of this op-ed, his campaign website states that he "supports building more affordable housing near transit and work hubs," the exact thing that SB 79 will legalize.

Let's be clear: voting no against the most important housing and climate reform our state has seen in a decade will tarnish both Allen and Zbur in the annals of history. No other accomplishment will outweigh a retreat from necessary and effective climate action.

Perhaps both legislators feel too politically vulnerable to risk a potentially unpopular vote. But that misunderstands the point of political capital: it exists to be spent on the votes that matter most. If Allen and Zbur are unwilling to risk their seats on a bill as vital as SB 79one that addresses climate goals as well as the housing costs burdening their constituents-then why hold office at all? They can risk angering a handful of loud voices in wealthy enclaves, or they can abandon their reputations and fail to deliver on housing and climate.

Senator Allen and Assemblymember Zbur still have time to prove their mettle as environmental stewards. When SB 79 comes before the Assembly and, after amendments, returns to the Senate, their choice will be clear: vote Yes for climate action, affordable housing, and a livable future-or vote No and be remembered for surrendering to political fear. A Yes vote will cement them as true environmental leaders willing to take the tough votes. A No vote will simply allow their environmental legacies to collapse.

History will not remember the careful,

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Park safety

Dear City Council.

On Sunday at Memorial Park, I got some throws in with my 10-year-old son. We're getting ready for Fall Ball and love the community of Santa Monica Little League.

As we strolled over to the field, a lady accused us of being spies with the U.S. Government.

Then, when my son chased one of my bad throws towards the first base line, he returned and asked me about the one-sock dancer that muttered gibberish in the empty bleachers.

Behind us, across Olympic, a man lying on the sidewalk scratched himself. There were no other children in sight, but we could see a hooded figure slowly pushing a stroller full of trash near the restroom.

And then it occurred to me: I wonder if people avoid parks in Santa Monica because the parks have been reduced to this? And is this the long-term future of Santa Monica? At this point, does the city have any sort of formal plan to actually get these people the care (and sometimes coercion) that they need, not only for their sake, but for the sake of future generations?

Thank you,

Josh Randall

COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Monica

Community Garden Program Offers Free September Events for

The Santa Monica Community Garden Program will host four free educational events in September, offering residents opportunities to learn about sustainable gardening practices and volunteer in local community spaces.

The monthly Orchard Care Crew will meet Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9-11 a.m. at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. Participants can learn citrus tree care techniques while helping tend 18 citrus trees in the park's orchard. Activities include mulching, pest management, feeding and pruning under supervision of the Orchard Management Team. The orchard is located at the park's eastern end, past the small playground.

Those interested in regular volunteering can register at https://santamonica.volunteermatters.org/volunteer/account?redirectUrl=%2Fvolunteer%2Fregister.

A Rain Barrel Distribution event will take place Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Reed Park Community Garden at the Miles Playhouse, 1133 7th Street. Attendees can learn about rainwater harvesting, rain barrel setup and maintenance. Santa Monica residents may qualify for rebates up to \$200 per rain

Rain barrels can be pre-ordered at https://www.rainbarrelsintl.com/events/santa-monica. Rebate applications are available at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/Rebates/Rain_Harvest_Rebate.aspx. Information about programs outside Santa Monica can be found at http://www.socalwatersmart.com.

The event will feature the new demonstration garden showcasing low-water pollinator-friendly plantings and edible crops. City staff will discuss landscape rebate programs, and professional landscape architects will answer questions. More information is available at https://www.santamonica.gov/events/48vkh5szxxqky2prxfbcrfnf4k/202509130900.

"Dosas, Waffles and a Workday" will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9-11 a.m. at Ishihara Park Learning Garden. The Salecha Family will prepare Indian dosas alongside garden-inspired waffles. Activities include insect observation, harvesting and community orchard expansion work.

Ishihara Park Learning Garden produces approximately 5,000 pounds of fresh produce annually and processes 10,000 pounds of kitchen scraps into compost. More information: https://www.santamonica.gov/ events/4xrv4d6753tkbt65ggn68fkmmz/202509200900.

The final event, a DIY Raised Garden Bed Demonstration, will occur Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9-11 a.m. at Marine Park Community Garden, 1406 Marine Street. Ongoing demonstrations will show how to build raised beds for various spaces. The garden is located between the tennis courts and homes on the park's

More information: https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4zwvgdfrvw6y7xfba6anrrh5dk/202509270900.

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DAILY





Surf report

WATER TEMP: 71.4

WEDNESDAY | SURF: 2-3ft+

Thigh to stomach

SSW swell peaks for the week. Morning tide push is the best window of the day. SSW swell mix is up just another peg for summer exposures. Will also see a subtle lift in SSE tropical swell for exposures. Surf for decent breaks across North LA will run waist-chest high, larger sets to head high for good breaks mainly west of Dume. There's not much NW windswell in the mix and that'll favor spots with some structure, though the tropical energy could help select spots.

THURSDAY

SURF: 2-3ft+

Thigh to stomach

Long period S swell joins in, SSW swell eases, tropical swell may join the mix. SSW swell from Wednesday remains pretty fun and new, long period S swell tops out. Tropical SSE/S swell shows a little better, but at this point anything from the tropics is expected to remain smaller than the SPAC energy. Should boost consistency in a meaningful way, though. A few more open corners/sections to work with at the beachbreaks but without much NW windswell spots with some structure remain the call. Wind currently looks light for the AM before onshore WNW flow builds in the PM.



high near 76.

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 75. Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing

clouds, with a low around 65. Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a

Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with

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2025/08/27	Wed	6:48 PM	1.52	L
2025/08/28	Thu	12:38 AM	3.79	Н
2025/08/28	Thu	06:09 AM	1.92	L
2025/08/28	Thu	12:46 PM	4.89	Н
2025/08/28	Thu	7:45 PM	1.64	L
2025/08/29	Fri	01:37 AM	3.18	Н
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Draw Date: 8/25

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SUBJECT:

Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council regarding proposed amendments to the text of the City's Zoning Ordinance related to projects utilizing State law permitting subdivisions of up to 10 units on residentially zoned parcels and projects consisting of duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider Resolutions recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance to (1) allow the establishment of Accessory Dwelling Units in conjunction with projects utilizing Senate Bills 1123 and 684 as codified in California Government Code Sections 65852.28 and 66499.41, (2) modify certain requirements and development standards for projects utilizing Senate Bill 1123 to ensure project feasibility, and (3) modifying the City's ordinance for the establishment of duplexes and lot splits on parcels zoned for single-unit residential to clarify State law requirements and to establish local provisions separate from State law.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

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

Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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

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

Address your comments to: Ross Fehrman, AICP, Principal Planner
Re: Subdivisions and Development in Residential Zoning Districts

VIA E-MAIL: VIA MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov City Planning Division 1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28 Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Ros Fehrman by e-mail at Ross.Fehrman@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

ESPAÑOL

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Trump administration threatens some funding for 3 states for not enforcing trucker English rules

California, Washington and New Mexico could lose millions of dollars of federal funding if they continue failing to enforce English language requirements for truckers, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said Tuesday.

An investigation launched after a deadly Florida crash involving a foreign truck driver who made an illegal U-turn on Aug. 12 found what Duffy called significant failures in the way all three states are enforcing rules that took effect in June after one of President Donald Trump's executive orders. He said the department was also already reviewing how states were enforcing the rules before the crash

Truckers are supposed to be disqualified if they can't demonstrate English proficiency and Duffy said the driver involved in the crash that killed three should not have ever been given a commercial driver's license because of his immigration status. But the crash has become increasingly political with the governors of California and Florida criticizing each other and Duffy highlighting the Trump administration's immigration concerns in interviews.

But Duffy said Tuesday that it is a safety issue — not a political one — because truckers need to understand road signs and be able to communicate with law enforcement about what they are hauling if they are pulled over or what happened if there is an accident.

"This is about keeping people safe on the road. Your families, your kids, your spouses, your loved ones, your friends. We all use the roadway, and we need to make sure that those who are driving big rigs — semis — can understand the road signs, that they've been well trained," Duffy said.

DUFFY SAYS THESE STATES AREN'T ENFORCING THE RULES

The Transportation Department said California has conducted roughly 34,000 inspections that found at least one violation since the new language standards took effect requiring truck drivers be able to recognize and read road signs and communicate with authorities in English. But only one inspection involved an English language rules violation that resulted in a driver being taken out of service. And 23 drivers with violations in other states were allowed to continue driving after inspections in California.

He cited similar statistics for the other states with Washington finding more than 6,000 violations of safety rules during inspections, but only pulling four drivers out of service for English language violations. New Mexico has not placed any drivers out of service since the rules took effect.

Duffy said the states will lose money from the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program if they don't comply with the rules within 30 days. Duffy said California could lose \$33 million, Washington could lose \$10.5 million and New Mexico could lose \$7 million.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom's press office said on the X platform that the Trump

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- Sean Duffy, Transportation Secretary

administration is just trying to deflect responsibility for the crash. The other two states did not immediately respond Tuesday.

"This is rich. The Trump Administration approved the federal work permit for the man who killed 3 people — and now they're scrambling to shift blame after getting caught. Sean's nonsense announcement is as big a joke as the Trump Administration itself," Newsom's office said.

FLORIDA CRASH KILLED THREE PEOPLE

Three people were killed when truck driver Harjinder Singh made an illegal U-turn on a highway, according to Florida's Highway Patrol. He is being held without bond after being charged with three state counts of vehicular homicide and immigration violations.

A nearby minivan slammed into Singh's trailer as he made the turn on a highway about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of West Palm Beach. Singh and his passenger were not injured.

Diamond R. Litty, the elected public defender in St. Lucie County, said her office was provisionally assigned to Singh's case during his initial appearance Saturday morning. A review of his finances will determine whether Litty's office remains on the case

Litty said her office will focus on the criminal charges against Singh, who is presumed innocent, but they will also work

COMMUNITY NEWS

Culver City

Theatre Palisades Stages 'The Wisdom of Eve' After Losing Venue to Firestorm

Theatre Palisades will present "The Wisdom of Eve" by Mary Orr from Sept. 5-21 at The Blue Door theater in Culver City, marking the company's second production of 2025 after losing their Pierson Playhouse, located in Pacific Palisades, in January's wildfire.

The play, which inspired the classic film "All About Eve," follows the seemingly innocent Eve Harrington as she arrives as a devoted fan of legendary actress Margo Crane and becomes her personal assistant. As Eve pursues the spotlight, her ambition unleashes manipulation and betrayal that threatens careers and friendships.

The production explores themes of envy, manipulation and the ruthless pursuit of success in the cutthroat world of Broadway. Director Sherman Wayne leads a cast that includes Philip Bartolf, Isabella DiBernardino, Steve Frankenfield, Manfred Hofer, Martha Hunter, Richard Johnson, Sara Kaner, Maria O'Connor, Eric Trigg and Amy Witkowski. Martha Hunter produces for Theatre Palisades.

Performances run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. at The Blue Door theater, 9617 Venice Blvd. The show has a runtime of two hours and 30 minutes with intermission.

General admission tickets cost \$25, with discounts available for seniors and students at \$22. An early bird special offers \$5 off with promo code WISDOM5 at checkout. The production contains adult language and situations.

The Blue Door is accessible via the Culver City Expo Metro Station, located a short walk east on Venice Boulevard. Street meter parking is available in the local neighborhood, and two Culver City municipal pay lots are located at 3846 Cardiff Ave. and 3844 Watseka Ave.

For tickets and more information, visit www.TheatrePalisades.org or call (310) 454-1970.

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THE WISDOM OF EVE: Tickets are available for Sept. 5 - 21.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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nuanced speeches hedging against SB 79. It will remember whether California's so-called environmental leaders had the courage to act when the decision was in their hands. Assemblymember Zbur and Senator Allen: if you will not support SB

79 for the sake of your own legacy,

then do it for our children who must live in the world you leave behind.

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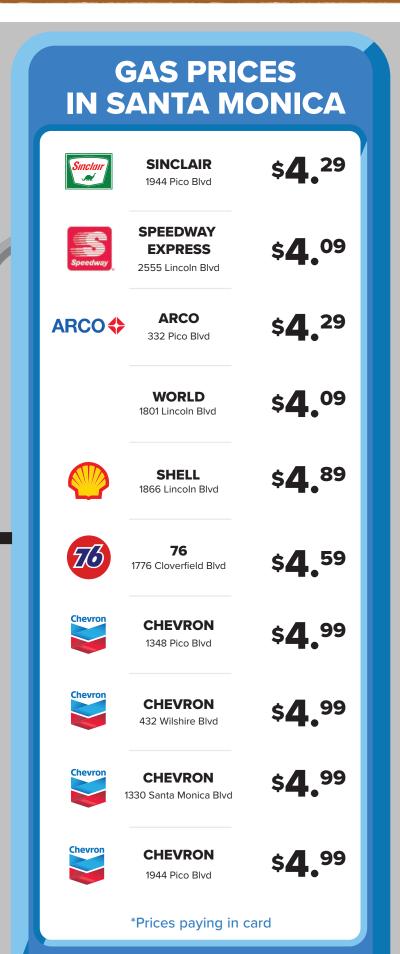
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GasBuddy has released its annual Labor Day gas price forecast predicting that average gas prices on the last summer holiday weekend of 2025 will be \$3.15 per gallon, 14 cents lower than in 2024, and the lowest price at the pump since Labor Day since 2020.

While it will be the most affordable Labor Day weekend to fill up for most in the last five years, gas prices in nearly half of all states have risen in the last month due to localized refinery outages. However, motorists can expect more relief to arrive in the weeks ahead as much of the nation will see the transition back to cheaper winter gasoline in mid-September. Gasoline demand will also soon begin to fall with the conclusion of the summer as motorists take fewer road trips and as temperatures start to cool off.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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units have been issued in Santa Monica this year—one for affordable housing and another for a three-unit project.

Mayor Lana Negrete cast the lone dissenting vote, warning the program could create "modern-day redlining just in a much subtler form."

"This pilot risks accelerating that imbalance," Negrete said. "Off-site inclusionary housing...still tends to push affordable units to where the land is the cheapest. That's not integration, that's not diversity."

The pilot program offers three options for developers to meet affordable housing requirements: constructing units off-site with \$150,000 per unit in gap financing, rehabilitating existing uninhabitable units, or paying in-lieu fees of \$43.91 per square foot for apartments and \$51.30 per square foot for condominiums.

The pilot program is limited to 1,000 units and set to expire on September 30, 2025, with staff directed to return with more data for potential renewal.

The program targets approximately 40 housing projects that received approval but remain stalled. City records show up to 3,598 approved market-rate units and 642 affordable units across 37 projects could potentially be eligible.

Staff reported the residential construction industry faces "significant financial challenges due to macroeconomic and global political factors," including elevated interest rates, construction material cost volatility, and labor shortages. Local factors such as the city's Measure GS transfer tax have further complicated construction financing.

Council member Jesse Zwick supported the measure, arguing economic realities demand flexible solutions.

"The status quo is not working—absolutely nothing is getting built right now," Zwick said. "We need to adapt our rules to this economy because it's not changing anytime soon."

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This ordinance is likely to produce in excess of a thousand units of housing and 100 affordable units

- Sam Shapiro Klene

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Supporters argued the program would unlock thousands of housing units, while critics worried about inadequate affordable housing production and insufficient public input.

"This ordinance is likely to produce in excess of a thousand units of housing and 100 affordable units," said supporter Sam Shapiro Klene.

Opposition came from housing advocates who questioned the program's effectiveness. Mike Soloff from Santa Monica for Renters' Rights criticized the rushed timeline, saying the organization received only five days' notice about the proposal's details.

The program includes safeguards prohibiting off-site affordable units in the Pico neighborhood, where affordable housing is already concentrated. Under the off-site construction option, developers have up to 48 months after building permit issuance to begin affordable housing construction, with possible 12-month extensions.

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TRUMP

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with an immigration attorney to determine how Singh's status affects the case. After more than three decades at her position, Litty said she can't recall a case that garnered more attention than this one.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Singh has been caught in the crosshairs of politics," Litty said.

But the head of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association trade group that represents small-business truck drivers praised Duffy's announcement.

"Basic English skills are critical for safely operating a commercial motor vehicle — reading road signs, following emergency instructions, and communicating with law enforcement are not optional. The fatal crash in Florida this month tragically illustrates what's at stake," the group's president, Todd Spencer, said.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY TRUCK DRIVER WAS IN U.S. ILLEGALLY

The Department of Homeland Security has said Singh, a native of India, was in the country illegally. So Duffy said he should not have been granted a commercial driver's licenses by Washington and California. He said New Mexico should have pulled Singh off the road for not speaking English after he was pulled over in July because he later

failed a test given by DOT investigators after

California is one of 19 states, in addition to the District of Columbia, that issues licenses regardless of immigration status. Supporters say that lets people work, visit doctors and travel safely.

But in addition, Newsom's office said California officials followed all the rules when it issued a license for Singh in July 2024 and at that time, the federal government confirmed he was in the country legally. Newsom has also said Singh obtained a work permit during Trump's first term, which Homeland Security officials disputed. Newsom also said the permit was renewed in April and federal officials have not addressed

Florida authorities have said Singh entered the U.S. illegally from Mexico in 2018. Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis said Tuesday that Singh should have never received a commercial driver's license.

"You're not allowed to issue a CDL to somebody who is not in this country legally. You're not allowed to issue a CDL to somebody who is not capable of understanding traffic signs," DeSantis said, calling the crash an "avoidable tragedy."

By JOSH FUNK AP Transportation Writer. Associated Press writers David Fischer, Kate Payne, Morgan Lee and Eugene Johnson contributed to this report.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

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The city has consistently earned an unmodified opinion, the highest form of financial assurance, on its annual financial statements for at least four years, according to Ryan Domino, a partner with auditing firm LSL, who presented the interim audit results.



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- Armine Chaparyan, Community Development Director

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"The staff here do work very hard to maintain good controls over the accounting," Domino told the committee. "Overall, I do believe that staff do a very good job in having good policies and procedures."

However, the audit identified several areas requiring attention, including delayed bank reconciliations and the need for better capital asset tracking across city departments.

MAJOR PERMITTING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PLANNED

The city is moving forward with replacing its current permitting system with a new platform called 'Clarity' in what Community Development Director Armine Chaparyan called "a massive system" implementation.

"Our goal is to continue using our existing system, and we are not ready to transition into Clarity at all. We're not just there yet," Chaparyan said, acknowledging concerns about potential system failures during rollout.

The new system aims to address longstanding complaints about permit processing delays by allowing multiple departments to work simultaneously on applications rather than sequentially. Currently, permits must pass through various city departments, including building and safety, public works, and code enforcement, often creating bottlenecks. "When we say permitting, people always assume it's just in one division. It actually is not," Chaparyan explained. "There are so many that touch it."

The director said she is conducting field observations and analyzing internal operations to identify specific bottlenecks that may not be resolved by the new system alone.

CUSTOMER SERVICE INITIATIVES LAUNCH

The city has launched several customer service improvements while preparing for the larger system overhaul. A new 'business concierge' program connects businesses struggling with city processes to dedicated staff ambassadors who guide them through requirements.

"Our biggest goal is to retain businesses. It's to help our existing business to stay in business but expand," Chaparyan said. The program has already received about three dozen inquiries since launching.

The city is also exploring artificial intelligence tools that could pre-screen permit applications against city codes before submission, potentially reducing review times. California has entered into a contract for similar AI software that Santa Monica may be able to access through state procurement agreements.

ASSET TRACKING ISSUES PERSIST

The audit highlighted ongoing challenges with tracking city assets, particularly the disconnect between financial records and departmental inventory systems. The city's fleet management system tracks all vehicles, while the financial system only records assets worth more than \$50,000.

"The financial system was never set up to be the physical asset inventory," explained Oscar Santiago from the city manager's office. Staff are working to synchronize these systems by June 2026.

INTERNAL AUDIT FOCUSES ON 311 SYSTEM

Baker Tilly, the city's internal auditing firm, is conducting a performance audit of the 311 customer service system, which handled 55,000 requests last year with a team of five full-time staff members.

The audit will examine how the 311 system coordinates across departments and whether the city is using data effectively to allocate resources and identify service trends.

Councilmember Dan Hall expressed particular interest in understanding whether all residents use the system equally, noting that "our wealthier and more in tuned residents probably utilize 311 quite heavily," while low-income, non-English speakers may not.

The meeting began with the swearing-in of new subcommittee member Juan Matute, bringing the committee to full capacity as it oversees the city's financial oversight and operational improvements.

The audit subcommittee will receive updates on the Clarity system implementation and other initiatives at future meetings as the city works to address long-standing operational challenges while maintaining its strong financial standing.

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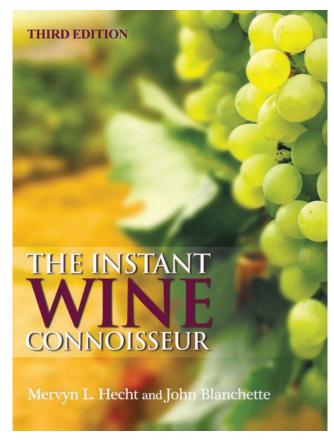
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the deadline set in the tax cuts and spending bill approved by Congress.

Although the president previously ended the "de minimis" rule for inexpensive items sent from China and Hong Kong, having to pay import taxes on small parcels from everywhere else likely will be a big change for some small businesses and online shoppers.

Purchases that previously entered the U.S. without needing to clear customs will require vetting and be subject to their origin country's applicable tariff rate, which can range from 10% to 50%. For the next six months, carriers handling orders sent through the global mail network also can choose a flat duty of \$80 to \$200 per package instead of the value-based

In response, the national postal services of more than a dozen countries said they would temporarily suspend sending some or most U.S.-bound packages due to confusion over processing and payment requirements. Japan and Switzerland on Monday joined Australia, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, India, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Denmark, Thailand, the U.K. and New Zealand in saying they would pause shipments.

EXEMPTION CREATED IN 1938 FOR \$1 IMPORTS

The Trump administration says the exemption has become a loophole that foreign businesses exploit to evade tariffs and criminals use to get drugs, counterfeit products and other contraband into the U.S. Former President Joe Biden and members of Congress also discussed the issue.

Other countries have similar exemptions, but the threshold is usually lower. For example, 150 euros (\$175) is the value limit in the 20 European Union countries that use the euro as their official currency. The U.K. allows foreign businesses to send parcels worth up to 135 pounds (\$182) without incurring tariff

In the U.S., the "de minimis" — Latin for lacking significance or importance exemption started in 1938 as a way to save the federal government the time and expense of collecting duties on imported goods with a retail value of \$1 or less. U.S. lawmakers eventually increased the eligibility cutoff to \$5 in 1990, to \$200 in 1993 and to \$800 in 2015, according to the Congressional Research

Since then, the number of shipments claiming de minimis treatment has exploded. A total of 1.36 billion packages with a combined value of \$64.6 billion reached the U.S. last year, compared to 134 million packages sent under the exemption in 2015, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency reported.

About 60% of the 2024 shipments came from China and Hong Kong, according to an analysis logistics firm Flexport prepared based on U.S. government data. Multiple countries and regions accounted for the remainder, including Canada, Mexico, the European Union, India and Vietnam.

BOUTIQUE OWNER ANTICIPATES HIGHER COSTS FOR EUROPEAN APPAREL

Proponents of limiting the exemption argue that it has served as a way for China-founded retail platforms like Temu and Shein to flood the U.S. with low-priced goods. The National Council of Textile Organizations said the move would help close a "backdoor pipeline for cheap, subsidized, and often illegal, toxic and unethical imports." But some smaller American companies that rely on imported products and materials benefited from the exemption too.

Kristin Trainor is worried the end of de minimis will also mean the end of Diesel and Lulu's, her 3-year-old boutique in Avon, Connecticut. Over 70% of the women's clothes and accessories she stocks comes from small fashion houses in France, Italy and Spain. Trainor places small batch orders each week that fall under the \$800 threshold.

"Our business model is to provide casual chic and unique clothes at affordable prices," she said. "The added customs and duty charges that will go into effect on Aug. 29 will eliminate that affordability. "

Trainor said she was looking to replace her European vendors with ones based in the U.S. But her bestselling product categories, such as apparel made of Italian linen, come from other countries. She estimates a simple linen sundress that cost \$30 wholesale at the beginning of the year will rise to \$43 next month.

After a corporate career, Trainor opened the store to have more time with her 9-yearold son and her 91-year old father. Raising the boutique's prices to absorb part of the import charges would help offset higher shipping and logistics costs, but Trainor worries her customers will balk at higher prices.

"I have not made any official announcements to my customers just yet, although they have started to ask if I will stay open as they understand the economic impacts that are occurring," she said. "At this point, I am leaning more and more towards closing the boutique,

TRADE AGREEMENT DOESN'T SHIELD PROD-**UCTS FROM MEXICO AND CANADA**

Ken Huening started CoverSeal, his business making and selling protective covers for cars, motorcycles, grills and patio furniture, in 2020. The company is based in Los Gatos, California, and the covers are manufactured in Mexico and China. When a customer places an order, it ships from Mexico.

Although a trade agreement that took effect in 2020 has made most goods from Mexico and Canada exempt from country-specific U.S. tariffs, the withdrawal of the de minimis rule applies to all countries.

Huening said he'll either have to raise prices or end free shipping now that his products will be taxed when they are sent from Mexico to U.S. customers. He's looked at setting up a U.S. production and logistics network but says domestic sewing facilities and textile manufacturers do not exist for the engineered fabric used in CoverSeal's products.

"We are often asked why we don't just establish a U.S. supply chain," he said. "It is not possible in the short term. By the time the infrastructure is established, many companies and small businesses will be out of business."

Shannen Knight imports hard-to-find sports goggles and glasses as the owner of A Sight For Sport Eyes, her online store and shop in West Linn, Oregon. She routinely received shipments from the U.K., the Netherlands and Italy that fell under the de minimis dollar

Knight estimated that she would need to raise the retail price of the rugby goggles she gets from Italy by 50%. It took the International Rugby Board two years of testing to approve the Italian-made goggles, a specialty item without strong prospects for stateside production, she

"There are products that it just makes sense to be made internationally, where there is the stronger demand for them, but there still is some demand for in the U.S.," Knight said.

By MAE ANDERSON AP Business Writer

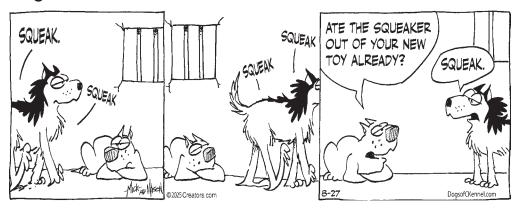
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FIND THE WORDS

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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	Ball	Coyne	Hot dog	Play	Tobin
	Beer	Daley	Ice	Raper	Tracey
	Big	Dunn	Injury	Roar	Try
	Bozo	Easts	Jack	Ruck	Tupou
	Cameron	Eels	Keen	Save	Upgrade
	Munster	Fit	Kicks	Scrum	Urge
	Cleary	Gagai	Lewis	Sharks	Ward
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll encounter something in wonky form. To make this appealing or useful, work must go in, like new thought, adjustment or negotiation. Your job isn't to accept it as is, but get in there and turn it into what works for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You hold your own standards and stay curious about people who live differently. Being firm in yourself but open with others is a balance that allows for less conflict and better relationships. It's emotional maturity in action.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've an aim today, and you feel good about going after it. As for friction, it still exists, but you don't pick it up. Focus on it, and your refusal to entertain it or engage with it makes your choices flow in a clear progression to the goal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Questions come, but you're under no obligation to answer them, especially the ones you feel weird about. Or even if you just want to withhold information out of a sense of strategy, it's your prerogative. Keep some mystery. It suits you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Past challenges gave you skills. You'll find yourself in a situation where you can offer an example drawn from your own experience with hardship. Since you've been through it, you're uniquely knowledgeable about how to move forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You aren't chasing adventure, but it finds you on this day offering delightful and unexpected fun. Your intention, style and presence turn a regular task into a mini-quest. It's a little twist of fate that makes your day feel enchanted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've accumulated a lot: connections, tasks, passions, stuff. Some of it happened gradually, some all at once, but now it's clear that you're carrying more than is sustainable. Reassess. What's worth it?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll trade control for expansion. Good for you. It's a power move indeed. Defining something too soon can box it in or shrink its potential, while leaving space for mystery allows things to grow in unexpected and possibly amazing ways.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You show up the way you said you would. You expect others to do the same. You value follow-through, and you get it because you don't tolerate flakiness. Once is forgiven. Twice is a pattern. Three strikes, they're out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The tendency to go into debt isn't limited to finance. The debt between people? That's the most interesting kind. That's where values are truly subjective, which makes for some inspired, creative and, in today's case, astoundingly nonsensical arrangements that feel, nonetheless, so right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't fix what's not broken. You may think something is showing signs of wear, but until it's really showing you a problem, it's going to be more trouble to improve it than it's worth. Let working things work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Moving your body through physical effort will do more than just improve your fitness. It will create a stronger internal link between your thoughts, instincts and actions. Your body starts listening more closely to your mind's focus.

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

ACROSS

- 1 Sculptor's moldable material
- 5 Attend a party
- 9 con carne
- 14 Extreme anger
- 15 Imitated
- 16 Varnish ingredient
- 17 Phone app image
- 18 Pressed a doorbell
- 19 Knighted singer _ John
- 20 Assume what's being asked
- **23** In __ of (instead of)
- 24 Witch's spell
- 25 Egyptian snake
- 28 Magician's cry
- 31 Lobster eater's wear
- 34 Careless mistake
- 36 Metal in pewter
- 37 Edible ice cream holder
- 38 Ask a neighbor for sweetener
- 42 Fencing sword
- 43 Meat in an omelet
- 44 Trim back, as a tree
- 45 "Absolutely!"
- 46 Reveal, as a secret
- 49 Complete collection
- 50 "See va!"
- 52 Smallest of a litter
- 54 Commit an infield "theft"
- 61 Clip fleece from
- 62 Horse's foot
- 63 Predatory dolphin

64 Stockpile greedily

- 65 Puerto Rico or Maui
- 66 Close by
- 67 Groups of cattle
- 68 Have to have
- 69 Repair, as a sock

DOWN

- 1 Infant's bed
- 2 Doily fabric

Barbra

- 3 Extremely eager
- 4 Boy portrayed by
- 5 Long term occupation
- 6 Not transparent
- 7 Eatery's list
- 8 Border line
- 9 Large Greek island

25 Monks' residence

26 Hill to ski on

22 Gleamed

10 DNA shape

12 Roaring feline

13 Quaint lodging

21 Big African beast

- 27 Holes of sponges
- 29 Step heavily (on)
- 30 Country singer
- McGraw
- 31 Not genuine
- 32 Silly
- 33 Flat French hat
- 35 Rock that might have copper
- 37 Mongrel dog

11 "That's all there __ it" 40 Jazz horn, for short

HOWEVER NECESSARY by Steve Faiella Edited by Stanley Newman

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41 Pay out

39 Auto tire

- 47 Black-and-orange bird
- 48 Used a Web browser
- 50 Goatee, for example 51 Golf course distances
- 53 Govt.-debt
- investment
- 54 Sneaker or moccasin
- **55** Shed a ___ (weep)
- 56 Slender
- 57 Hydrant attachment
- 58 Vicinity
- 59 Lasting mark
- 60 Be worthy of

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- 61 "Quiet!"

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GUIDED MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. Welcome.. pease join daily at 10 am for a 45 minute guided mindfulness meditation which will also include a short loving friendliness meditation at the end. Give yourself the love and attention you deserve by developing your mind, finding peace and creating community. Everyone is welcome. Please bring the appropriate attire for sun and wind along with a cushion or chair. We will meet by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center Van at the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South lot across from the Ocean View Park tennis and basketball court. Use these coordinate 33.999050,-118.484385.. please arrive 5 minutes early to set up and check the schedule for any changes or cancellations Stacey has been meditating and studying Buddhism for over 25 years. She has studied under some of the most prominent Buddhist scholars and Meditation teachers in both the Ch'an (Zen) and Theravada tradition and has traveled and lived in Myanmar and Sri Lanka to further her knowledge and practice. Stacey has been teaching meditation since 2018 and started leading retreats in person and on line since 2021. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/guidedmindfulness-meditation/16169673/2025-08-27T10

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WALKING MEDITATION

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Los Angeles. 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 and check schedule for any changes or cancellations. Stacey has been meditating and studying Buddhism for over 25 years. She has studied under some of the most prominent Buddhist scholars and Meditation teachers in both the Ch'an (Zen) and Theravada tradition and has traveled and lived in Myanmar and Sri Lanka to further her knowledge and practice. Stacey has been teaching meditation since 2018 and started leading retreats in person and on line since 2021. Stacey is an extremely dedicated Buddhist practitioner, and nothing gives her more pleasure than sharing what she's spent decades learning with others, especially with the nomadic community. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/ walking-meditation/16206460/2025-08-28T14

TULUM THURSDAYS

6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Loulou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica PI #300 Santa Monica. Tulum Thursdays at LouLou Santa MonicaEvery Thursday from 6:00 PM -Step into LouLou's signature Bohemian Chic haven where the elegance of Tulum meets the coastal glamour of Santa Monica.Sunset rooftop vibes Afro-Tribal House beats by DJ Yanicrash Live percussion performancesCocktails, cuisine & curated momentsInspired by the spirit of Ibiza, Mykonos, and the Riviera Maya, Tulum Thursdays are a ritual of rhythm, flavor, and barefoot luxury. Watch the LouLou experience LouLou Santa MonicaTulum Thursdays: Every Thursday from 6:00 PM395 Santa Monica Pl #300, Santa Monica, CA 90401(323) 410 - 2337info@ loulousantamonica.comloulousantamonica.com. https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tulumthursdays/16369530/2025-08-28T18

FRIDAY | AUGUST 29

DISNEY ANIMATED FILMS

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. California Heritage Museum 2612 Main Street Santa Monica. Disney Animated Films showcases more than 100 original works of art from the production of Disney's most cherished animated classics including Bambi, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp and more. We offer visitors an intimate glimpse behind the scenes of filmmaking history. All artwork is generously on loan from the prestigious Mark Hilbert Collection. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-animated-films/16449187/2025-08-29T11

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave. Santa Monica. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-08-22T18

SATURDAY | AUGUST 30

BEGINNER REFORMER PILATES AT GOOD BODY PILATES STUDIO

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Good Body Pilates Studio 3229 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica Good Body Pilates Studio Santa Monica. Start your Saturday feeling strong, centered, and energized with our Beginner Reformer Pilates Class at Good Body Pilates Studio, taught by expert instructor Kylie. This group class is perfect for those new to Pilates or anyone looking to reconnect with the fundamentals in a welcoming and supportive environment. No experience necessary! Located in the heart of Santa Monica on Pico Boulevard, right across from Trader Joe's, our boutique studio is surrounded by great local coffee shops and restaurants, making it the perfect place to kick off your weekend. Plenty of metered parking available on Pico Blvd, and both metered and free street parking available on Urban Ave. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/ beginner-reformer-pilates-at-good-body-pilatesstudio/16094481/2025-08-30T10

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-08-30T11

BRISK FESTIVAL LA 2025

6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Morgan-Wixson Theatre 2627 Pico Bvd Santa Monica. Brisk Festival LA Celebrates Its 5th Edition with 49 Plays, 33 in English and 16 in Spanish, Over 200 Artists, and a Fresh Take on Contemporary Theater. From August 16 to September 7, 2025, Brisk Festival LA returns to the Morgan-Wixson Theater with a bold new edition showcasing 49 short plays-33 in English and 16 in Spanishwritten, directed, and performed by over 200 artists from across the globe. Following the successful launch of its first international edition in Buenos Aires, the festival is back in Los Angeles to celebrate five editions of storytelling that transcends language and geography. Produced by Full Emotions and founded by actor and filmmaker Christian Rodrigo. Brisk has become a vital platform for independent theater, amplifying new voices and fostering cultural exchange through the performing arts. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brisk-festival-la-2025/16402497/2025-08-30T18

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Saturday, September 20, 2025

Check-In, Dinner & Bar | 5:00 PM Poker Lessons | 5:30 PM

First Hand Dealt | 6:00 PM SHARP

Santa Monica Moose Lodge | 1600 Ocean Park Blvd.



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