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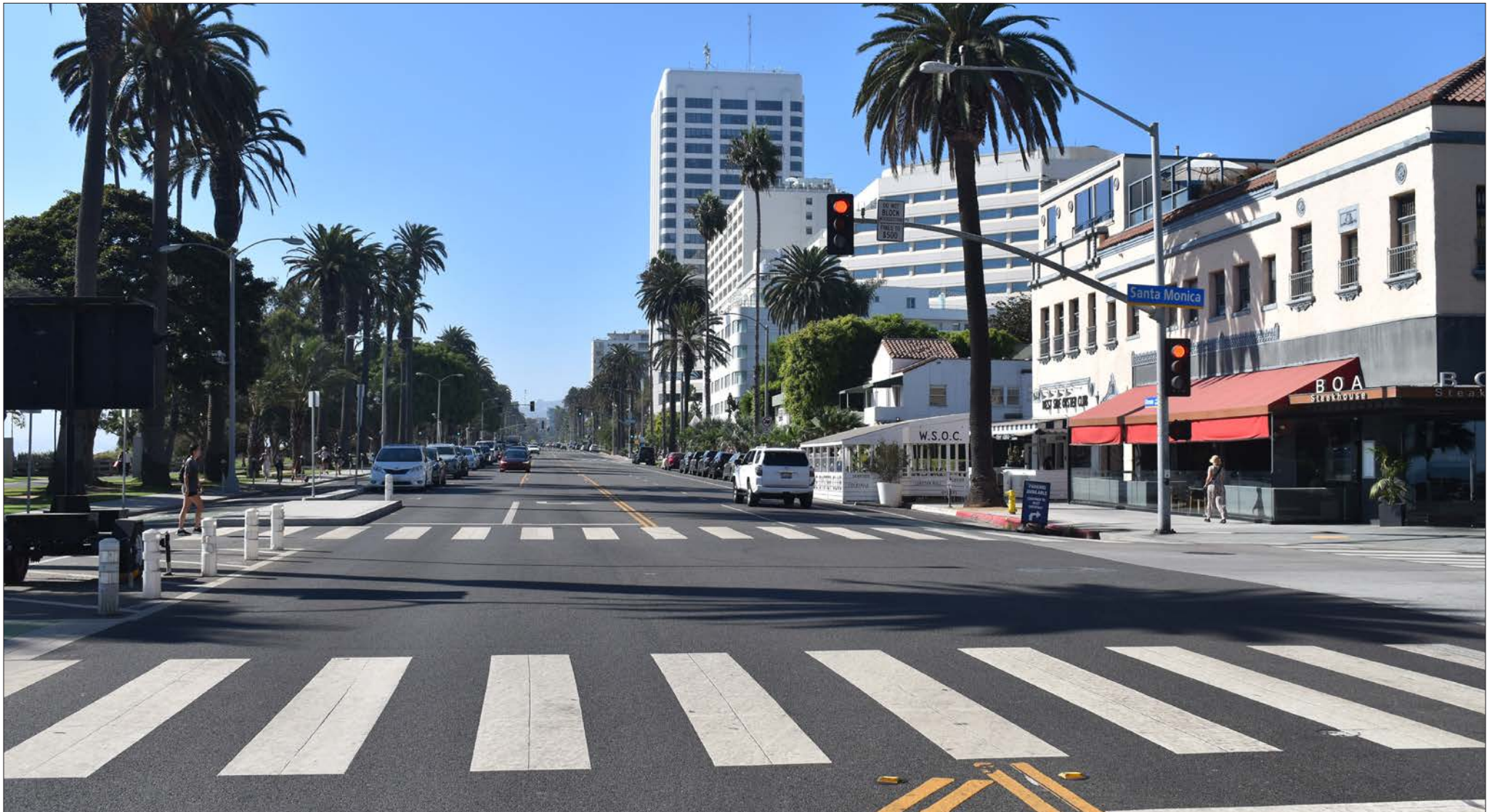
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Lawmakers kill coastal exemption effort tied to Gehry-designed Ocean Avenue project



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COAST: An area of Santa Monica's downtown was the subject of an extraordinary last minute attempt by Sacramento lawmakers to streamline a proposed development.

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

A last-minute effort to exempt a Frank Gehry-designed downtown development from California Coastal Commission review has died, ending a monthslong fight that pitted a politically connected developer against environmental advocates, neighborhood groups and the city's state representatives.

Language that would have created a streamlined approval pathway for the Ocean Avenue Project did not survive as part of a state budget trailer bill this year, according to Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, D-Santa Monica, who confirmed the proposal is "dead for this year."

"I'm both ecstatic and relieved," Zbur said in an interview. "I thought that would have been a horrible precedent, and I worked very

hard to make sure that it did not come to fruition."

The proposal had a contentious history dating back to late June, when a proposed budget trailer bill sought to strip the Coastal Commission's review authority over multi-unit housing across Santa Monica's coastal zone for an indefinite period. Environmental advocates called that version of the exemption unprecedented at the time, warning it could

set a template for similar carveouts in other coastal communities statewide.

The proposal later resurfaced with narrower language that appeared tailored to benefit a single project: the Frank Gehry-designed development at the northeast corner of Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard. That revised version would have

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Student homelessness surges nearly 30% in LA County schools, UCLA study finds

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Student homelessness in Los Angeles County climbed nearly 30% in a single school year, far outpacing state and national trends, according to new UCLA research warning that the crisis is deepening just as the funding built to address it runs dry.

An estimated 61,249 K-12 students experienced homelessness across the county in the 2023-24 school year — the highest total in five years and up from 47,689 the year before — the UCLA Center for the Transformation of Schools reported. The 28.4% jump was nearly double California's 16% rise over the same period and outpaced a 25% national increase recorded over an earlier two-year span.

"Los Angeles County is facing a rapid escalation in youth homelessness," said Mayra Cazares-Minero, a research analyst at the center and a co-author of the report. "A shortage of housing, economic instability and other barriers is making access to housing more difficult, just as important temporary funding streams and policies supporting access to housing are expiring."

Researchers linked the surge partly to housing costs. Citing the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the report noted that every \$100 increase in median rent is associated with a 9% rise in homelessness, a dynamic that pushes families with school-age children into unstable or inadequate living situations. Improved identification by school liaisons hired with pandemic-era funds also drove counts higher.

The burden falls unevenly. Three of every four students experiencing homelessness in the county in 2023-24 were Latino, though Latino students make up about 65% of overall county enrollment. Students classified as English learners accounted for 34% of homeless students countywide, and in some San Gabriel Valley districts up to about 55%. Almost 12% were Black, above the statewide share but below the national figure of 25%.

Homelessness also clustered geographically. The 10 districts with the highest rates reported homelessness two to six times the statewide average. Norwalk-La Mirada Unified, in the county's East region, topped the list with nearly one in three students unhoused, followed by Wilsona Elementary in the Antelope Valley at 18.3%. Three of the five highest-rate districts — Rowland Unified, Mountain View Elementary and Bassett Unified — are in the San Gabriel Valley.

The academic toll is steep. Chronic absenteeism affected 37.2% of the county's homeless students, compared with 22% of students overall, and about one in three homeless students was in high school. Students in high-homelessness districts also changed schools more often than their county and state peers.

The report's central warning is financial. A one-time infusion of \$98.7 million in federal American Rescue Plan money for homeless students in California — used to hire liaisons and provide services such as

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transportation, emergency motel stays and tutoring — had to be spent by September 2024 and reached a funding cliff in January 2025, earlier still for many local districts. The remaining dedicated federal source, the McKinney-Vento Act's Education for Homeless Children and Youth grant, totals just \$129 million nationwide, and only 16 of the county's 80 school districts receive it. Many districts now lean on community donations and expiring grants to cover basic needs.

A companion brief drawing on interviews with district and county liaisons found that many students are never identified. Fear of stigma, child welfare involvement or immigration enforcement keeps families from coming forward. One official described immigration agents targeting an unhoused family living in a multi-family home; others said unaccompanied youth often enroll through a caregiver and are recognized only after a crisis exposes that they are couch surfing or living in a car. Families doubled up in another household frequently do not

California lawmakers strike wildfire deal that leaves out most of Newsom’s big demands



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

SACRAMENTO: Eaton Fire survivors protest outside the Governor’s Mansion in Sacramento on Aug. 25, 2026. Lawmakers and Gov. Gavin Newsom were scheduled to meet at the mansion.

Gov. Gavin Newsom on Saturday backed off his proposal to reduce costs for electrical utilities after their equipment sparks wildfires, agreeing instead to a narrower deal after homeowners, insurers and fire survivors argued his original plan would have shifted those costs onto them.

Instead, Newsom and Senate and Assembly leaders agreed on a narrower package of wildfire policies, including prohibiting private equity groups from investing in wildfire claims and denying utility CEO bonuses in the years their companies cause fatal fires.

The deal is a victory for lawmakers who refused to reduce damages to victims and shift costs away from utilities. Opponents included insurance companies, consumer advocates and survivors of the January 2025 Eaton Fire caused by Southern California Edison equipment that killed 19 people in Altadena.

Under the agreement announced Saturday, the state would create a “fast-pay” program for survivors’ property loss, pain and suffering in the wake of a utility-caused fire. It would include deadlines for determining which claims are valid within 60 days of receipt, and settlement offers within 30 days after that, but survivors could still pursue the long process of suing utilities if they choose.

The state also commits to improving its local wildfire mitigation efforts and sharing more data on insurance coverage in areas with fire risk.

The final agreement, which lawmakers

will vote on next week in Senate Bill 492, caps a contentious series of closed-door negotiations between Newsom’s office and legislative leaders on how much utility companies should pay after fires.

Newsom wanted utilities to have to pay less to insurance companies, some wildfire survivors, local governments and corporations claiming damages after a fire. His administration is concerned the mounting costs threaten investor confidence in the state’s three major for-profit utilities: Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric. He said that could lead to higher borrowing costs for the companies and higher electricity bills for Californians.

Newsom also argued his plan would prioritize paying survivors who lose their homes. In past fires, investors have funded lawsuits or claims have been sold to hedge funds, increasing the number of third parties seeking to profit from wildfire payouts, Newsom’s office has said.

SB 492 does not include most of the proposals Newsom wanted and does not substantially change how much utilities must pay after fires they cause. California’s \$18 billion wildfire fund that utilities draw from to pay fire damages — and which would fund claims in the fast-pay program — is funded 50-50 by utility customers and shareholders. Proponents of Newsom’s proposals remain concerned that another

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 72.5

TUESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

SSE/S swell from Karina continues. Still some windswell, SPAC energy. Fun blend of swells continues. Size is down slightly from Monday but there’s plenty of surf to go around. Variable to light offshore flow in the morning and that’ll be the window to target. Moderate onshore westerly wind in the cards for the afternoon/evening.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Reinforcing S/SSW tropical swell from Karina. New SPAC swell. Fun morning of surf stacking up.

Size levels off from Tuesday as a refresh of mid period S/SSW swell from Karina shows. Also some fresh, longer period SPAC swell joining the old S Hemi leftovers. Some small NW windswell blending in too. Clean morning window with chest-shoulder high southerly swell mix at focal points. Probably best at spots with some structure but the odd corner at the beachbreaks too. PM onshore wind likely.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 79. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light south after midnight.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 81. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

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California's budget is so convoluted that even experts are perplexed at what it contains



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SACRAMENTO: Gov. Gavin Newsom addresses the media during a press conference unveiling his revised 2026-27 budget proposal at the Capitol Annex Swing Space in Sacramento on May 14, 2026.

There was a time, not too many years ago, when drafting and enacting California's budgets was a fairly transparent and straightforward process.

The governor and legislators would agree on what revenues the state's tax systems were likely to produce in the coming year and then dicker over how the money would be spent. There were disagreements, of course, particularly when Republicans had enough legislative seats to have a say in the outcome. But in the main, the voting public would have an understanding, through news coverage, of how their tax dollars were being spent.

It's difficult to pinpoint exactly when the process became opaque and the budget became a hodgepodge of phantom revenues, accounting gimmicks and off-the-books loans. However, there has been a quantum leap in opacity and complexity during Gavin Newsom's governorship, a consequence of having one political party so dominant that it's completely insulated from accountability.

Newsom and legislators can – and do – spend billions of dollars more than

revenues cover. They paper over the gaps with what they call "solutions," then brag that their budgets are balanced.

The 2026-27 budget that was enacted in June, said to be \$351.7 billion (plus \$188 billion in federal funds), is the latest example. It's so convoluted that the Legislature's own budget adviser, Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, and his staff of fiscal experts, are somewhat perplexed about what Newsom and legislators wrought.

Petek says as much in a new breakdown of the budget. "In most years, we would describe the size of the budget problem (or budget surplus) the Legislature addressed (or allocated) and the mix of choices that make up that total. This year, neither framing fits the budget package as neatly," Petek says.

He goes on to describe elements of the budget that seem contradictory, such as increasing spending that overshoots historically high revenues and depending on reserves and loans to cover the outgo

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LA Country

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Begins Outreach Mailings for 2026 General Election

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Dean C. Logan announced the mailing of voter outreach materials to millions of registered voters across the county as part of voter education efforts for the Nov. 3 General Election.

Approximately 4.8 million registered voters will receive a voter outreach postcard providing key information about voting options and important election dates. The postcard is translated into 18 languages and serves as an early reminder for voters to begin planning how they will participate.

The office is also sending a Language Access mailer to approximately 1 million voters who are newer registrants and currently receive election materials in English. The expanded mailer includes the same election information along with a Language Request Form that allows voters to request their ballot and election materials in their preferred language.

“Providing voters with clear and accessible information early is an important part of preparing for the General Election,” Logan said. “Our outreach mailings help voters understand their options available to them early on and ensure they have the information and language resources they need to make a plan to vote.”

The mailers highlight key information, including:

- Vote by Mail ballots will begin mailing to all registered voters no later than Oct. 5.
- Official Ballot Drop Boxes will open the same day Vote by Mail ballots begin mailing.
- Vote Centers will open Oct. 24 through Election Day, Nov. 3.
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- Voters are encouraged to create a personalized voting plan and receive timely election updates by visiting [PLAN.LAVOTE.GOV](https://plan.lavote.gov) or texting PLAN to LAVOTE (528683).
- For more information about the Nov. 3 General Election, visit [LAVOTE.GOV](https://lavote.gov).

“Providing voters with clear and accessible information early is an important part of preparing for the General Election”
- Dean C. Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Santa Monica

McCourt Foundation’s Santa Monica Classic sells out in record time

The 2026 Santa Monica Classic, produced by The McCourt Foundation, has sold out all general and charity entries for its 10K and 5K races more than a month before the Sept. 13 event.

Demand for general entries rose 20% over the previous year, pushing traditional registration to capacity faster than ever. Entries through Team TMF, the foundation’s official charity team, sold out shortly afterward for both distances.

“As running’s popularity soars, we’re proud to see our races reaching capacity sooner than ever,” said Andy Reilly, director of marketing for the McCourt Foundation. “It’s a signal to us that participants trust us to give them an incredible experience on race day and that they are eager to secure their spot.”

Reilly said the record sell-outs have brought record fundraising numbers that support the foundation’s mission to find cures for neurological diseases and build healthier communities.

The Santa Monica Classic is one of four annual running events produced by The McCourt Foundation, a nonprofit based in Los Angeles and Boston. The organization funds research and programs to advance neurological health and foster community wellness. Since its inception, the foundation has donated more than \$7.2 million to neurology research and generated more than \$81 million for other nonprofits through its charity partnership program.

The race is billed as an end-of-summer event and an entry point for new runners. About 33% of participants also run the ASICS Los Angeles Marathon, and many take part in the foundation’s Rose Bowl Half Marathon.

The event also features a Kids Run for children ages 3 to 8 on a half-kilometer route. The run is part of the Kids Run LA Challenge, which also includes the Rose Bowl Kids Run and LA Kids Run. Children who complete all three receive a Kids Run LA Challenge medal.

For more information about the Santa Monica Classic and Team TMF, visit mccourtfoundation.org, follow the Santa Monica Classic on Facebook and Instagram, and follow The McCourt Foundation on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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created a streamlined approval pathway for qualifying coastal-zone housing projects, but only if it took effect only if Santa Monica had not secured a certified Local Coastal Program by Jan. 1, 2028, and it would have required any qualifying project to incorporate a museum honoring Gehry's career. Gehry died Dec. 5, 2025.

The Ocean Avenue Project was approved by the Santa Monica City Council in 2022 and by the Coastal Commission in 2023 but remained unbuilt despite developer Jeff Worth's pledge of a 2025 groundbreaking.

Zbur said he first learned of the June proposal from environmental advocates, not from the developer pushing it. By the time it resurfaced, he said, his office was prepared.

"The first time this came up, I was blindsided by the developer that was advancing it," Zbur said. "Second time around, I had known that it potentially could come up because it had before, and we were hearing rumors that the developer was continuing to press it, so we were ready in case that happened."

Opposition to the renewed language culminated in an Aug. 26 letter to Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, signed by Zbur and roughly a dozen other Assembly members, including Damon Connolly, Dawn Addis, Greg Hart, Ash Kalra, Gail Pellerin and Chris Rogers. The letter said the trailer bill "undermines" a separate, monthslong agreement reached among Zbur, the city, the Coastal Commission and environmental, housing and mobility advocates, and it accused the measure of being "designed to benefit very specific projects within Santa Monica."

Zbur said the pressure campaign worked. "I think that had a big impact in sort of expressing the views of members of the legislature who care about protecting the Coastal Act," he said.

Asked whether the episode had damaged his views of the governor or legislative leadership, Zbur declined to cast blame on them directly.

"The bottom line is that the governor has been someone who has been an exemplary leader in the environmental and climate movement, as have been both the speaker and the pro tem," he said. "Ultimately, none of them allowed this to move forward. ... At one point, these three leaders had to make a decision, and they decided not to advance it. So I'm grateful to all of them because I think they stood up for the coast."

The fight played out alongside Zbur's separate legislation, AB 1740, which passed the Legislature with unanimous concurrence and now awaits Newsom's signature. That bill sets a path for Santa Monica — one of the few coastal cities without a certified Local Coastal Program — to complete one by 2029, shifting most coastal development permit decisions to the city rather than requiring separate Commission approval, while adding a statewide expedited process for bike, pedestrian and transit projects in the coastal zone.

"I'm confident that it's going to result in Santa Monica having a local coastal plan in about a two-year period of time," Zbur said, adding that the plan would give the city "much more flexibility" on projects that "grow our economy and support our neighborhoods and support our families," while preserving the Commission's ability to protect the coast.

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HOMELESSNESS

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consider themselves homeless at all.

The authors urge state, county and district leaders to sustain and expand McKinney-Vento and related funding, standardize how students are identified, integrate fragmented data systems and target resources to high-need areas including the San Gabriel Valley and Antelope Valley. They also call for bilingual staff and culturally responsive outreach to Latino and English-learner families.

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while also placing more money into a new "surplus holding account."

Although the budget package includes some traditional budget solutions, "taken altogether, this makes the budget condition difficult to describe concisely," Petek says. To rationalize the budget's contents, Petek divides his analysis into "budget choices on both sides of the ledger," one covering the spending side and the other on how the gap between income and outgo was closed.

Petek calculates that the budget "includes about \$14 billion in budget solutions" to close the gap, primarily tapping reserves and borrowing. The loan is accomplished by withholding \$3.9 billion in aid to local school systems mandated by the state constitution, money that must be eventually paid.

However, Petek points out that \$14 billion in "solutions" is less than the \$18.5 billion operating deficit Newsom's administration estimates during the fiscal

"It is unclear how California — or the nation as a whole — will continue to support students experiencing homelessness, especially as numbers continue to rise while funding and focus is fading," said Joseph P. Bishop, the center's executive director and the report's co-author. "It is essential that California and Los Angeles County take urgent, coordinated action."

The report, "Rising Numbers, Fading Resources," is available on the Center for the Transformation of Schools website.

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year, thus continuing the deficit spending that has marked all of Newsom's second term budgets.

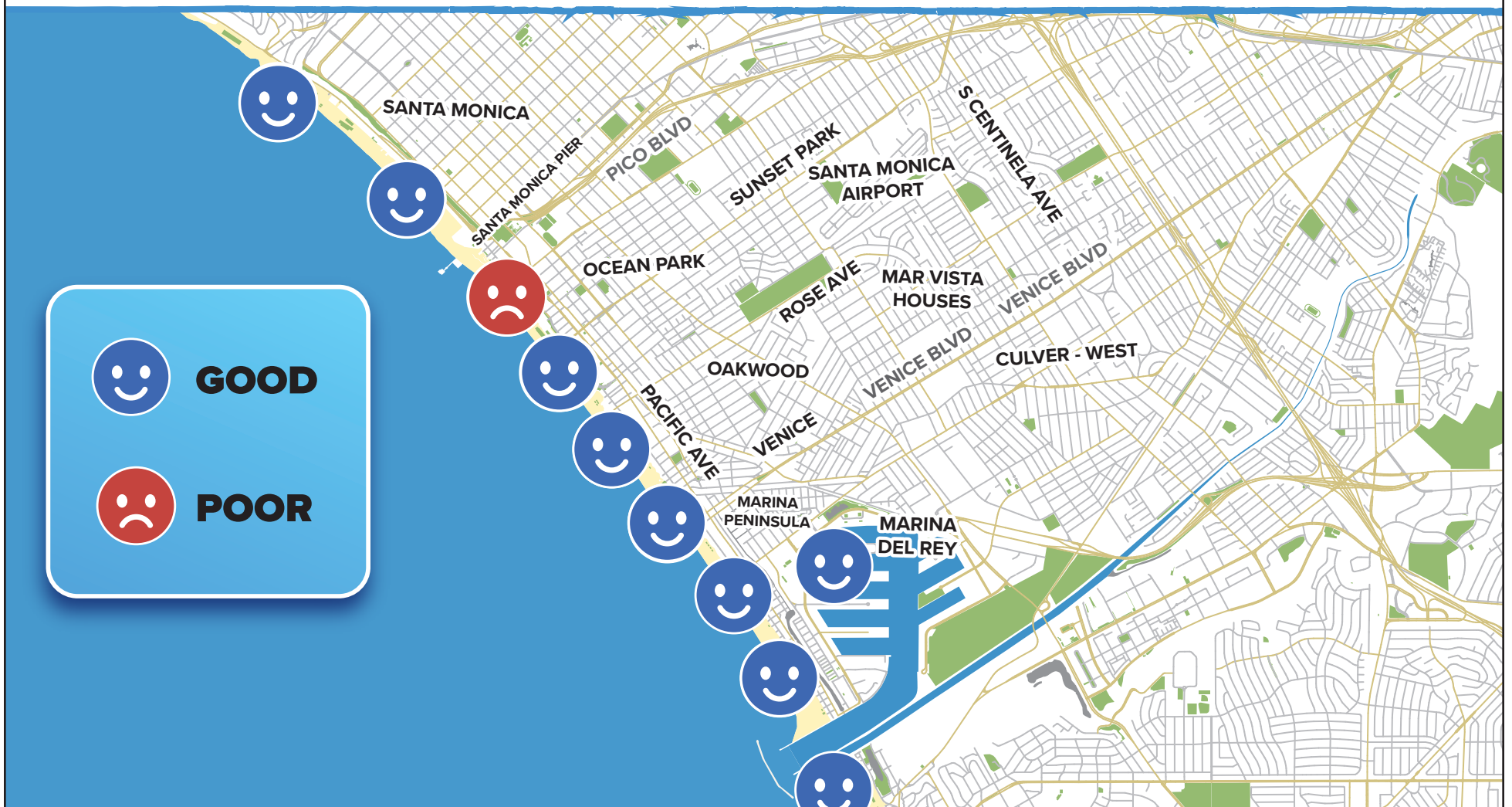
They stem from Newsom's 2022 declaration that the state had a \$97.5 surplus, due to mushrooming income tax revenues. That led to a sharp increase in spending, but the surplus turned out to be a mirage and the administration eventually acknowledged it overestimated revenues over four years by \$165 billion.

Petek's analysis notes that the state has not maintained a cumulative account of how much money it owes from five years of covering operational deficits, but his staff has calculated the "wall of debt" at \$29.2 billion, including the \$3.9 billion in school aid being withheld this year.

A jaundiced view of the ongoing deficits and the debt that's been amassed to cover them might be that they are Newsom's training to become president, given the federal governments chronic deficits and its \$40 trillion national debt.

By Dan Walters

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WILDFIRE

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catastrophic fire could drain that money, leaving utilities facing a mountain of costs and another round of potential bankruptcies.

Nine of the state's 20 most destructive wildfires were caused by electrical equipment or power lines.

"This system needs full structural reform — not a partial one," Newsom said in a statement Saturday morning. "I urge the Legislature to build on this progress next year and finish the work we started to secure the Wildfire Fund's long-term durability, stabilize electricity rates, and ensure fire victims are never again turned into unsecured creditors in a bankruptcy proceeding."

NEGOTIATIONS MAY RESUME NEXT YEAR

Sen. Josh Becker, a Menlo Park Democrat who was closely involved in the negotiations, acknowledged that lawmakers would likely have to return to the issue of utility liabilities under a future governor.

"What I heard very clearly, certainly from senators, from the Assembly and even from all the stakeholders was that they're willing to do that," he said. "They're willing to start getting around the table and looking at some of those structural issues. But that takes time. We ran out of time in this session."

"We certainly stood with fire survivors," said Sen. Ben Allen, a Democrat who represents Palisades Fire survivors. "Challenges with affordability of electricity (remain). That's not going away." The utilities agreed and said there needs to be a long-term solution. "While we appreciate the efforts made, we are disappointed that the state couldn't develop comprehensive wildfire reform," said Southern California Edison spokesperson David Eisenhauer.

San Diego Gas & Electric would not comment and referred questions to Wildfire Victims First, the utility-backed campaign whose priorities aligned with the governor's wish list.

Campaign spokesperson Nathan Click said the state still needs to make urgent structural reforms "to ensure a fair recovery system."

PG&E spokesperson Lynsey Paulo said the company is reviewing the bill and is "focused on helping wildfire survivors recover faster, making communities safer, and protecting customer utility bills." Company stocks tumbled Friday after reports of a potential agreement that did not include any utility cost-shifts.

Senate President Pro Tem Monique Limón, the Santa Barbara Democrat whose caucus opposed Newsom's cost-shifting proposals, said in a statement the agreement "supports survivors in their recovery, curbs Wall Street practices that increase costs on consumers, and mitigates the destruction of these wildfires in the first place."

Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, an Irvine Democrat who led negotiations for the Assembly, in a statement called the deal "an important step forward."

"We held the line to protect the people who needed it most," she said.

The biggest sticking point was the governor's insistence on eliminating subrogation, which allows insurance companies to sue utilities to recoup their costs for wildfire claims. Lawmakers were staunchly opposed to eliminating that avenue out of concern that it would disrupt the state's

fragile insurance market, raise premiums and cause insurers to flee the state, and they rejected it.

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While the deal is a win for the insurance industry, a senator who represents Eaton Fire survivors said it's important to also hold insurers accountable.

"We know that in many cases, insurance companies delayed and denied fire survivors' claims and payments, delaying recovery," said Democratic Sen. Sasha Renée Pérez. "We need all industries to come to the table in a real way."

State lawmakers also resisted the governor's effort to limit survivors' non-economic damages, an important victory for the Eaton Fire survivors who relentlessly campaigned against the proposal.

Fire survivors and consumer advocates credited the Senate, especially Limón, for pushing back on Newsom.

"In the face of extraordinary pressure from some of the most powerful interests in our state, they centered survivors and California families," said Joy Chen, executive director of Every Fire Survivor's Network.

Advocacy group Consumer Watchdog, which worked in concert with fire survivors, called the negotiations "an exercise in the democratic process."

"(The Legislature) told (Newsom) they wouldn't bend in closed-door negotiations," said Jamie Court, president of the group.

Pérez commended survivors for pressuring lawmakers over the past couple of weeks.

"The fire survivors have shaped this entire conversation," Pérez said. "They made a tremendous impact."

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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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Geometry class

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Algebra	Edge	Pair	True
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 1)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The doubt: If I cannot make the move now, I may lose my chance. The remedy: Use the delay to sharpen your approach. When you are able to make a move, you'll be so ready.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The doubt: I lack enough money, time or security to begin. The remedy: Build from what is already stable. One dependable resource will support the next. Every dream needs a foundation. It's not glamorous or showy; it's just necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The doubt: I have too many ideas and no clear path. The remedy: Choose the idea that keeps coming back to you. Give it one concrete task. Contact with the work will turn possibilities into clarity and evidence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The doubt: Pursuing this may take something away from the people I love. The remedy: Design a version that includes their needs and yours. And remember, the key element of your future is the "you" in it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The doubt: What if the result fails to match the magnificent vision? The remedy: Make something real enough to revise. Most ideas don't have a flawless debut, but the imperfect first version can be worked into something grand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The doubt: I have overlooked the flaw that will undo everything. The remedy: Look for the next necessary correction, rather than every possible thing that can go wrong. Revision and repair belong inside the plan from the beginning.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The doubt: Moving forward may upset the balance or cost me someone's approval. The remedy: Honest conversation. Ultimately withholding your true desire will be too much work. A fair arrangement makes room for every person involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The doubt: If I reveal how much this matters, I will surrender my power. The remedy: If you care, care. Controlling or revealing your feelings doesn't guarantee an outcome; it only keeps you from fully entering the experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The doubt: Choosing one path will make my future smaller. The remedy: Treat commitment as a way of traveling to a distant destination. It may be one road, but the view changes with every step.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The doubt: If success takes this much effort, perhaps I chose the wrong goal. The remedy: Try to see difficulty as information, not as the final verdict. Necessary work is rewarding. Hard-won goals are more satisfying to attain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The doubt: My idea is too unusual for systems or people to support. The remedy: Find the part others can use now. People are more likely to welcome the innovation that comes through a familiar door.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The doubt: Turning this dream into practical steps will drain its magic. The remedy: Let the vision keep its mystery. The steps don't need it. Spells have recipes. Illusions have instructions. Structure doesn't steal from imagination; it protects it.

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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 ___ Paulo, Brazil
- 4 Hoarse-sounding voice
- 8 Dishonest imitation
- 12 Illuminated
- 14 ___ about (approximately)
- 15 Filled-and-folded tortilla
- 16 "All kidding ___."
- 17 Dog biscuit shape
- 18 Yours and mine
- 19 Very shy person
- 22 Rural hotel
- 23 Egyptian snake
- 24 Invites out for
- 28 ___ in the neck (pest)
- 30 Pollution-monitoring org.
- 33 Gave temporarily
- 34 With 41-Across, "no-longer-exciting" lament

- 37 Takes a taste of
- 39 Top left PC key
- 40 Express gratitude to
- 41 See 34-Across
- 44 Evening, in ads
- 45 NNW opposite
- 46 Pub beverages
- 47 Unsatisfactory, as a buyer's offer
- 49 Historical period
- 50 "Furthermore..."
- 51 Well-rested and energetic
- 60 Lion's remark
- 61 Pulls from behind
- 62 Lauder of cosmetics

- 63 Rodents that squeak
- 64 Land surrounded by water
- 65 Glossiness
- 66 Snowy day toy
- 67 "___ la vie"
- 68 President pro ___

DOWN

- 1 Mix with a spoon
- 2 German auto
- 3 Gift giver's request
- 4 Batman's partner
- 5 Author unknown: Abbr.
- 6 Ballad or lullaby
- 7 Ultimately succeed
- 8 Small front porch

- 9 Transport by truck
- 10 Land measure
- 11 More than half of
- 12 ___ Vegas, NV
- 13 Suffix meaning "sort of"
- 20 Shoelace tangle
- 21 "Failure ___ an option"
- 24 Female singers
- 25 Feudal laborers
- 26 Steak-cutting implement
- 27 Editor's "don't delete" mark
- 28 Mexican coins
- 29 Fundamentals
- 30 Note sent online
- 31 Speckled horse

- 32 Out of alignment
- 35 In this place
- 36 "This is terrible!"
- 38 Let others use
- 42 Easily stretched
- 43 Sicilian volcano
- 48 Least typical
- 49 Made a mistake
- 50 Balance sheet plus
- 51 Jacket sleeves
- 52 Garden dirt
- 53 Turn towards
- 54 Hydrant attachment
- 55 Leather-piercing tools
- 56 Tennis great Arthur
- 57 Line on a grocery list
- 58 Have a look at
- 59 Strong craving

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TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 1

LADIES GOLF CLINIC

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Four Wood Golf 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica. Join us every Tuesday from 9:30–11:00 AM for a relaxed, social golf experience designed for women of all skill levels. Whether you're picking up a club for the first time or looking to build confidence in your game, Matchas & Mulligans is all about learning, connecting, and having fun in a welcoming, pressure-free environment. Led by our in-house golf pros, you'll learn new skills each session. Blend of light instruction with a social atmosphere — the ladies' clinic is perfect for improving your skills while meeting like-minded golfers. \$60.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ladies-golf-clinic/19572527/2026-09-01T09>

AUTHOR TALK WITH BERONDA MONTGOMERY

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Join us for a riveting conversation with award-winning biologist Beronda Montgomery as we discuss her book, *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy*. The histories of trees in America are also the histories of Black Americans. Pecan trees were domesticated by an enslaved African named Antoine; sycamore trees were both havens and signposts for people trying to escape enslavement; poplar trees are historically associated with lynching; and willow bark has offered the gift of medicine. These trees, and others, testify not only to the complexity of the Black American narrative but also to a heritage of Black botanical expertise that, like Native American traditions, predates the United States entirely. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/author-talk-with-beronda-montgomery/19500850/2026-08-25T11>

ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Paint Lab 1453 14th St Santa Monica. In this workshop each student will work on their own project with guidance from an instructor. The adult acrylic/oil workshop is \$48.00 plus the cost of canvas (canvas available for purchase in studio). Workshop cost includes easel set up, paint, brushes, apron, 2 hours of instruction and clean up. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/acrylic-oil-painting-workshop-tuesday/19429773/2026-09-01T13>

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/17128550/2026-09-01T14>

SYNAPSE CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATER STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHERS AUDITION

2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. CPC 304 Core Performance Center, SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. Students must present two minutes of live dance material they wish to be developed for the production. Participants accepted by audition must enroll in Synapse - Dance 55A. This course offers performance experience and is organized as a modern dance company for concerts and dance productions. Students participate as dancers and choreographers. Styles range from modern to postmodern, contemporary ballet, jazz, and hip hop fusion. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/synapse-contemporary-dance-theater-student-choreographers-audition/19305360/2026-09-01T14>

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/18825639/2026-09-01T15>

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/19106860/2026-09-01T16>

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 2

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/19479748/2026-09-02T10>

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1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Palisades Village 15225 Palisades Village Ln Pacific Palisades. A meaningful

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FAST TIMES AT WESTSIDE | STAND-UP COMEDY SHOW & DRINKS IN SANTA MONICA

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Fast Times at Westside is a monthly comedy show at Westside Comedy Theater - come on down for some tasty jokes and a cool buzz! Fast Times at Westside is a monthly stand-up comedy show in Santa Monica, CA at Mi's Westside Comedy Theater.Looking for things to do in Santa Monica? We'd be stoked to have you join us for a night of live stand-up and improv comedy featuring headliners from across Los Angeles and rising comedians from the Westside neighborhoods. This show is produced by Janelle Bakacs and Coby McKinney. Come on down for some tasty jokes and a cool buzz! LINE-UP SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IF YOU ARE NOT PHYSICALLY HERE TO CLAIM YOUR TICKETS THEY WILL BECOME VOID 15 MINUTES AFTER SHOW START TIME NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES – THERE ARE NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES FOR TICKETS, MERCHANDISE OR CLASSES PURCHASED. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. \$22.82. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/fast-times-at-westside-stand-up-comedy-show-drinks-in-santa-monica/19686157/2026-09-02T20>

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 3

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Sign up here to receive emails about upcoming exercise classes and cancellations: [post283.com/exercise](https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-09-03T11). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-09-03T11>

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: SANTA MONICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Meeting is held over Zoom. Link will be sent after registration Please view current and past Agendas here Santa Monica, CA. The Government Affairs Committee meeting focuses on reviewing potential impacts of new policies, legislation, and ordinances on our membership. The agenda includes discussing these potential changes and voting on the Chamber's positions regarding upcoming proposals. We will determine how to support or oppose these initiatives, guiding our advocacy efforts to protect our members' interests. This meeting is crucial for shaping our policy engagement and response strategies. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/government-affairs-committee-santa-monica-chamber-of-commerce/17408642/2026-09-03T16>

RADIO CLUB MEETING

5:30 p.m. American Legion - Ronald Reagan Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Join the Radio Club to learn about how to get HAM licensed! Other activities include "Parks on the Air," where you venture to a local park and reach out to others in order to "activate" your site. HAM radio is all about connecting the community and continually training to assist our first responders when disaster strikes. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/radio-club-meeting/18566934/2026-09-03T17>

HAMA SUSHI - MUSIC OPEN MIC (THURSDAYS)

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 352 Westminster Ave Venice. Thursday nights in Venice! Open Mic at Hama Sushi. Exciting things are happening at Hama Sushi! Open Mic every Thursday 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Come on down to Hama. The world is waiting! - 09/03/2026. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/hama-sushi-music-open-mic-thursdays-/18526607/2026-09-03T18>



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