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Local Mutternity Project looks to save mother dogs and their puppies



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PROJECT: Asia Bonetto, the founder and President of the Mutternity Project maternal dog rescue, stands with a 7-week-old mini poodle mix named Willow, who she saved from a shelter in Moreno Valley.

SAM MULICK

Asia Bonetto dreams of ending dog euthanasia in the United States.

So she started the Mutternity Project – a maternal dog rescue in Santa Monica – to connect mother dogs and puppies to new foster and adopted homes. Since she launched the organization in June, she has already been able to save nearly 30 dogs from getting euthanized. Bonetto credits growing up with dogs of her own and being raised by a single mother as her inspiration for starting the organization.

"I was raised by a single mom who then passed when I was 21, so I'm very attached to the whole motherhood topic," she said. "Seeing these dogs that came in from a shelter, trusting you and being so grateful – because you actually can see how grateful they are to you – for protecting not only them, but the babies as well, it's very, very special.

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LA County officials stand with Epstein survivors, demand federal transparency

Los Angeles County Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis joined Peace Over Violence and survivor advocates on the steps of Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, demanding the full public release of Jeffrey Epstein-related files following powerful survivor testimonies on Capitol Hill.

The press conference showed solidarity with survivors who recently delivered emotional accounts of abuse and institutional failures to Congress. Many came forward for the first time, supporting bipartisan legislation requiring the Department of Justice to release remaining Epstein documents.

"When survivors speak, we must listen. But listening is not enough. We must act with urgency and integrity," Solis said. "The federal government has a moral responsibility to stand with survivors. Justice cannot come from secrecy or delay."

Survivors described the documents as vital to their healing, while expressing frustration that individuals who enabled Epstein's crimes have avoided consequences.

President Donald Trump dismissed transparency calls as a "Democrat hoax," claiming political motivation. Advocates condemned those remarks as undermining survivors and deflecting from accountability needs.

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LA County secures nearly $24 million to boost life sciences sector, create 10,000 jobs

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SMDP Staff Writer

Los Angeles County has received $23.92 million in state funding to accelerate growth in its life sciences sector and create 10,000 high-quality jobs by 2030, officials announced.

The California Jobs First Regional Investment Initiative awarded the funding to support the LA Region's 5-Year Life Sciences Industry Strategy and Action Plan, which aims to establish the area as a global leader in bio-innovation. The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity and its partners will use the money to implement key components of the comprehensive strategy.

The funding will support four interconnected regional projects: expanding graduation space and funding for promising companies, providing incentives to attract outside firms to the region, strengthening connectivity and collaboration within the cluster, and developing a compelling narrative around the LA region's value proposition in life sciences.

"This landmark investment positions LA County as a national leader in life sciences innovation and job creation," said Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, who represents the Second District. "Life science is one of the fastest growing sectors in LA County, and this investment by California Jobs First will help build on the exciting momentum underway."

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> - Holly J. Mitchell, Supervisor

The strategy was developed through extensive industry and stakeholder engagement involving more than 17 cross-sector life sciences leaders. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a motion directing its implementation after the plan was announced in July. California Gov. Gavin Newsom's office announced the funding award on Aug. 29.

Kelly LoBianco, director of the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity, said the funding will "fast-track implementation of our five-year regional strategy and action plan, driving inclusive industry growth, expanding high-quality job pathways, and building the infrastructure needed to keep cutting-edge innovation and talent right here in LA."

The initiative builds on LA County's existing assets, including world-class research institutions, an extensive network of anchor firms, and a robust talent pipeline. However, officials said the region has faced challenges in coordination and visibility that the new funding will help address.

"LA County has the talent, the research, and the infrastructure," said Stephen Cheung, president and CEO of the LA County Economic Development Corporation. "This funding allows us to connect the dots and help life sciences companies land here, grow here, and hire here."

Stephanie Hsieh, CEO of BioscienceLA, one of the key partners in the initiative, emphasized the importance of regional coordination. "Los Angeles County has every ingredient to lead the world in life sciences — research, talent, diversity, and scale," she said. "What we've lacked is the shared visibility and alignment to act as one region."

The funding will support BioscienceLA's Asset Map and Activation Campaign, designed to serve as a connective framework for the LA Bioscience Cluster. The initiative aims to unite people, data, and stories to transform what Hsieh called "fragmentation into coordinated action."

Another key partner, the Larta Institute, will use its portion of the funding to expand technical assistance to more enterprises and establish a fund providing catalytic capital to bioscience and medical technology companies across LA County.

"Larta is proud to align the work we will conduct under this award with the work of our remarkable partners in the LA Collaborative, which the State sees as a model for regional growth and collaboration," said Rohit Shukla, founder and CEO of the Larta Institute.

The California Jobs First program represents the state's effort to drive sustainable and equitable economic growth in key sectors. The life sciences sector has emerged as one of the fastest-growing industries in LA County, making it a priority for regional economic development efforts.

Officials said the 10,000-job target by 2030 represents a significant expansion of high-quality employment opportunities in the region, with an emphasis on inclusive growth that ensures economic benefits reach all communities in LA County.

The initiative reflects a broader effort to position LA County as a major hub for biotechnology and medical innovation, competing with established clusters in the San Francisco Bay Area and Boston.

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Russell Lewis Andrews

June 11, 1958 - September 1, 2025



IN LOVING MEMORY

1958-2025

Russell Lewis Andrews, known as Rusty among his family and friends, was born on June 11, 1958, in Los Angeles, California. He left this world on September 1, 2025, surrounded by loved ones after a courageous battle with infections exacerbated by Parkinson's Disease. As the eldest child of Horace and Jennifer Andrews (née Sydelle Stamler), Rusty displayed extraordinary abilities from a young age. His childhood was characterized by an exceptional memory, sharp visual recognition, and a natural talent for drawing and painting, all of which hinted at the artistic path he would later pursue.

Rusty's artistic evolution took a pivotal turn during his studies at the California Institute of the Arts, where he initially set out to concentrate on drawing, animation, and film. However, his creative journey expanded significantly when classmates encouraged him to delve into music performance. This new direction not only strengthened his friendships but also laid the foundation for a prolific career in composing music for various media, including film, television, and advertising. His extensive portfolio includes notable projects such as Rugrats, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Adventures in Wonderland, Hansel & Gretel, and the score for the Academy Award-winning short film The Accountant (2001), highlighting his versatility and innovative spirit within the industry.

Beyond his artistic endeavors, Rusty was a man of varied interests and passions. He thrived as a downhill ski racer, developed a keen appreciation for art collecting, and tended to a beautiful garden, all while indulging his culinary skills as a gourmet cook. His love for animals was evident, particularly in his deep affection for his dogs, Karla and Mac. Rusty's vibrant personality was encapsulated in his email handle, Superextra, which reflected the brilliance, humor, and exuberance that defined his life. He approached each day with a profound sense of curiosity and wonder, savoring every note of music and ray of sunshine. His creative spirit never waned; he sought to heal the world through love, dedicating his Mondays as "mend-days" to touch hearts and spread kindness.

Rusty leaves behind his beloved companion, Gretchen; his sister Monica and her family; and a wide circle of devoted friends who cherished his extraordinary talents and unforgettable spirit.

6 things to know about how Gov. Newsom's CARE Court is working so far

Gov. Gavin Newsom's new mental health court made big promises about how it would help get the sickest Californians off the streets.

Launched in 2023, the program allows people to petition a court to order treatment is for someone experiencing psychosis.

To see how CARE Court is working so far, CalMatters requested data from every county in the state.

Here's what we found:

CARE COURT IS REACHING FAR FEWER PEOPLE THAN EXPECTED

The state initially estimated as many as 12,000 Californians could qualify for the program. Instead, just 2,421 petitions have been filed through July, according to the Judicial Council of California. Only 528 of those have resulted in people getting care through voluntary treatment agreements or court-ordered plans.

San Diego County anticipated receiving 1,000 petitions in the first year and establishing court-ordered treatment plans for 250 people. But in nearly two years, the county instead has received just 384 petitions and established 134 voluntary agreements. Los Angeles County saw 511 petitions filed, with 112 resulting in care agreements or plans. In 2023, LA officials predicted to news organizations the county could enroll 4,500 people in the first year.

It can be hard to file in court

Sources we talked to said it ended up being harder than expected to file petitions. Counties thought police, firefighters and other first responders would jump at the chance to file CARE Court petitions on behalf of the sick, unhoused Californians they encounter on the streets every day. But overworked first-responders didn't have time to navigate the time-consuming process, said Amber Irvine, San Diego County's behavioral health program coordinator.

In some cases, police and firefighters filed petitions when the program first started. But they were often dismissed – which made them reluctant to file more, said Crystal Robbins, who manages a treatment referral program for San Diego Fire-Rescue.

"We quickly found out that it wasn't a useful tool for the people that we see," she said.

A LOT OF CARE COURT PETITIONS GET DISMISSED

About 45% of petitions filed statewide, although that number includes the handful of cases in which someone has successfully "graduated" from the program. The rate is even higher in some counties, such as San Francisco, where nearly two-thirds of petitions are thrown out.

That can be for a variety of reasons. Someone might not meet the narrow criteria to qualify for CARE Court. If the person is homeless, outreach workers might have a hard time finding them. Or, the person might simply refuse services. If that's the case, CARE Court has few teeth to force them to comply.

MOST COUNTIES AREN'T FORCING PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE

The initial allure of CARE Court for many supporters was the promise of court-ordered treatment plans that would encourage sick people to accept the help they'd been resisting. But most counties are eschewing that aspect of the program, and instead providing treatment only if outreach workers can convince someone to comply. Courts have ordered just 14 people into treatment plans, according to the Judicial Council.

BUT COUNTIES SAY NUMBERS DON'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY

While this data shows how many people engaged in treatment through the official CARE Court program, it doesn't count all the people who started the process and ended up getting services through another county program instead, said Michelle Doty Cabrera, executive director of the California Behavioral Health Directors Association.

"I would say that I think the whole idea of looking at the numbers, it sort of misses the point," she said.

One of CARE Court's successes, she said, has been in spreading the word about county services to people who might need them. As of December, people were diverted away from CARE Court and into other county services 1,358 times, according to a recent report from the Health and Human Services Agency.

A NEW BILL COULD BOOST CARE COURT'S NUMBERS

Right now, only people with schizophrenia and other limited psychotic disorders qualify. If Sen. Thomas Umberg's Senate Bill 27 passes, the program would expand to include people who experience psychotic symptoms as a result of bipolar disorder.

It's unclear how many more people CARE Court could reach as a result. Umberg's office has no estimate, and San Diego County says the bill could increase its numbers by anywhere from 3.5% to 48.1%.

That's worrying for people like Irvine. Adding a lot more people into the program would give clinicians less time to spend with each client, Irvine said. And Umberg's bill doesn't come with money to hire more staff.

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Weather

Friday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 63. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast after midnight.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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2025/09/12	Fri	12:53 PM	5.90	H
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2025/09/13	Sat	03:03 AM	3.16	H
2025/09/13	Sat	06:46 AM	2.67	L
2025/09/13	Sat	1:53 PM	5.66	H
2025/09/13	Sat	10:06 PM	0.48	L
2025/09/14	Sun	3:18 PM	5.45	H
2025/09/14	Sun	11:38 PM	0.20	L
2025/09/15	Mon	07:13 AM	3.66	H
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Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 381 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 9/10
17 19 36 37 39
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 42 M

Fantasy 5
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Santa Monica Municipal General Plan Land Use Map and Official Districting Map for a portion of the parcel located at 2644 30th Street.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider whether to adopt amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for a portion of the parcel located at 2644 30th Street. Specifically, the subject map amendments would be from Single-Unit Residential (R1) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) for both the General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map, but will only apply to the portion of the site that is currently developed with a commercial building. The remainder of the site, which is currently improved with a surface parking lot, is not subject to the proposed amendments and will remain Single-Unit Residential for both the General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map.

This item is being brought back to the City Council for consideration after it was previously presented on May 13, 2025, and tabled to later date.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

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

Address your comments to:
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Re: **2644 30TH St Rezoning**

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

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



A multi-million-dollar cleanup budget, and L.A. still looks like a dump

CANOGA PARK — On a recent Monday morning, Jill Mather parked at the base of a steep hillside where partygoers had been tossing cans and bottles for months. Councilmember John Lee's office had asked for help. Mather, founder of Volunteers Cleaning Communities, handed out grabbers and yellow safety vests, then eyed the slope.

"It was a massive, steep hill," she said later. "We cleaned up an insane amount."

With just three volunteers, they bagged what they could reach and told Lee's office the rest would require a different kind of crew.

The work is a snapshot of how VCC, and other volunteer groups, operate across Los Angeles, trying to fill gaps in the cleanliness map: a daily grind of clearing the mess from sidewalks, gutters and parking lots, with add-on jobs when neighbors or agencies call.

Their small victories are visible in cleaner sidewalks. But just as visible is what requires their involvement in the first place: a city and a county where trash seems as permanent as palm trees, and where all the taxpayer-funded clean-ups and employees only seem to address a portion of the problem.

We wanted to know why Los Angeles looks so dirty, and what we found is there isn't one straightforward answer — except, perhaps, the people living in it.

BUT THE ROADS STILL LOOK LIKE DUMPS

Is Los Angeles dirtier than other cities? There are some indicators beyond personal observation, though they come from private companies, as opposed to in-depth university research reports.

A recent study by carpet cleaning company Oxi Fresh tabbed Los Angeles/Long Beach/Anaheim as the second-dirtiest metro area in the United States (trailing New York/Newark/Jersey City). Another report, by lawn care company Lawnstarter, also ranked Los Angeles as the second-dirtiest city in the country (this time San Bernardino was first), citing factors including air quality and near-roadway pollution.

For many Angelenos, the view from the wheel confirms that. On the 405, the 110 and the 10 freeways, debris consistently lines the shoulder: tarps flapping, Styrofoam clinging to the fence line, a stained mattress. Then there is the irony of the $90 million Annenberg wildlife crossing over the 101 being surrounded by trash.

Mather says city streets are "equal if not worse"—the kind of mess drivers miss at high speeds but that you see on foot: trash packed into bushes, gutters, parking lots and medians. That's where VCC spends weekdays, block by block, bag by bag.

Illegal dumping multiplies the mess. Mather ticks off what her crews see most: construction rubble, landscapers' bags, tires. On the ground, that surge leads to vermin, hazards and fire risk.

There's a simple tool residents don't always use: 311. Mather repeatedly tells neighbors to bag what's safe and accessible and call or use the 311 app for pickup. The city will also clear bulky items for residents (think that old couch or refrigerator), and the service is free.

But as the Current reported earlier this month, 311 doesn't always work as intended, and that may be making the problem worse. Residents have complained of faulty geo-tagging, requests being marked "closed" without service ever being completed, and other glitches that leave trash in place.

There's also just response times and accountability. The City Controller's 2021 "Piling Up" audit found average response times of five days and enforcement hampered by too few cameras and prosecutions. Four years later, residents report the same hot spots—and the data suggest the problem has only grown.

Those failures are showing up in the numbers. Illegal-dumping complaints jumped 36% in January and February 2025 compared with a year earlier—more than 22,000 complaints in two months, according to USC's Crosstown analysis. Complaints are up, not down.

ENCAMPMENTS ARE A MAJOR TRASH SOURCE

Encampments are another major source of debris along freeways and on city streets. "When you clean a homeless encampment, it's… thousands and thousands of pounds of stuff," Mather said. She recently coordinated the removal of nine truckloads from three cleared camps with Los Angeles Sanitation (LASAN) trucks staged to haul it away the same day.

City records back that scale. In operations focused on RV and vehicle-dwelling encampments from May 2022 through June 2024, Los Angeles removed 714 tons of solid waste and 18.8 tons of hazardous waste from public rights-of-way, according to the City Administrative Officer's report on the citywide RV strategy.

Routine programs in chronic encampment areas add to the pile. The city's Skid Row Cleaning Services program alone reported about 369 tons of trash collected (35,604 bags) in one operating period summarized in a Board of Public Works transmittal in 2022.

And remember the Ballona Wetlands cleanup: In January 2023, after encampments were removed, a one-day sweep at the Ballona Freshwater Marsh hauled away more than 19 tons of debris, including over 200 pounds of hazardous materials and numerous needles.

All of this comes at a steep cost to taxpayers, with millions poured into hauling away trash from encampments year after year. Yet what we found is that the city still doesn't appear motivated to curb the root of the problem. Instead, Los Angeles remains stuck in a cycle of cleaning up after the fact — an endless churn of truckloads and tonnage that fails to keep pace with the debris piling up on its streets.

BASS—STREET CLEANING IS MIA

Mayor Karen Bass has acknowledged the city's mounting trash problem. At an Encino community Zoom meeting on public safety in early August, she noted the decline in basic services.

"I'm not sure if you guys noticed this, but we don't really have street cleaning anymore," Bass said. "L.A. is dirty and has a very

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COMMUNITY NEWS

California

Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates Set for First Major Forum Since Harris Announcement

Seven Democratic candidates vying to become California's next governor will face off Sunday in the first major debate since Vice President Kamala Harris announced she would not seek the state's top office.

The National Union of Healthcare Workers Governor Candidate Forum begins at 10 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Los Angeles International Airport, marking a pivotal moment in the race to succeed Gov. Gavin Newsom eight months before the June 2 primary election.

> "NUHW members want to know the candidates' positions on health care, including mental health parity, affordable housing, immigration, transportation, education and workers' rights
> - Sal Rosselli

The 90-minute forum, hosted in partnership with the Los Angeles Times and Spectrum, will feature questions from a panel of independent journalists. Associated Press correspondent Lisa Matthews will moderate, joined by Los Angeles Times California politics editor Phil Willon, Spectrum News 1 SoCal anchor Amrit Singh, and Politico senior California reporter Melanie Mason.

Viewers can watch the forum live on the NUHW YouTube page and latimes.com, with Spanish simulcast available. Spectrum will air the forum at times to be announced.

Following the forum, NUHW members attending in person and watching online statewide will vote on the union's political endorsement for the gubernatorial race.

The forum continues NUHW's tradition of hosting early debates in major California races. Last September, four of the then-five announced candidates appeared on the NUHW stage in San Francisco. In 2023, the union hosted the first U.S. Senate debate featuring Representatives Adam Schiff, Katie Porter and Barbara Lee in Los Angeles.

In 2017, NUHW sponsored the first debate in the governor's race that Newsom ultimately won, bringing together then-State Treasurer John Chiang, former State Superintendent Delaine Eastin, then-Lt. Governor Newsom and former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in Anaheim.

The audience will comprise NUHW members representing California's diverse workforce, including psychologists, pharmacists, nurses, nursing assistants, clerical workers, janitors, technicians and social workers from across the state.

"NUHW members want to know the candidates' positions on health care, including mental health parity, affordable housing, immigration, transportation, education and workers' rights," said Sal Rosselli, NUHW's president emeritus, who directs the union's political campaigns. "Our members also are anxious to know how the next governor will push back against the extreme policies being pursued by the Trump administration."

The forum represents the race's shift into high gear as candidates compete for California's highest elected office.

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Young Musicians to Perform at Library Showcase

Ten award-winning local young musicians will perform at the Santa Monica Public Library's Young Musicians Showcase on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The free concert runs from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Main Library's Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Producer Margie Friedman curated the performances, which will feature piano, voice and other musical instruments.

Seating is limited and available on a first-arrival basis. The library is wheelchair accessible and welcomes people of all abilities.

Those needing special accommodations should contact Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week before the event or email library@santamonica.gov. Library Administration office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. TTY/TDD users may call (310) 395-8499.

The Santa Monica Public Library serves as a community cornerstone, providing resources, services and spaces that inspire patrons to read, connect, relax and learn. The library fosters literacy, lifelong learning, civic engagement and cultural awareness while maintaining a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

For more info visit https://www.santamonica.gov/events

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

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A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider whether to adopt amendments to the Santa Monica General Plan Land Use Map and the Official Districting Map for a portion of the parcel located at 1331 Wilshire Boulevard. Specifically, the subject parcel is currently "split zoned", as it is located within both the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) and Low Density Residential (R2) Zoning Districts, with the split occurring through the rear portion of an existing commercial building. The General Plan designations for the parcel are similarly split. The subject map amendments will only be for a portion of the site to expand the Mixed-Use Boulevard zoning district and General Plan designation to encompass the entirety of the existing commercial structure and the immediately adjacent parking area. The remainder of the site, which is improved with a surface parking lot, will remain R2 and Low Density Residential.

This item is being brought back to the City Council for consideration after it was previously presented to the City Council on May 13, 2025, and tabled to a later date.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT:
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You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
Re: **1331 Wilshire Blvd Rezoning**

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Ross Fehrman by e-mail at ross.fehrman@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 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).

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, September 15, 2025, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

PUBLIC HEARING:

1907-1933 Wilshire Boulevard: 24ARB-0199: Residential/Mixed-Use
To review the design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of an eight-story, 85' tall, 240,203 square feet of residential and mixed-use housing development project consisting of 260 residential units including 26 affordable units, and 11,621 square feet of commercial tenant space above three subterranean levels of parking located in the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) zoning district. *Continued with comments on December 16, 2024.*

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ (en espanol tambien at (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431#).

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Americans mark the 24th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks with emotional ceremonies

Nearly a quarter century has passed since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, but for many, the emotions of the day remain raw as ever.

On Thursday, America marked the 24th anniversary of the deadly attacks with solemn ceremonies in New York, at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The commemorations were punctuated by moments of silence, the tolling of bells and the reading of the names of the nearly 3,000 killed.

"Even 24 years later, it's heart-wrenching," said Jennifer Nilsen, who wore a T-shirt emblazoned with an image of her husband, Troy Nilsen, as she attended the commemoration at ground zero in lower Manhattan. "It feels the same way every year."

Michelle Pizzo, wearing a shirt with the image of her late husband, Jason DeFazio, said she hoped more people could take a minute to reflect on the day.

"Younger kids don't realize that you have to remember," she said.

Emma Williamson, 20, of Massachusetts, made a point to travel from her college uptown to stand near ground zero, where two memorial pools ringed by waterfalls and parapets inscribed with the names of the dead mark the spots where the twin towers once stood.

"I wasn't born when it happened, but it was really an important day in America," she said. "It's kind of the last time we all stuck together, and that matters."

The reading of names and moments of silence

The 9/11 anniversary, often promoted as a day of national unity, came during a time of increased politician tension.

The assassination of conservative activist Charlie Kirk at a Utah college a day earlier prompted additional security measures at ground zero, where FBI Director Kash Patel was among the dignitaries in attendance.

Vice President JD Vance and his wife, second lady Usha Vance, had planned to attend but instead are set to visit with Kirk's family on Thursday in Salt Lake City, according to a person familiar with Vance's plans, but not authorized to speak about them publicly.

Many in the crowd at ground zero held up photos of lost loved ones as a moment of silence marked the exact time when the first hijacked plane struck the iconic twin towers.

Loved ones then read aloud the names of the victims, with many giving personal remembrances, well wishes and updates on their lives.

Zoe Doyle, daughter of Frank Joseph Doyle, said her family created a nonprofit in his honor that's built schools in South Africa and is feeding and educating thousands of children.

Manuel DaMota Jr. said he remembers his father and namesake, Manuel DaMota, not just with grief, but with gratitude for the example he set.

"In a world filled with division and conflict, I do my best to honor my father by choosing connection, empathy and hope," he said.

Melissa Pullis, whose husband Edward Pullis died in the towers, said this year is more difficult than others because two of the couple's three children are getting married.

"You can't walk your princess down the aisle," she said through tears. "You are missed every day. We will always say your name, and we will always fight for justice."

Ceremonies in Virginia and Pennsylvania honor victims

At the Pentagon in Virginia, the 184 service members and civilians killed when hijackers steered a jetliner into the headquarters of the U.S. military were honored in a ceremony attended by President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump.

The president, in his remarks, recounted moments from that day, including snippets of conversations from passengers who were aboard the hijacked airplanes.

"Today, as one nation, we renew our sacred vow that we will never forget Sept. 11, 2001," Trump said during the observance, which took place in an internal courtyard of the building rather than its traditional location outside its walls near the building's 9/11 memorial.

"The enemy will always fail," he added. "We defy the fear, endure the flames."

The president, who was expected to attend a New York Yankees game in the Bronx on Thursday evening, also announced Kirk would be posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, calling him a "giant of his generation" and a "champion of liberty."

And in a rural field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, a ceremony attended by Veterans Affairs Secretary Doug Collins honored the victims of Flight 93, the hijacked plane that crashed after crew members and passengers tried to storm the cockpit.

Elsewhere, people marked the anniversary with service projects and charitable works as part of a national day of service. Volunteers took part in food and clothing drives, park and neighborhood cleanups, blood banks and other community events.

Reverberations from attacks persist

In all, the attacks by al-Qaida militants killed 2,977 people, including many financial workers at the World Trade Center and firefighters and police officers who had rushed to the burning buildings trying to save lives.

The attacks reverberated globally, altering the course of U.S. foreign and domestic policy. It led to the " Global War on Terrorism " and the U.S.-led invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq and related conflicts that killed hundreds of thousands of civilians and troops.

The U.S. government has also spent billions of dollars providing health care and compensation to tens of thousands of people who were exposed to the toxic dust that billowed over parts of Manhattan when the twin towers collapsed.

While the hijackers died in the attacks, federal officials have struggled to conclude the long-running legal case against the man accused of masterminding the plot, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. The former al-Qaida

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Santa Monica Conservancy Seeks Volunteers for 150th Anniversary Celebration

The Santa Monica Conservancy is recruiting volunteers to share stories of the city's historic sites during Santa Monica's 150th anniversary celebration.

Volunteer opportunities include conducting guided tours of landmarks like Main Street and the Marion Davies Guest House at Annenberg Community Beach House, plus writing stories about local history for the Conservancy newsletter.

"Each person brings their own story, passion and reason for wanting to preserve the history of this city," said Alissa Reid, community outreach coordinator.

Volunteers completing at least four annual events receive complimentary Conservancy membership, including access to member-only events and special guided tours throughout Los Angeles.

Upcoming events needing volunteers include Doors Open California on Sept. 13-14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Historic Shotgun House at 2520 Second Street, featuring tours of the 1897 tiny house saved from demolition.

The Route 66 Centennial Exhibition takes place Sept. 25 from 5-7 p.m. at the Shotgun House, commemorating 100 years of the historic highway.

"Untold Stories: The History of the Marquez-Reyes Family" is scheduled Oct. 8 with a 5:30 p.m. reception at the Shotgun House and 7 p.m. talk at Ocean Park Library, featuring family member Sharon Reyes and historian Nina Fresco.

Ongoing volunteer opportunities include guided tours highlighting architectural and cultural landmarks, gardening at the Shotgun House Native Plant Garden led by expert Hilda Weiss, and the Writers' Circle collaborating on stories for over 4,000 newsletter subscribers.

To volunteer, contact Community Outreach Coordinator Alissa Reid at alissa@smconservancy.org.

The Santa Monica Conservancy is a nonprofit dedicated to celebrating the city's historic places and cultural heritage through tours, educational programs and community events.

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VOLUNTEERS: Docents at State of the City.

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$3,395,000

864 Wellesley Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90049

3 BR 2.5 BA, 1,924 Sq Ft

Listed by Brooke Elliott Laurinkus, DRE #01965650 Christie's International Real Estate SoCal

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$599,000

1517 Harvard St #7
Santa Monica, CA 90404

1 BR 1 BA, 612 Sq Ft

Listed by Thomas Magiar, DRE #01403577 Keller Williams Los Angeles

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$5,400,000

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Santa Monica, CA 90401

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Listed by Romina Spinelli, DRE #01396675 Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties

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$1,899,000

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3 BR 3 BA, 1,296 Sq Ft

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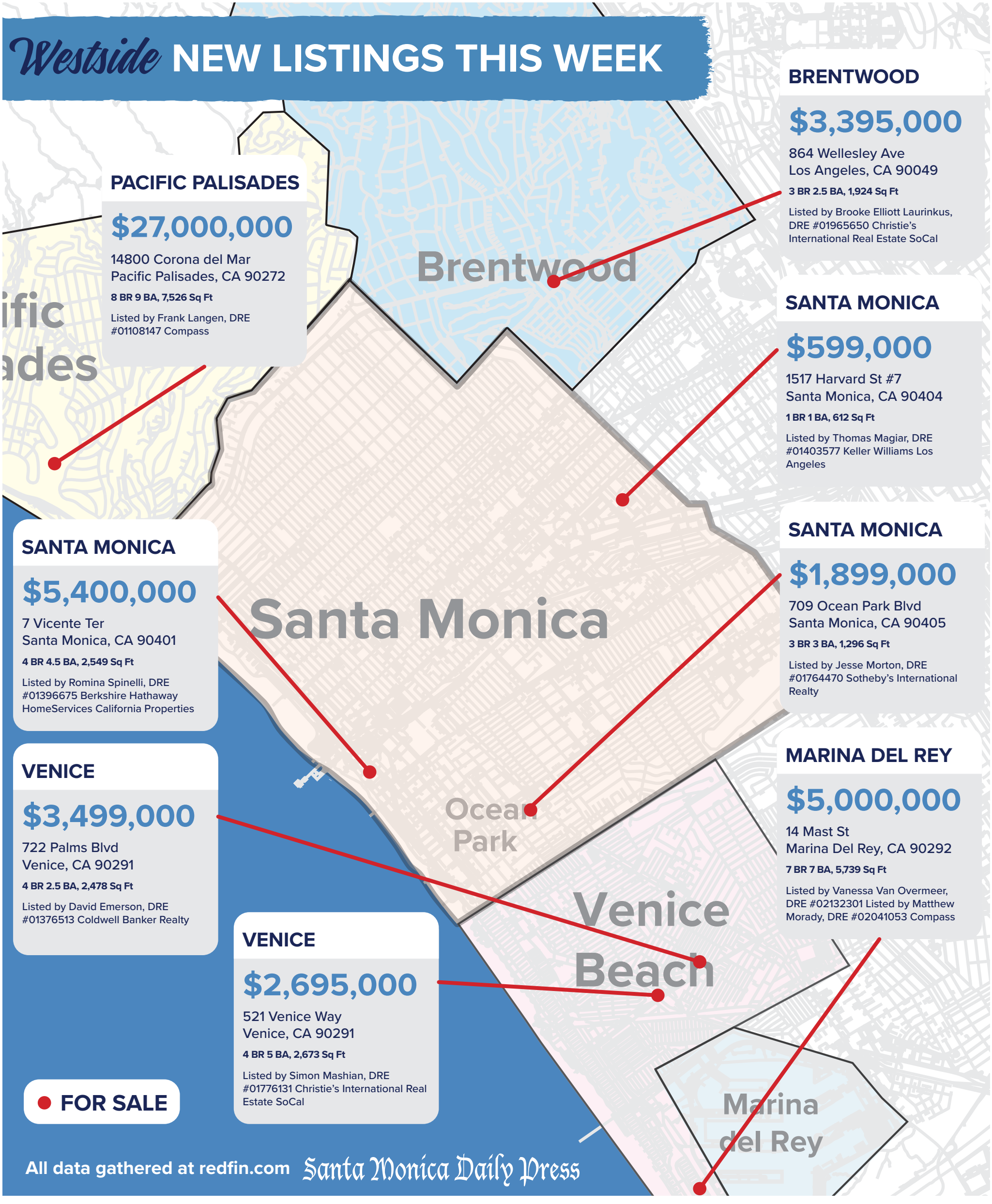
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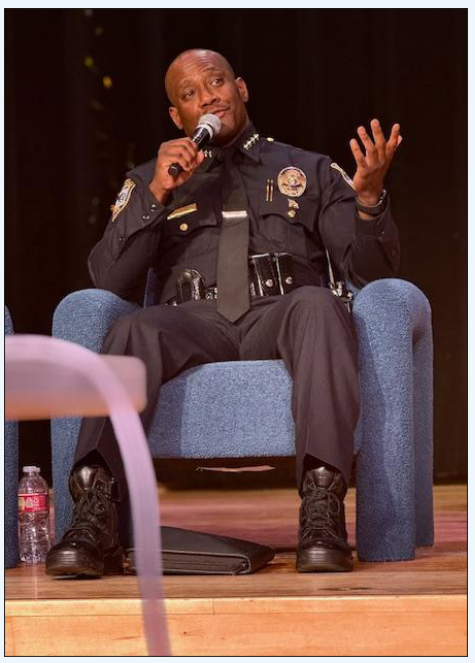
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NOMA Annual Meeting packs the house









Courtesy of NOMA

COMMUNITY SPIRIT: When the North of Montana Association (NOMA) was planning their first in-person meeting of the neighborhood group since COVID, they asked themselves "will anyone show up?" The answer was a resounding "YES" as over 200 people packed into (and stood outside of) the Franklin School auditorium to hear Acting Police Chief Darrick Jacob discuss safety issues in Santa Monica followed by a lively discussion with Mayor Lana Negrete and State Senator Ben Allen.

SURVIVORS

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"Survivors must be heard, not silenced. They must be believed, not dismissed," said Patti Giggans, executive director of Peace Over Violence. "The courage of more than 100 victims and survivors of Epstein's abuse is heartbreaking. They were children."

Speakers also addressed concerns about recent immigration enforcement actions by masked, unidentified federal agents, which have intensified fear among undocumented survivors and trafficking victims already reluctant to seek help.

"These recent enforcement actions by unidentified, masked men are not just alarming—they are a direct threat to the safety and dignity of our immigrant communities," said Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez of Los Angeles City Council District 1.

The enforcement tactics deepen trauma for undocumented survivors and trafficking victims, speakers said. They emphasized the need for safe spaces where survivors can seek help without fear of deportation.

"No survivor should have to choose between safety and deportation," Solis added. "These immigration raids are not only cruel, they make our communities less safe. When survivors are afraid to come forward, predators are protected."

The press conference concluded with unified calls for federal action to end delays in justice, stop the culture of silence and provide transparency survivors have been denied. Speakers emphasized the issue transcends political affiliation, focusing on restoring trust, dignity and safety for abuse survivors.

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>
> - Patti Giggans

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LA COUNTY: Press conference showed solidarity with survivors who recently delivered emotional accounts of abuse and institutional failures to Congress.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS TO THE

Arts Commission
Housing Commission
L.A. County West Vector Control District

UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES

ARTS COMMISSION:
Two seats available for terms ending: **June 30, 2026 & June 30, 2029**
Applicant must reside or work in the City and shall be actively involved in the arts.

Housing Commission
One seat available for a term ending: **June 30, 2028**
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident.
One seat available for a term ending: **June 30, 2027**
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident and an Affordable program participant who is or was unhoused.

LA. COUNTY WEST VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
One seat available for a term ending: **June 30, 2029**
Applicant must be a registered Santa Monica voter.

Applications due by noon, October 21, 2025.
Appointments to be made by City Council, **October 28, 2025.**

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action. The applicants appointed to serve in these positions will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Dancing Through Parkinson's to Present Second Annual Concert

"A Form to Return To: The Body as Form, Force, and Language" will be performed Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Glorya Kaufman Performing Arts Center.

The production features dancers living with Parkinson's disease alongside musicians and poets in an exploration of the body as both vessel and voice. The performance examines the space between structure and surrender, constraint and creativity through poetry, somatic improvisation and multi-sensory practice.

"For these performers—each living, moving, and expressing the realities of Parkinson's Disease—this interplay is not metaphorical, but deeply lived," according to promotional materials. "Together they have crafted a performance that uses the idea of shape as a metaphor for effort and offering."

Creative Director Rachel Whiting and poet laureate Francine Ringold guide the performance, which introduces many first-time performers to a public stage. The work reimagines form as a living, changing language shaped by the forces of gravity and grace.

The event is presented by Invertigo Dance Theatre's Dancing Through Parkinson's program, the company's longest-standing community engagement initiative. The program provides weekly dance classes to people living with Parkinson's and other neurodegenerative, mobility and age-related conditions.

The Glorya Kaufman Performing Arts Center is located at 3200 Motor Ave. Free parking is available throughout the Vista Del Mar campus, with parking attendants directing traffic and guiding guests to the theater.

Tickets are available at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/a-form-to-return-to.

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PERFORMANCE: A Form to Return To: The Body as Form, Force, and Language.

Beach

Historic Sites Open Doors for Statewide Celebration

Two Santa Monica landmarks will offer extended public access Sept. 13-14 as part of Doors Open California 2025, a month-long statewide celebration showcasing more than 70 historic sites across the state.

The Historic Shotgun House in Ocean Park and the Marion Davies Guest House at the Annenberg Community Beach House will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days, offering visitors glimpses into coastal living from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The Historic Shotgun House, built in 1897, originally served various families for nearly a century before facing demolition in 2002. Community support helped save the tiny home, which the Santa Monica Conservancy rehabilitated and reopened in 2016. Now located at 2520 Second Street next to the Ocean Park Library, the house serves as both a museum and the Conservancy's headquarters.

Docent-led tours will highlight the house's original features and history. Visitors can view a miniature model showing the Victorian-era structure and explore Ocean Park history through exhibition panels.

The Marion Davies Guest House stands at the former site of a 110-room Georgian Revival mansion designed by architect Julia Morgan for actress Marion Davies, built by publisher William Randolph Hearst. During the late 1920s and 1930s, Davies became Hollywood's premier hostess, welcoming hundreds of celebrities, politicians and artists to the oceanfront estate during her 35-year relationship with Hearst.

Santa Monica Conservancy docents will share the site's history from the 1920s to present day. The guest house is located at 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

Visitors should allow extra time for parking, particularly during summer months. The Shotgun House offers metered parking along Norman Place and Main Street, with City Lot #10 at 111 Hill Street providing additional options. Big Blue Bus Route 1 stops near Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard.

The Marion Davies Guest House has limited on-site parking, with additional spaces available at Beach Parking Lots 8 North and 9 North along Pacific Coast Highway.

Doors Open California is hosted annually by the California Preservation Foundation as part of its mission to celebrate design, architecture and history statewide.

For more information, visit https://californiapreservation.org/doca/

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FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/guided-mindfulness-meditation/16169673/2025-09-12T10

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/14385252/2025-09-05T18

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COMEDY CONFESSIONAL

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Bergamot Station Arts Center 2525 Michigan Ave Santa Monica. A monthly stand up comedy show where we collect anonymous confessions from the audience, and the comedians work them into their act! Curated Comedy with comics from HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central and late night TV. THE CROW is listed in the LA Times as one of the best places to see comedy in LA! Read more about The Crow in this feature article of the LA Times. Directions to The Crow at Bergamot Station: https://www.crowcomedy.com/directions FREE PARKING in the lot at Bergamot Station Arts Center. (You're welcome, Los Angeles.) Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/comedy-confessional/16602419/2025-09-12T20

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 13

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE EXPO

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Miles Playhouse at Christine Emerson Reed Park 1130 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica. The City of Santa Monica and Sustainable Works Invite You to the Sustainable Landscape Expo. Join us for a fun-filled morning of light snacks, giveaways and valuable landscape resources.Check out the new growing space, conveniently located next to the Miles Memorial Playhouse. The garden will be serving as a demonstration garden for implementing low water systems for Pollinator Friendly Plantings as well as Edible Crops. -Learn how you can save water and money with Santa Monica's Landscape Rebate Programs. -Meet Professional Landscape Architects who will be available to answer questions about design and firescaping-Discover the best ways to add trees to your landscape and care for them. -Take a stroll through the new Reed Park garden and explore seasonal vegetable seeds and demonstration plantings. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/sustainable-landscape-expo/16610409/2025-09-13T09

LOS ANGELES VISIONWALK

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Crescent Bay Park 2000 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. VisionWalk is a signature fundraising event of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Over 10 Million Americans are affected by blinding diseases including macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa and Usher syndrome. The Foundation Fighting Blindness is driving the research to find treatments and cures for these diseases. Join us at this iconic stretch of beach for a day of community, hope, and purpose. With palm trees swaying, ocean breeze in the air, and a powerful cause driving us forward, there's no better place to take steps toward a future without vision loss. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/los-angeles-visionwalk/16593591/2025-09-13T09

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 14

THE WATERFRONT - SUNDAY REAL FUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Waterfront 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice, CA. Enjoy a bottomless brunch buffet Sundays at The Waterfront! The Waterfront Venice is a full-service restaurant celebrating Californian cuisine with views of the Pacific Ocean. Situated between Rose and Navy on the famous Venice Beach Boardwalk, our food & beverage menus celebrate California with carefully selected seasonal produce from local farms.Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-waterfront-sunday-real-funday-brunch-buffet/14894114/2025-09-14T11

AMERICANA IN THE PARK 2025 FESTIVAL

2:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Gandara Park 1819 Stewart St Santa Monica. n its fifth year, Americana in the Park returns for an action-packed single afternoon format! McCabe's Guitar Shop presents a free festival featuring a broad spectrum of live music, from traditional roots, blues, jazz and folk to Americana's modern forms. Join us for family-friendly programming from top notch local talent like El Rayo X, Alice Howe & Freebo, Gumbo Brothers, and Babilonia featuring Celia Chavez, along with food trucks, kid-friendly interactive elements and a McCabe's Guitar Shop Pop-up! Sunday, Sept. 14 1:30-6:30 p.m. Gandara Park. Check out the eventbrite for more info. Americana in the Park is made possible by the city's Art of Recovery community grants initiative. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/americana-in-the-park-2025-festival/16229254/2025-09-14T14

AYMS SOCAL LA LAST DAYS OF SUMMER BEACH DAY

5:00 p.m. Lifeguard Tower 26 2600 Ocean Front Walk Lifeguard Tower 26 Santa Monica. Let's enjoy the last days of summer with a beach day filled with sun, fun, and Amigas! $7.18. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/ayms-socal-la-last-days-of-summer-beach-day/16644509/2025-09-14T17

VENICE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE - SUNDAYS AT SUNSET

Windward Plaza 1501 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Join the Magic of the Venice Electric Light Parade Every Sunday Night! Looking for a unique and vibrant way to end your weekend? The Venice Electric Light Parade (VELP) is here to light up your Sunday evenings! Founded by Marcus Gladney, this family-friendly weekly event celebrates community, creativity, and safe cycling. Bring your LED-lit bicycle and join us for an unforgettable ride along the iconic Venice Beach. Details: When: Every Sunday evening. Meet 45 minutes before sunset. Where: Windward Plaza, Venice Beach. Who: Open to everyone! Bring your bike, lights, and good vibes. Cost: FREE to join! Experience the magic of glowing bikes, amazing sound bikes playing great music, and the welcoming energy of the Venice community. The parade follows a strict no-smoking or drinking policy, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Why Join? Connect with old and new friends. Celebrate the artistic and cultural spirit of Venice. Enjoy a safe and fun environment for all ages. So, light up your ride, bring your friends, and join us this Sunday at Windward Plaza. Don't forget to turn on your lights and practice safe cycling at night! Let's ride into the sunset together! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/venice-electric-light-parade-sundays-at-sunset/14970341/2025-09-14T00

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 15

CITIZENSHIP CLASS

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. An ongoing series of citizenship classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. The classes help students study the 100 civics questions, practice the dictations, review the citizenship application, and prepare for the interview. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/citizenship-class/16220806/2025-09-15T10

THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months!Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2025-09-15T19

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Join a community-led online discussion of a wide range of books, chosen by the members. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/main-library-book-group-discussion/11868114/2025-09-15T19

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 16

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2025-09-16T10

BOOKS & BAGELS - VENICE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291 Schedule: June 18: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond July 16: Vaster Wilds, Lauren Groff? August 20: Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert? September 17: Hello Beautiful, Ann Napalitano? October 15: On Animals, Susan Orlean? November 19: Quiet American, Graham Greene?? Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Join them today to show your support for the library: For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/books-bagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-09-16T12

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Summons

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES(Personal Injury or Wrongful Death) Civ 050Case No: 25SMCV00721Attorney for JUSTIN PORTNOYATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name and Address):Eddie Dennis, Esq. (SBN: 312483)Lederer & Nojima, LLP12100 WIlshire Boulevard, Suite 480Los Angeles, CA 90025SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OFSTREET ADDRESS: 1725 Main St MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Santa Monica , C 90401BRANCH NAME: Santa Monica Courthouse PLAINTIFF: JUSTIN PORTNOYDEFENDANT: ALI SADEGHI, et al.STATEMENT OF DAMAGES(Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)To (name of one defendant only): Eight8Home, LLC Plaintiff (name of one plaintiff only):JUSTIN PORTNOYseeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:1. General damages AMOUNTa. Pain, suffering, and inconvenience ..$ 4,500,000.00 b. Emotional distress. . $ 500,000.00c. Loss of consortium .. $d. Loss of society and companionship (wrongful death actions only) .. $e. Other (specify) $f. Other (specify) $g. Continued on Attachment 1.g.2. Special damagesa. Medical expenses (to date) .. $ 1,000,000.00b. Future medical expenses (present value) .. $ 1,500.000.00c. Loss of earnings (to date) .. $ d. Loss of future earning capacity (present value) .. $ e. Property damage .. $f. Funeral expenses (wrongful death actions only) .. $g. Future contributions (present value) (wrongful death actions only) .. $h. Value of personal service, advice, or training (wrongful death actions only) .. $i. Other (specify) $j. Other (specify) $k. Continued on Attachment 2.k.3. Punitive damages: Plaintiff reserves the right to seek punitive damages in the amount of (specify).. when pursuing a judgment in the suit filed against you.Date: 08/12/2025(TYPE OR PRINT NAME) Eddie Dennis, Esq. (SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF) E.D.S.PROOF OF SERVICE(After having the other party served as described below, with any of the documents identified in item 1, have the person who servedThe documents complete this Proof of Service. Plaintiff cannot serve these papers.)1. I served thea. Statement of Damagesc. by serving OTHER SERVED BY PUBLICATION 2. Manner of service (check proper box):f. Other (specify code section):SERVED BY PUBLICATION

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Probate Sale

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:SPIRO M. PAVLOVICH, JR. a.k.a. NICHOLAS ROCKEFELLER CASE NUMBER: 25STPB00826 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of SPIRO M. PAVLOVICH, JR., NICHOLAS ROCKEFELLER. A Petition for Probate has been filed by HELEN B. KIM in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles-Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Petition for Probate requests that HELEN B. KIM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: Sept 16th , 2025 Time: 8:30 a.m Dept. 79 Room 610 Address of Court: Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 N. Hill St 4th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012 If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the Petitioner: LAWRENCE M. LEBOWSKY Address: 11150 W. OLYMPIC BLVD., SUITE 1120 LOS ANGELES CA 90064. Telephone: (310) 914-4100

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 07/28/25 2025153487The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Planechange Studios 1502 Broadway Apt 208 Santa Monica, CA 90404. Los Angeles Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Ai #ON. The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Ralph Byrd 1502 Broadway Apt 208 Santa Monica, CA 90404. If corporation or LLC- Print State of CAThis is Business is Conducted: Am Individual . The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Registrant /Corp/LLCRalph Byrd Title: Owner Ralph Byrd . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 07/28/2025NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE County CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. ,Business and Professions Code).

Name Change

Order Show to show cause for Name Change Case No.25SMCP00486 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Youssef Akhlarzad for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Youssef Akhtarzad court for a decree of changing names as follows: Youssef Akhtarzad to Joseph Akhtarzad . The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 10/24 /2025 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: _ The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 7125 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press

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BUDGET

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interesting history of being dirty."

She attributed the decline to systemic cuts and restructuring within the Department of Sanitation that eliminated programs never reinstated.

COMPLACENCY TAKES HOLD

That vacuum has bred something more dangerous: complacency. When people get used to stepping over trash, they begin to accept it as normal. Researchers call this the "broken windows" effect — visible neglect signals that no one is watching, encouraging more of the same. Over time, civic pride erodes, fewer residents speak up, and the mess multiplies.

In Los Angeles, that means litter-choked sidewalks and trash-filled medians fade into the background. The danger is not just aesthetic — it's cultural. Once people believe "this is just how the city is," it lowers expectations for both residents and government, making the cycle of dirt and disorder even harder to break.

THE STAKES ARE BIGGER THAN APPEARANCES

The impact of litter is more than cosmetic.

When it rains, trash slides from freeways into storm drains, then into Ballona Creek and the Santa Monica Bay. The county's trash interceptor in Ballona Creek has collected more than 125 tons of debris since late 2022.

At the coast, Santa Monica Pier again this summer landed on Heal the Bay's annual list of California's most polluted beaches, dragged down by bacteria carried through runoff.

Regulators are watching closely: in 2024, the Regional Water Quality Control Board instituted expedited penalties for municipal stormwater violations. Translation: missed cleanup targets can now mean faster fines — and again, all at the cost of taxpayers.

CALTRANS SAYS IT'S COMMITTED

Caltrans, which maintains the state highway system, says it is working on its part of the problem. "Caltrans is responsible for maintaining the state highway system and remains committed to working with local communities to transform and beautify their public spaces," said Katy Macek, spokesperson for District 7, which covers Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Macek pointed to Gov. Gavin Newsom's $1.2 billion Clean California initiative, under which Caltrans and local partners have removed more than 3 million cubic yards of litter and debris from state highways since 2021.

In Los Angeles County alone, she said, crews cleared 48,000 cubic yards of litter in the last two fiscal years.

The department also touts education campaigns like its "Just One Piece" ads, and operates more than 300 beautification projects statewide, including new green space along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Historic South-Central. Other efforts include a cleanup near Arbor Vitae Street in Westchester, and upgrades at Zela Davis Park in Hawthorne.

"Caltrans prioritizes cleanup efforts with its regular trash removal crews and special litter-collection stand-downs twice a month in all districts," Macek said. "This provides additional crews to remove trash on our highways."

Still, when we sent photos after the site cleanups, Caltrans didn't have an answer for why the highways it maintains remain so dirty.

There are other massive players. The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, and the city's LASAN, offer trash removal and myriad other services.

Bass said she has a new initiative that will focus on cleaning major corridors and restoring lost services. "One of my obsessions is trash. The city is dirty. And so we are getting ready to launch a whole concerted effort around that," she said in the Encinco Zoom meeting, adding that despite tight budgets, it is still possible to restore basic services.

On the more grassroots level are groups like Mather's CVV. In Los Angeles, 19 local organizations, from Pacoima Beautiful to the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council, have signed onto Clean California's "Community Designation" pledge to demonstrate civic leadership.

THE VOLUNTEERS KEEP SWEEPING

Back in the Valley, Mather's crew wraps the morning sweep and debriefs over coffee. Tomorrow they'll be back on neighborhood streets, each person aiming for "never less than three huge 50-gallon bags."

In the end, Mather says the fix starts with every Angeleno: "We need to stop people throwing trash. They need to be more accountable. They need to be more responsible," she says. "Walk to the trash can. If the trash can's full, then keep it with you and put it in your car and take it home."

The rest, she adds, is neighbors showing up and calling in what they can't haul themselves. She wants more people involved.

"More people have to stop deciding that it's okay to throw trash," Mather states. She notes that, even with all the billion-dollar slogans and stand-downs, the math doesn't pencil out without civic muscle.

"We are not going to clean L.A. without volunteers. There's not enough funds. Volunteers have to clean it up."

JAIME PAIGE - WESTSIDE CURRENT

CEREMONIES

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leader was arrested in 2003, but has never received a trial.

The Trump administration has also acknowledged it's considering ways to take control of the ground zero memorial plaza and its underground museum, which are run by a public charity.

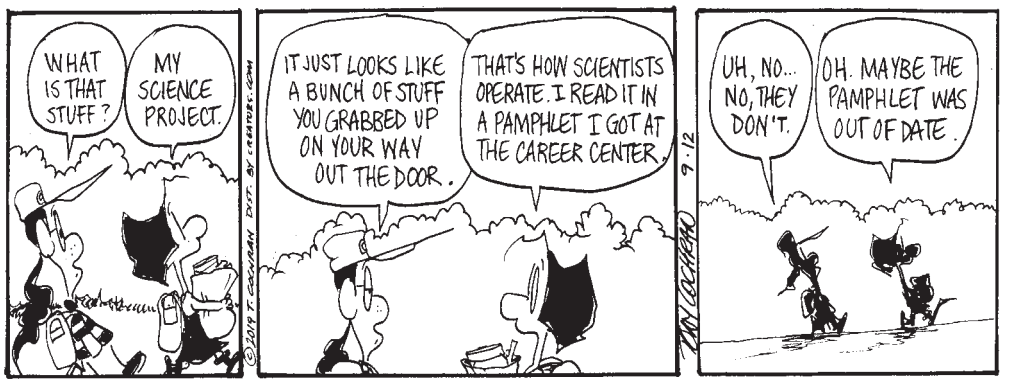
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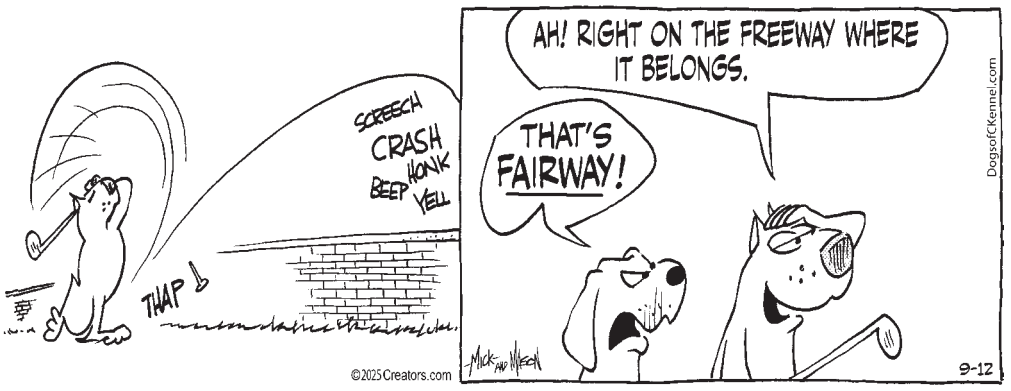
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FIND THE WORDS

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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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 12)

Welcome to your Year of Triumphant Action, animated by courage and punctuated by victory. You'll initiate what others only talk about. You'll build things and be repaid in treasures more valuable than money, but also in money. More highlights: The pursuit of an ideal sparks new relationships. You'll surpass your own record. You'll improve a property. Sagittarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 20, 14, 16 and 2.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may feel like you're speaking a language only a few understand. But keep talking anyway. You won't know who those "few" are until you've run through a few that aren't a match.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Are you afraid to ask for more? It may strike some as greedy, but any talent can be used for good. When you ask for more because your group needs it, has earned it or is sure to use it well, the ask becomes a no-brainer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll wear mystery like a crown today. People will read between your words, hungry for the rest. The smallest curve of your mouth carries the weight of a hundred untold stories.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Usually, the line between enjoyment and over-indulgence is easy to see, but circumstances are different today, so the boundaries may seem invisible, or perhaps extremely visible and yet somehow not important.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even when you're trying to play it low-key, the spotlight finds you. All you have to do to make a difference today is stand where you are, rooted and certain. Watch how people orient themselves. Your influence shifts the room.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your work is becoming indispensable to someone. What you do for them makes their world brighter and their experience smoother. And though it's a behind-the-scenes position, you'll still be acknowledged by those whose opinion matters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Being prepared and capable improves your odds for success. You feel driven to practice, sharpen your skills and strategize. You can't undo yesterday's loss, but tomorrow is still yours to win.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't need to try to fix anyone's problem to give them the experience of being cared for and recognized. Just lean into your natural tendency to nurture and celebrate people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a temptation to spread your attention across too many projects or areas. This won't leave you with the time and energy to dig in. And if you can't dig in, you'll lose traction, and nothing will move forward with real power. Choose one focus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have more power than you'll use. You could push harder, take more or dominate, but instead you choose restraint. It's compassionate, but it's also strategic, because in the long run, overplaying your hand has consequences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Yes, you know what you can do. But if you do only that, you'll be masterfully bored. Work in a 2:1 blend - two parts seasoned expertise and one part novel twist. It's a recipe for adventurous and even thrilling work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your natural impulse today might be to rush through and sacrifice detail for speed. You may have to consciously tell your attention span to slow down and respect the more intricate vision your other sensibilities are going for.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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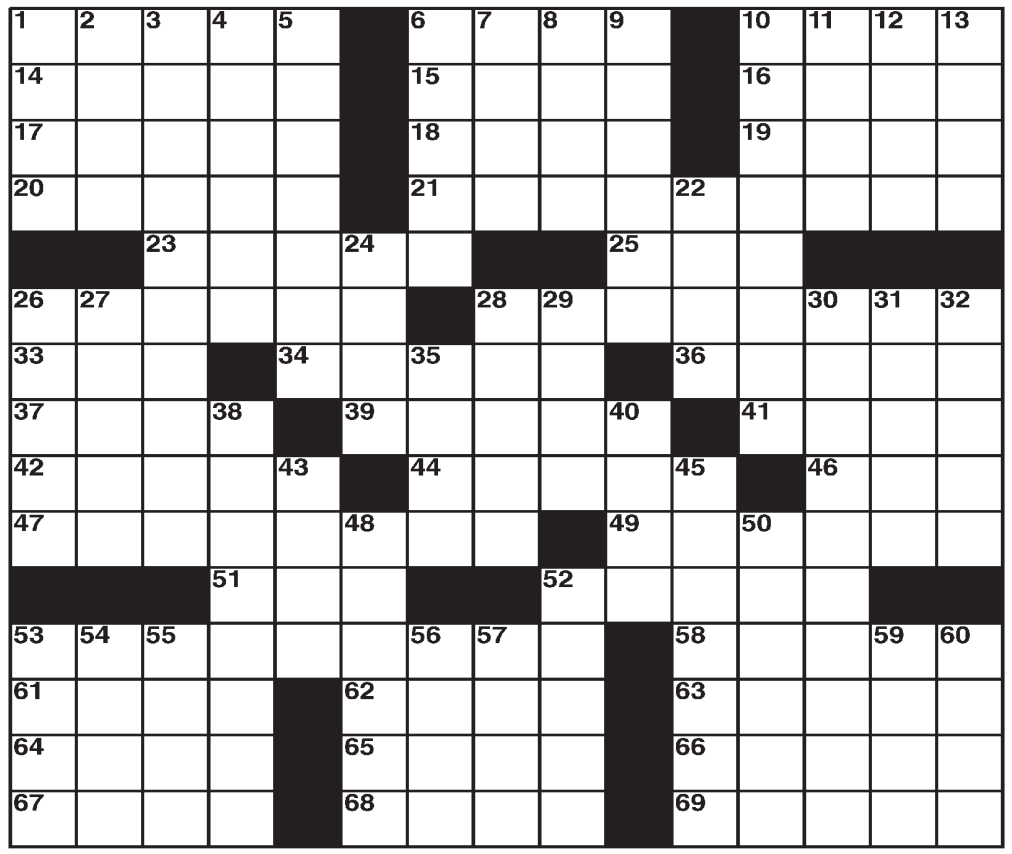
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6 Big blow
10 Batter's base
14 Southern citrus center
15 Buck's back
16 Detestable
17 Name related to Charles
18 PD personnel
19 Smooth-surfaced
20 Ancient poncho wearers
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23 Casino request
25 Brief acknowledgment
26 Sundae topping
28 Skilled negotiator
33 Frequenter, informally
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37 Still battling
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41 Ruler in a white robe
42 Acoustical
44 Marbled mare
46 Done, in verse
47 Luau preparation
49 Trumped up
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58 Place atop for decoration
61 Pint-size
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63 Saying
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65 Pump on a tree
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67 Centuries-old censure
68 Conversational nuance
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2 Enduring symbol
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4 Bright northern star
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9 What's going around
10 "The Raven" adverb
11 Begin to sag
12 High spirits
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MUTTERNITY

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So that's why I decided to start the Mutternity Project."

An Italian native, Bonetto moved to Los Angeles when she was 16 years old to study filmmaking at Santa Monica College. She started fostering dogs with the Labelle Foundation, an animal rescue headquartered in the Wilshire Vista neighborhood.

"They were a huge inspiration for what I do. I saw the huge impact they make because they have saved over 5,000 dogs," Bonetto said. "And I saw the demand on mother dogs because they are always the ones who get euthanized in the shelters, or they get stressed out and their puppies die, or something always happens. It's just a very bad environment for them."

Bonetto said she knew she wanted to start her rescue in the Santa Monica area after seeing how the community came together and showed up for each other after the L.A. wildfires in January. She matches interested foster parents with dogs based on their hosting capabilities. Potential dog parents interested in adoption go through a vetting process that includes a home check and a meet-and-greet with the dog before taking them home. Bonetto said she starts every week by analyzing lists of dogs scheduled to be euthanized in shelters across Southern California and sees where she can make the biggest impact. She targets shelters outside of L.A. because they have higher rates of euthanasia, she added.

"We work a lot with the San Bernardino City Animal Shelter. They are very overcrowded. Unfortunately, the whole Riverside County, San Bernardino County, their situations are way worse than here in L.A., so they get a lot of moms and pregnant dogs, and so we work a lot with them," she said.

Shelters typically make the decision to euthanize dogs when they are overcrowded or when particular puppies are sick or have behavioral problems, Bonetto said. Mother dogs are often overlooked by potential adopters and sometimes thought to be aggressive due to being overprotective of their puppies.

When deciding what dogs to save, Bonetto said she has to make difficult decisions based on her confidence that she can find the dog a permanent home, especially since she does not have space to host more dogs herself. Pitbulls, German Shepherds and some larger breeds in particular are difficult to find a home for, due in part to how much they eat.

"Do I have enough fosters? Am I going to be able to find a foster to take this family in? A lot of it is also, am I going to be able to get this family adopted?" she said. "Financially, it's a big commitment, and that's the other challenge because as a rescue, we don't get money from the government like shelters do, or city shelters get it from the cities. We're all donation based."

Bonetto said that each adoption is deeply emotional for her and one in particular stands out – her first one for the Mutternity Project. Bonetto was able to rescue a mother chihuahua mix from the San Bernardino City Shelter who had five puppies. A family from Burbank adopted one of the puppies, whose name is Birdie, and still send Bonetto pictures.

"The first adoption was very emotional for me because I was very stuck in all the operations and a little stressed to be honest – like, why did I do this? Why did I even do it? It's so hard," she said. "And then whenever we had the first adoption, I was like, 'Oh my god, this is so special.' Because seeing the family get so excited about bringing a new family member in, I just remember I was so excited."

Bonetto welcomes more parents to foster or adopt and is having a fundraiser at the Santa Monica iHop on Sept. 20 to find new homes for mother dogs and their puppies. In Italy, Bonetto's home country, it is only legal to euthanize dogs if the animal is severely ill or dangerous. Bonetto's ultimate dream, she said, is for the same laws to apply in the U.S.

People interested in fostering or adopting dogs or donating to the Mutternity Project can visit mutternityproject.org.

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2024

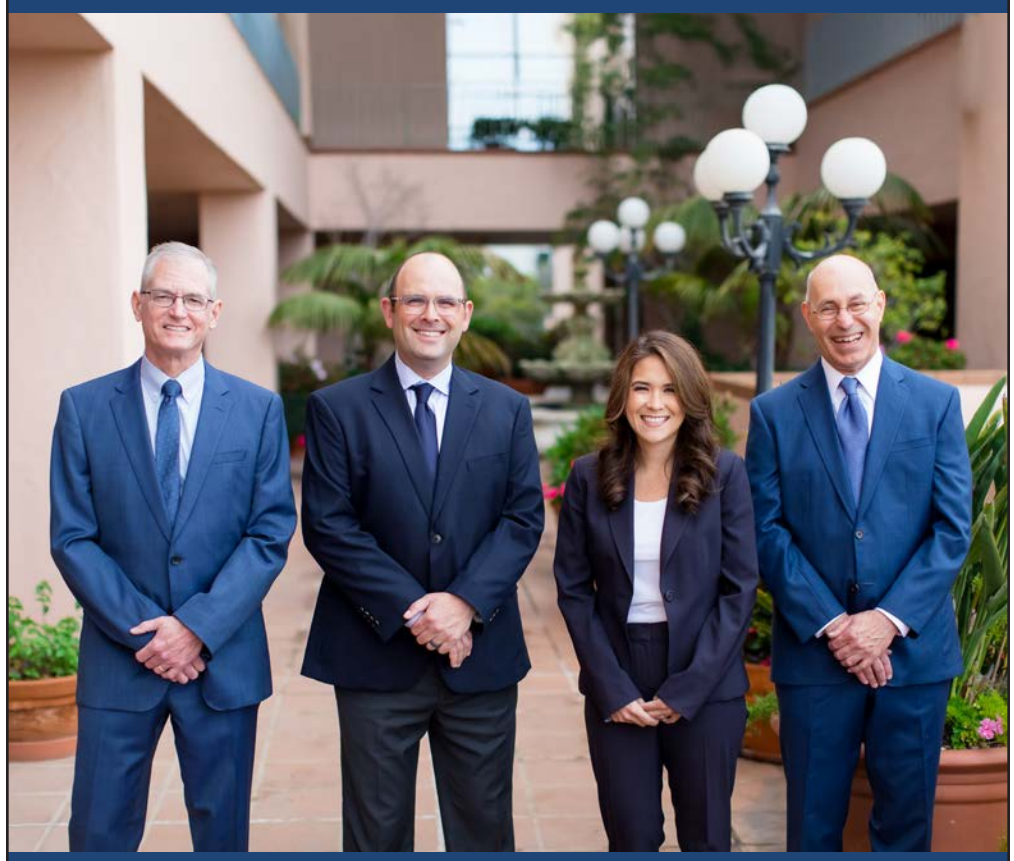
Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2024 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and the 2024-25 Action Plan.

The CAPER is now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending on September 27, 2025. The report is accessible at https://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs.

Hard copies are available upon request through the Housing and Human Services Department at hhs@santamonica.gov or by phone at (310) 458-8310. Written comments must be submitted by September 27, 2025 by email to hhs@santamonica.gov or by mail to: Housing and Human Services Department, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401. All comments received by September 27, 2025 will be incorporated into the final CAPER submittal to HUD.

ESPAÑOL Este es un aviso público para invitar a cualquier persona interesada a participar en el repaso del Informe Anual Consolidado de Evaluación y Desempeño (CAPER) del Año Fiscal 2024-25. Si necesita más información, por favor llame a Lupe Madrid en el Departamento de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos al número (310) 458-8310.

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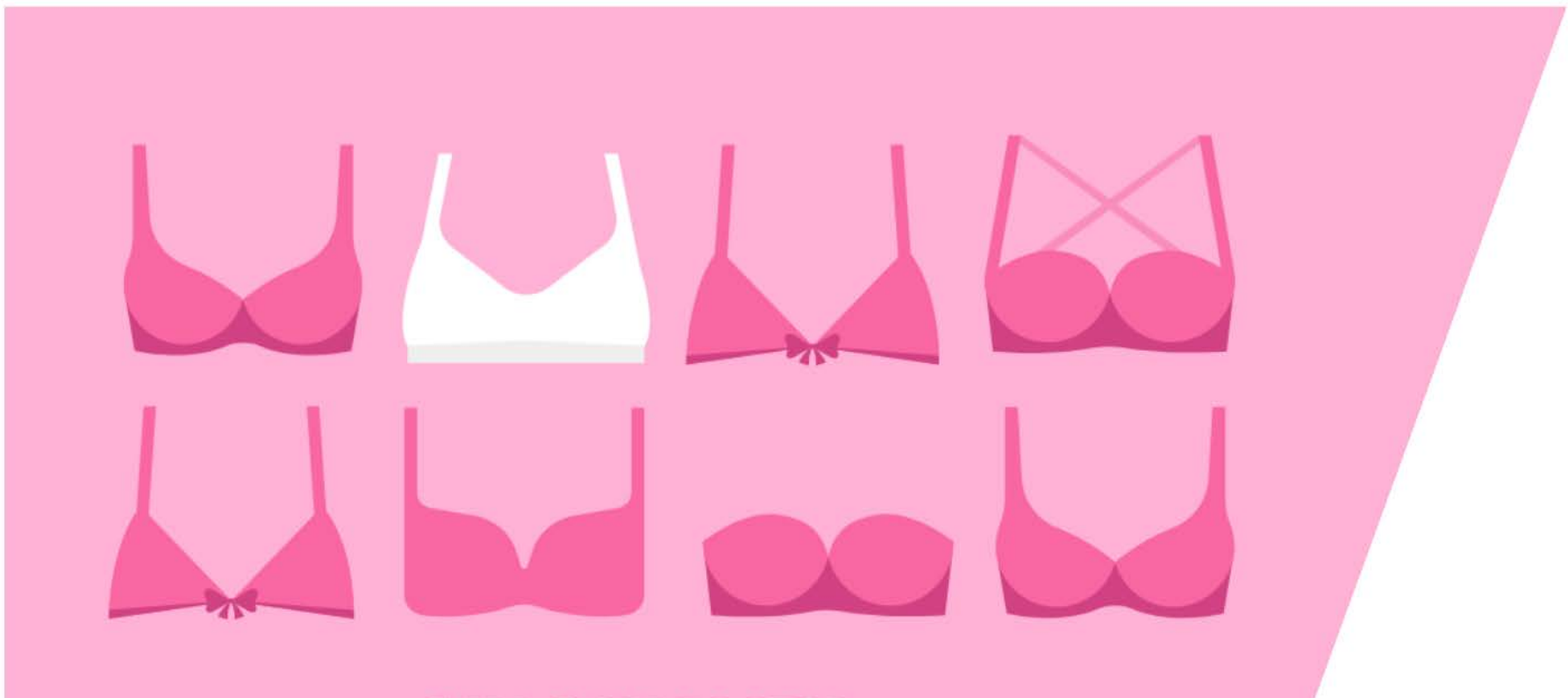


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