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Santa Monica -Malibu Unified School District Board



CRAIG FOSTER

The Daily Press will run a profile of each candidate in the 2018 election.

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AGE: 60
OCCUPATION: TEACHER / SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE: EASTERN MALIBU
OWN/RENT: OWN
MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED (LILI)
KIDS: ONE DAUGHTER (AMELIA), 10TH GRADE MHS
POLITICAL AFFILIATION: DEMOCRATIC
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HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED: MASTERS OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

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Squirm Nights begin with Rent Control Board

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

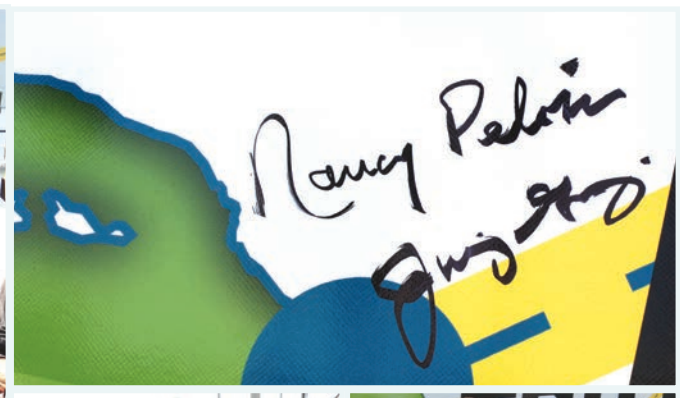
The Santa Monica Daily Press will hold three Squirm Night forums this year with opportunities for readers to get up close and personal with candidates for the Rent Control Board, SMMUSD Board and City Council.

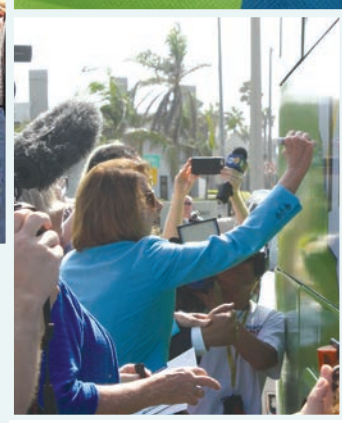
Tonight's forum, held at the Thelma Terry Building in Virginia Ave Park, will include information from both sides of the Proposition 10 debate.

The Daily Press forums have evolved over the years and for the 2018 election there will be individual events rather than a single joint debate. Daily Press staff will craft questions for each race and the audience is invited

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NUNS ON THE BUS

Angel Carreras

Nancy Pelosi joined the Nuns on the Bus at the start of their 21 state tour over the course of 27 days, ending at Mar-a-Lago with a "Fiesta for the Common Good" to protest tax laws.

Locals catch the sustainability bug at Off the Hook

YASSER MARTE
SMC Corsair / Daily Press staff writer

Local Santa Monica restaurants and residents gathered at the Santa Monica Pier for the 4th annual Off the Hook's Seafood Festival on Saturday, October 6.

The event raises money and environmental awareness for Heal the Bay, a non-profit organization who advocates to clean coastal waters and rivers in the Greater Los Angeles Area.

For a ticket price of $50, attendees could choose from over 30 tents from local restaurants, wineries, breweries and other organizations gathered under the sun to serve fresh local seafood and drinks to the hungry crowd.

"This is the fourth time this

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Santa Monica Review 30th Anniversary reading

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Santa Monica Review, one of the West Coast's leading literary journals. Readings by short story master Stephen Cooper, writer-critic David Ulin (The Lost Art of Reading: Why Books Matter in a Distracted Time) Best American Short Stories prizewinner (and filmmaker) Steve De Jarnatt, and debut novelist Katya Apekina (The Deeper the Water the Uglier the Fish). Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 - 8 p.m. http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

Introduction to Healing with Flower Essences

Christine von Liederbach discusses how to use flower essence to bring more harmony, joy, love, and peace into your lives and of your love ones and provides you with information about how to make a flowers essence with flowers from your own back yard. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Montana Mystery Book Group: Red Sparrow

Drafted against her will to serve the regime of Vladimir Putin as an intelligence seductress, Dominika Egorova engages in a charged effort of deception and tradecraft with first-tour CIA officer Nathaniel Nash before a forbidden attraction threatens their careers. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation

Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 - 8 p.m.

GED/HiSET Prep Class

Get prepared to take the Language Arts subject test of the GED or HiSET. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

Spooky Pajama Storytime

Join us for spooky and silly stories! Wear PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 11

The Recreation & Parks Commission Special Meeting

The Recreation and Parks Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council and the Director of Community and Cultural Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation. This special meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Santa Monica Institute, 330 Olympic Drive.

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Get To Know Your Ballot Measures

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica provide an impartial pros and cons look at the various ballot measures California voters will be asked to consider for this latest election. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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MORE AUTONOMY FOR MALIBU AND POSSIBLY EVENTUAL SEPARATION, HOW DOES A TWO-CITY SYSTEM BENEFIT ALL STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE DISTRICT?

Santa Monica and Malibu are effectively two distinct and geographically distant districts now, sharing revenues and governance. Each would be stronger with exclusively focused leadership. The agreement in principle in place now has the same revenue sharing as today but with independent, locally focused leadership for each community.

WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, DOES THE BOARD HAVE IN SECURING WORK-FORCE HOUSING FOR TEACHERS IN THE DISTRICT?

The district has a strong interest in securing work-force housing for teachers and staff. We can and should meet this interest by being available to partner with our cities and other entities with direct involvement and expertise in housing.

YOU'RE IN A KAYAK ON THE OCEAN WHEN YOU SEE A VIKING LONGSHIP APPROACHING CLEARLY ON A RAIDING MISSION. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU SEE A SHARK FIN IN THE WATER. WHAT DO YOU DO?

If I see sharks and Vikings, I'm clearly in Sam Raimi's movie Bermuda Triangle. I'd find Ryan Reynolds and the wormhole and escape before the Nazis show up because, "Nazis, I hate those guys."

WHAT IS BEING DONE AT ALL SCHOOL SITES TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC CAUSED BY PARENT DROP-OFF AND PROVIDE NECESSARY PARKING FOR STUDENTS/FACULTY?

Our goal is to reduce traffic congestion and increase sustainability. Immediate strategies under consideration include support of alternative options such as walking, biking, and public transit, working with local law enforcement on parking and access, split bell schedules, multiple drop off locations to reduce concentrations, off campus parking, and, in the longer run, potential improvements through construction.

WHICH THREE MOVIES BEST REPRESENT THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE?

The Breakfast Club
Dead Poet's Society
Ferris Bueller's Day Off

WHAT KIND OF DISCIPLINE SHOULD BE USED WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND IS THE DISTRICT DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT STUDENTS ON CAMPUS?

Some kids will make bad decisions, it is part of being kids. Our job as educators is to make poor decisions into learning experiences such that the transgressor has the opportunity to restore the harm done and learn to make better decisions in the future. At the same time, we need to provide the districtwide education and support so that the we have a community of fairness and inclusion on every campus. Restorative Justice, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, and our nation-leading Social Justice Standards are all directed towards exactly these outcomes. Please see below re: safety.

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF RECENT CONSTRUCTION WORK ON SMMUSD CAMPUSES AND WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING NEEDS FOR THE REST OF THE DISTRICT?

There is an enormous amount of work to be done to keep our facilities safe for students and adults and adequate to the educational tasks they house. The district has a clear plan to fully rebuild Santa Monica High School and to modernize every aged campus. Those plans are under way and have been well handled. There is much more work to be done across the two communities, from dramatically improved perimeter fencing, monitoring, and control for school safety, to much needed air conditioning, to continued facilities repair and upgrades, to outright reconstruction in support of changing learning environments.

WHAT ITEM OF CLOTHING FROM HIGH SCHOOL DO YOU STILL WEAR TODAY?

Blue jeans and T-shirts. The classics never go out of style.

WHAT ROLE SHOULD PARENT AND VOLUNTEER GROUPS PLAY IN DETERMINING CURRICULUM OR POLICY WITHIN THE DISTRICT?

I believe we are smarter together than separately. Parents, site councils, outside experts, and the students themselves all have essential contributions to make regarding curriculum, campus climate, and overall district policy. That input should be gathered and weighed by teachers, administrators, district leadership, and the school board as they work together to decide what actions will best accomplish our shared objectives.

¿COMO ESTÁ RESPONDIENDO EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR A LAS NECESIDADES DE LOS ALUMNOS QUE ESTÁN APRENDIENDO INGLÉS?

El distrito escolar tiene varios programas para ayudar a los alumnos que están aprendiendo inglés. SMMUSD está usando técnicas para el "ELA/ELD Framework" del estado de California. Estos programas incluyen la estrategia de "differentiation," es decir que cada estudiante, con cualquier necesidad, recibe atención especial por esas necesidades. Otras acciones incluyen asociarse con familias, colaboración con pares, (por supuesto) profesores expertos y altamente capacitados, y, muy importante, que esos alumnos importantes estudian las mismas asignaturas en la escuela.

SMMUSD IS A RICH DISTRICT BUT THERE'S YET ANOTHER SCHOOL BOND ON THE BALLOT. VOTERS HAVE ALREADY APPROVED SEVERAL SCHOOL FUNDING MEASURES IN RECENT YEARS AND THE DISTRICT GETS A CASH INFUSION FROM CITY HALL. WHY CAN'T SMMUSD LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS?

Unbelievably, funding for public schools in California is in the bottom 40's of all states in the US. According to EdWeek's "Quality Counts 2018," California per pupil spending averages $9,417. The state's support for its public schools lags national leader Vermont ($20,795), the national average ($12,526), as well as places we should not lag like Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Florida. We outspend only North Carolina, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, and Oklahoma.

We are extremely fortunate in that we are a Basic Aid district, receiving more than the state's formulaic allocation of funding. We are further fortunate in that our local communities, especially Santa Monica, have been extremely generous in terms of revenue funding enhancements. With those revenues SMMUSD ranks 9th wealthiest amongst California's unified school districts. Sadly, this only brings our district close to the still inadequate national average funding level.

With these operating funds we support top ranked educational outcomes with Malibu High ranked 45th in California in 2017 by US News & World Report and SAMOHI ranked 105th. The district also offers numerous programs rarely seen in California public schools, programs like school nurses, physical education (PE), smaller class sizes, extensive foreign language choices, and, especially, a spectacular, multiple award winning K-12 Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program.

There is little to no state funding for facilities repair, renovation, and replacement. Any such work we do has to come from local bonds. Some of our school buildings are approaching their 100th birthday and many, many date from the middle of the last century. Our district has undertaken the desperately needed facilities improvements with a series of local bonds to replace our aged, obsolete buildings. With safety and major usability issues, Edison Elementary has been replaced and the long term 2006 campus reconstruction plan at SAMOHI continues, it will enter its third phase when funded this fall. Continued upgrades across Santa Monica and Malibu will create better, safer learning environments, including the forthcoming construction of the John Adams Auditorium and at Malibu High School. Also dependent on the passage on the November 6th Measure SMS bond are essential planned upgrades to perimeter security for all campuses including improved fencing, perimeter monitoring, and electronic control of all points of ingress/egress, and the completion of districtwide air-conditioning plans.

The district has worked collaboratively and successfully with our cities and communities for decades to provide improved funding for both the day-to-day education of our children and for facilities repair and improvement. This generosity and support, and only this, has allowed us to overcome the disturbingly inadequate or nearly non-existent funding we receive from the State of California.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKING CANDIDATES ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP FOR 10 YEARS. WHY HAS THIS REMAINED A KNOWN PROBLEM FOR SO LONG AND WHAT MEASURABLE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE?

In April 2016, the school board commissioned a report on "Equity and Opportunities to Learn" by noted education expert Pedro Noguera. His conclusions were dire and clear, we had not achieved our goals.

He cited as contributing factors: high rate of turnover in leadership at both the district and site level a failure to implement and evaluate new initiatives to ensure fidelity political distractions.

He gave the following clear recommendations:

There must be a clear focus on students and student needs.

There must be a vision-driven cycle of development and improvement with clear focus on priorities, strengths and needs

Staff and teachers must operate with cohesion, collaboration and accountability

All stakeholders must act as collaborative problem solvers focused on improving learning and teaching.

There must be a clear directive from the board enabling the district's central staff to carry out their plans without distraction.

We have implemented multiple strategies in support of his recommendations:

We have hired a superb superintendent, Dr. Ben Drati, and, after an 18 month evaluation period have given him significant incentives to complete at least a 5 year term as our district's leader.

We have created a vision of 21st Century educational practices and empowered teachers and administrators to help lead the district in the implementation of this essential evolution.

We have implemented nation-leading Social Justice standards, Restorative Justice and Olweus Anti-bullying programs, and American Cultures and Ethnic Studies curricula.

We have implemented a quarterly reporting cycle of leading and lagging annual indicators of success regarding both our process and outcome goals.

We have hired new heads of Community Outreach and Data Analysis to provide expertise and leadership for these critical initiatives.

We have set board coherence and focus as a goal for ourselves, with already demonstrated success in focused deliberations and decision-making and shortened meeting length.

We have worked together to find shared solutions which largely resolve the issues of PCBs and Malibu Unification.

Dr. Noguera's report concludes, "There is no reason why a district with the resources of talents of SMMUSD should not be able to make more progress than it has." With the input of the Noguera report and the subsequent governance changes we have made, we are now strongly on the path to increasing educational excellence while simultaneously making extraordinary progress in closing our achievement gap. I am excited to continue to work with my fellow board members in my second term of office to create continuity, coherence, and continued success. I ask for your vote of support so that I can do so. Thank you!

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The Sky Is Not Falling

We officially have a right leaning, conservative Supreme court. I'm not happy about it, but I'm also not in a panic. Elections do have consequences and those of the 2016 Presidential election will be felt for at least a generation, but trying to divine what those will be is a fool's errand in many ways. There are simply too many variables to determine with any certainty what it all means.

Certainly, there is much consternation about the possibility that a woman's right to choose abortion could return to being limited based on an individual state's local politics. Time will tell if the "right case" can be made at the state level and then work its way up through the Federal Courts and present enough new information, or a novel way of looking at pregnancy that the court would agree to review Roe v. Wade, and then decide that they were going to overturn what has been settled law for 40ish years.

The talking head groups that claim to speak for "women" (a dicey prospect in the best of circumstances) predict a huge backlash against the Republicans in the coming midterm elections. I'm not so sure.

It seems to me, and I've been wrong before, that speaking of "women" as a voting bloc is not effective. The numbers, and history, don't support the proposition that women will blindly vote based on their gender in a certain way on any particular issue. If women voted as a bloc then I think Hillary Clinton would be running the White House and Bill would be attending more funerals around the world.

If women did in fact vote that way, when they outnumber the men, especially in the vital older adult groups that actually DO vote, why have they not won on the issues such as the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion and Hillary? Because they are independent thinkers, or not, just like the men. We do not all think alike, we do not all vote alike and that is why elections matter. We use them to come to some version of a workable solution that reflects our overall values as a society.

Hitting a bit closer to home for me would be gay rights. How this new conservative court will resolve the next gay rights issue is also an unknown. Am I concerned that there will not be the protections in place for my gay and lesbian family in the workplace or housing choices? Certainly. Do I think the Court will overturn Obergfell and make gay marriage illegal? No, I don't think so. The fact is that society has moved on, and yes there is a vocal minority that wishes to return to a "traditional values time." It's simply not possible.

For the Court to ban gay marriage would require them to remove a right, a right that is in the Constitution. It would open up the opportunity to bring back miscegenation laws - those laws that prevent blacks from marrying whites - I don't see that happening ever, so I'm reasonably confident that gay marriage is here to stay.

This opens up the question of why the gays are ostensibly more protected than the women in our society.

I think the issue turns not so much on gays versus women, as mother versus child. What I've noticed is that a person's views of abortion are generally informed by either their religion, or their science. Generally, for those of a religious bent, life begins at conception as a blessed event. A new person is formed, a new soul is created and it should be cherished, nurtured and protected.

For those of a science based view of life, an embryo is no more than a mass of cells, not that different from a cancerous tumor, skin tag or mole. They see no higher difference in removing an early stage embryo than in removing a troublesome cyst. To them abortion is just a procedure that can, and should be, done with little risk to the larger person.

In the calculus of these decisions, regarding abortion a Justice on the one hand is deciding where life begins and if we as a society should protect that unborn life, or not - versus gay marriage where they are deciding if two fully conscious adults (let's say Leah and Tricia) can exercise free will to be married which does not impact a third person who cannot speak for themselves.

How a conservative Court will rule on any particular issue is usually a mystery until the decision is published. Historically the Court moves slowly, and almost never with in step with the country. As a practical matter, we are better served by a slow moving slow moving Supreme Court, that way they reflect the morals and values of the nation as it grows, changes and evolves. Yes, it means that injustices are perpetuated longer, but it also means that once a decision is made, the court is hesitant to overturn it. The principle is a Latin phrase, stare decisis. Once decided the rule should stand absent new information. This is why the court is not likely to overturn Roe v. Wade, or Obergfell.

A conservative court can mean that little change is made, that decided law stays decided. A Justice is a Justice for life so they can be free to decide absent worrying about how any one decision will impact their job. That doesn't mean they are not aware of the political winds, they can and should take into account the changes in society and hopefully tack the judicial sails in the way that best reflects our morals, values and direction.

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to submit questions during the event for consideration.

New this year are a pair of partnerships. We will be working with The Malibu Times for the SMMUSD forum and with the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce for the City Council event. Questions for the School Board forum have been developed in partnership with student journalists at Samohi and Malibu High School. Students from both schools have been invited to participate in the SMMUSD forum.

SMMUSD candidates will meet at Pt. Dume Elementary school in Malibu and the City Council debate will take place at the Main Library. No live forum is currently scheduled for the SMC Board but the Daily Press is working with the SMC Corsair student newspaper on an alternate plan.

All candidates in all races have been invited to participate.

The format for all three events will be similar. After an introduction candidates will make opening statements. That will be followed by questions from moderators. Some questions will go to all candidates, some to a subset and some to an individual candidate. Audience questions will also be gathered during the event for possible inclusion at the end of the night.

Candidates are not provided with forum questions ahead of time. However, the paper does solicit written answers from all candidates in all races for published profiles that are running throughout October.

The Daily Press will consider the forums and written surveys in its formal endorsements.

Rent Control Board / Prop 10 forum
Tuesday, October 9
Thelma Terry Building
at Virginia Ave. Park
(2200 Virginia Ave.)
6 - 8 p.m. (Prop. 10
from 6 - 6:45 p.m. and RCB
candidates from 7 - 8 p.m.)

SMMUSD Forum, with the Malibu Times
Wednesday, October 10.
Pt. Dume Elementary School
(6955 Fernhill Dr, Malibu)
6 - 8 p.m.

City Council forum with the Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, October 16
MLK Auditorium at the
Main Library,
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
6 - 8 p.m.

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event has gone on," said Heal the Bay aquarium director Marslaidh Ryan. This year all the proceeds go to Heal The Bay which is a first for us and were really excited to a part of this organization and to have all the benefits comes to us. We're right here at the Pier and the Aquarium."

The event also featured a beer garden that served beer, wine and Japanese whiskey. Attendees also had a chance to play games like giant corn hole and larger than life size connect four while a local Venice band, Brightside, played soft funky reggae beach rhythms at the corner stage of the pier.

"I think it's a really good event and it's bringing the community together. There's a lot of local representation and it's nice to feel one with our community," said Jennifer Bennett, PR Manager at Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows.

Most of the seafood provided at the event was caught locally off the California coast. Vendors spoke with environmental consciousness about the importance of purchasing local seafood and eating sustainability.

"We buy seafood directly from fishermen all over California. Our focus is on bait fish and by catch. Bait fish would be seafood that is abundant in California, but typically shipped and used outside the state as bait to get other fish," said Trash Fish founder Ren Ostry.

The concept to buy local is no stranger to Santa Monica. According to the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce (SMCC) website some reasons include helping the Santa Monica economy, the environment and creating local jobs.

"So if we can elevate it and keep it local, we're cutting food miles, and we're celebrating our local bounty," said Ostry.

The event that drew the largest crowds was the oyster shucking contest. Each contestant was tasked with prying open as many oysters as possible in under two minutes. Eight competitors, mostly restaurant cooks, took to the stage to show off their shucking skills. The crowd closed in on the stage cheering and inspiriting the competitors.

Tony Aguilar, from Chaya restaurant, came out victorious, shucking over 12 oysters.

"It's great to have all these restaurants who compete with one another at one place enjoying themselves and coming together for the community," said Off The Hook organizer Kim Koury.

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Governor candidates spar on vision for California

JONATHAN J. COOPER
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Associated Press

Republican John Cox attempted to lay California's high cost of living at the feet of Democrat Gavin Newsom during a debate Monday, while Newsom warned that Cox would govern like President Donald Trump.

The hour-long public radio debate remained civil, with the two candidates for governor sparring on policy and mostly avoiding personal attacks.

Neither strayed from their well-worn positions, and the debate appeared to do little to change the race in which Newsom is heavily favored.

"We represent the vast majority of Californians that reject John Cox's absolute allegiance to Trump and Trumpism," Newsom, California's lieutenant governor, said during what's likely to be the only one-on-one contest between the two men.

Cox stuck with Trump on issues such as ending California's so-called sanctuary state policy and building a wall along the Mexico border. He declined to weigh in on the bitter fight over Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court, even as Republicans nationwide are celebrating.

"I'm not going to get in the middle of that. I'm focused on the issues in California," Cox said when asked if he would have voted to confirm Kavanaugh.

Both candidates agreed that tackling issues such as housing affordability, homelessness and California's cost of living should be the priority of the next governor, but they presented vastly different visions for how to proceed.

The two also sparred on criminal justice reform, immigration and the environment.

"This campaign is about change versus the status quo. I represent change," Cox said in arguing that the policies of Democrats have made California unaffordable.

The Nov. 6 election comes as the state faces a housing crisis and is drastically behind on building what it needs to house its population of nearly 40 million people.

Cox said he would change environmental regulations that can make it so expensive to build in the state. Newsom hinted at reforming California's property tax system, saying rules that limit how much property tax cities can collect saps the incentive from building.

On criminal justice reform, Newsom said he would continue the policies of outgoing Gov. Jerry Brown that focus on rehabilitating convicted criminals and putting fewer people behind bars.

Cox said he wouldn't have signed a new law that opens police misconduct records to the public.

Cox defended his support for a border wall and said California should undo its recently passed sanctuary law that limits local law enforcement cooperation with immigration authorities. Newsom strongly defended state immigration laws.

"I fear that under a Cox administration working hand-in-glove with Donald Trump that our progressive and enlightened polices on immigration will roll back into the dark ages," he said.

The candidates split on a new California law that eliminates money bail. Cox said the policy wrongly eliminates the entire bail industry, while Newsom said systems based on money harm the poor and racial minorities.

A September poll by the Public Policy Institute of California showed Newsom with a comfortable but shrinking lead over Cox — 51 percent to 39 percent with 7 percent of likely voters undecided.

The survey had a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

Newsom led 55-31 in the institute's July poll.

Campaign finance records show Newsom had $16 million in the bank on Sept. 22, compared with $1.7 million for Cox.

Cox is a lawyer, accountant and investor from the San Diego area who has never held elected office. He has pledged to reduce taxes and regulations that he says drive up the cost of living in the nation's most populous state.

Newsom, a former mayor of San Francisco, is running on his willingness to make bold decisions and his opposition to Trump.


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Chef Julio will once again create his buffet of delectable Afternoon Tea sandwiches, pastries and delicacies, accompanied by a selection of fine teas and Prosecco. There will be great conversation, fabulous Silent and Live Auction items and a raffle of unique and colorful Gift Baskets. This year's event will honor Dee Menzies, a true Santa Monica community hero - Head of School at Carlthorp for 33 years, first woman president of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica and an active member of many local boards, foundations and associations.

Attire is sophisticated or eccentric – it's the Mad Hatter Tea Party, after all! Last year over 110 members of our community attended, and we raised thousands of dollars for dental care for local children whose families need the assistance.

The Santa Monica Breakfast Club was founded in 1935. This group of dedicated people works to raise funds for local children whose families cannot afford urgently needed dental care. For tickets contact event chairs Jeannie Kusserow and Kathryn Boole at santamonicabreakfastclub@gmail.com or (310) 493-8004. Proceeds from the event support Children's Dental Care through the Santa Monica Breakfast Club Welfare Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization.

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TUESDAY - **FAIR TO GOOD** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
SSW swell from Sergio may rebuild. Small swells from the W, SW and SSE mix in.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR TO GOOD** - SURF: 3-5 ft shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
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Wednesday, Oct. 10th | 6PM to 8PM
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City Council Candidate Forum
Tuesday, Oct. 16th | 6PM to 8PM
MLK Auditorium, Santa Monica Main Library
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SEPTEMBER 27, AT ABOUT 12 P.M.

Officers responded to a residence in the 2300 block of 31st Street regarding a subject trespassing. Officers spoke to the homeowner and learned she discovered a female subject sleeping on her driveway wrapped in a blanket. The victim was desirous of prosecution. Offices made contact with the subject and placed her under arrest. The subject was also in possession of a (.99 Cent Store) shopping cart with personal belongings inside of it. The subject was evasive in providing proper identifying information. The subject was placed under arrest. Laura Maria Kristiansen, 36, homeless was arrested for trespassing and delaying arrest. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 338 Calls For Service On Oct. 7.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Public intoxication 1300 block California 12:03 a.m.
Fight 2900 block Lincoln 12:14 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public Ocean/ Bicknell 12:25 a.m.
Battery 2600 Main 01:14 a.m.
Stalking 1500 block Ocean 01:15 a.m.
Person w/gun 500 block Colorado 01:43 a.m.
Fight 600 block Wilshire 01:57 a.m.
Fight 2900 block Main 02:03 a.m.
Civil dispute 300 block Pico 02:09 a.m.
Battery 800 block Ocean 02:19 a.m.
Vandalism 1400 block 4th 04:53 a.m.
Grand theft auto 200 block San Vicente 06:46 a.m.
Rape 600 block Wilshire 07:28 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2100 block Delaware 07:31 a.m.
Person down 1900 block 18th 08:06 a.m.
Battery 1700 block Delaware 08:13 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 16th 09:00 a.m.
Vandalism 2300 block Ocean Park 09:05 a.m.
Strong-arm robbery 100 block Washington 10:23 a.m.
Vandalism 2000 block 4th 10:26 a.m.
Auto burglary 200 block Arizona 10:33 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block 19th 10:56 a.m.
Person down 22nd/Arizona 11:20 a.m.
Injured person 100 block Larkin 11:43 a.m.
Animal related incident 1600 block Ocean Front 12:18 p.m.
Encampment 1300 block 20th 12:42 p.m.
Vandalism 2000 block 4th 1:06 p.m.
Missing person 1200 block 6th 1:23 p.m.
Person down 300 block Santa Monica Pier 1:30 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy. 1:34 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1300 block Ocean 1:42 p.m.
Battery 300 block Olympic 1:46 p.m.
Battery 1200 block 23rd 2:08 p.m.
Missing person 1200 block 6th 2:25 p.m.
Injured person 1600 block Appian Way 3:22 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Colorado 3:31 p.m.
Battery 5th/Wilshire 3:34 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block 18th 3:38 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2800 block Santa Monica 3:44 p.m.
Grand theft auto 700 block Hill 4:02 p.m.
Fight 4th/Santa Monica 4:52 p.m.
Missing person 300 block Santa Monica Pier 5:05 p.m.
Person down 1400 block Ocean Front Walk 5:25 p.m.
Vandalism 1700 block California 5:32 p.m.
Grand theft 3200 block Wilshire 5:32 p.m.
Battery 00 block Pico 7:06 p.m.
Vandalism 14th/Ashland 7:18 p.m.
Critical missing person 1600 block The Beach 7:27 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block The Beach 7:41 p.m.
Grand theft auto 3000 block Ocean Front 7:52 p.m.
Burglary 600 block Broadway 8 p.m.
Person down 2900 block Pico 8:09 p.m.
Burglary 600 block Broadway 10:14 p.m.
Shots fired 4th/California 10:14 p.m.
Rape 2600 block 34th 11:34 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 19 Calls For Service On Oct. 7.

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Emergency Medical Service 400 block Expo Line 01:08 a.m.
EMS 1000 block Ocean 01:18 a.m.
EMS 4th/Olympic 04:48 a.m.
Flooded condition 2300 block Pier 07:42 a.m.
EMS 1900 block 18th 08:06 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block 18th 08:49 a.m.
Flooded condition 600 block 25th 09:15 a.m.
EMS 22nd/Arizona 11:20 a.m.
Smoke investigation 2300 block Main 1:03 p.m.
EMS 400 block Bay 5:18 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 5:42 p.m.
EMS 2900 block 11th 6:02 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 6:05 p.m.
Request fire 2900 block 11th 7:32 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Ocean 7:44 p.m.
EMS 2900 block Pico 8:09 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1400 block Stanford 9:41 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 9:55 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Lincoln 11:01 p.m.

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/5
27 28 32 41 69
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 470M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 10/6
3 14 15 16 26
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/7
3 22 27 28 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/8
MIDDAY: 0 7 8
Draw Date: 10/7
EVENING: 0 9 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 10/7
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:43.19

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2. to oscillate or move from side to side or between two points.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Night Gout

■ Gout is a common, but complex, form of arthritis. It occurs when urate crystals (derived from uric acid) accumulate in joints, causing inflammation and intense pain, often in the big toe. It's not uncommon for an attack of gout to happen suddenly, waking you up in the middle of the night.

■ A new study suggests that obstructive sleep apnea – breathing disruptions that affect sleep – may raise the risk of gout. Individuals with sleep apnea and gout share some common health challenges such as hypertension and diabetes.

■ The researchers did not propose any specific remedies but said that dealing with sleep apnea problems promptly may prevent other, seemingly unrelated problems later. That's an idea worth sleeping on.

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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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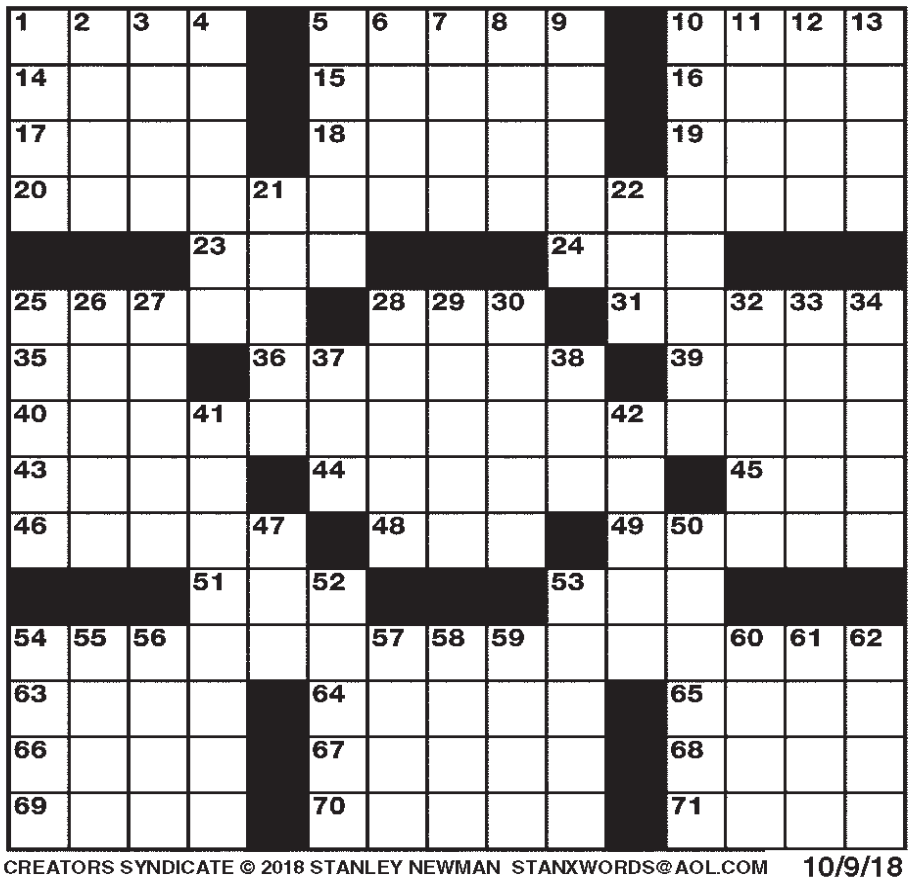
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Newsday Crossword

PET PHRASES by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Ram or rooster
5 Flat-topped hills
10 Junk in an in-box
14 Top poker cards
15 Noteworthy happening
16 Large brass instrument
17 "Let's just leave __ that"
18 Fifty minutes after the hour
19 Leave out
20 Frustratingly difficult
23 Corn serving
24 "A mouse!"
25 "Same here"
28 Observed
31 Western Florida city
35 Took a chair
36 Pageant crowns
39 "The Farmer in the __"
40 Dressing for impressing
43 Rebound of sound
44 "To be specific . . ."
45 Boise's state: Abbr.
46 Holders of fishing line
48 Unhappy
49 Wipe clean
51 Part of UCLA
53 "We're number __!"
54 Tell the police everything
63 Opera solo
64 Birds that honk
65 Triple-decker cookie
66 Young stallion
67 Reddish hair dye
68 Lacking strength
69 Leg joint
70 Watch secretly
71 Back of the neck

DOWN
1 Postal delivery
2 Start of a play
3 Cause of a dripping pipe
4 High regard
5 Cab-fare calculator
6 At any time
7 Transmit
8 Prefix meaning "against"
9 Boulder
10 Military lockup
11 Mountain lion
12 Just slightly
13 "Welcome" rugs
21 French-speaking Caribbean nation
22 Obtain
25 According to
26 Pasta topping
27 __ moment (currently)
28 Stories spanning decades
29 Enticing smell
30 Ebbed
32 Newspapers, TV, radio, etc.
33 Walks heavily
34 Seaweed
37 Rural stopover
38 Mo. city
41 Turnpike's collection spot
42 "Laughing" African beast
47 Costa del __ (region of Spain)
50 Fame
52 Sounds of lament
53 Mermaid's home
54 Burlap bag
55 Clothes-pressing appliance
56 River through Egypt
57 Hang on to
58 "__, meeny . . ."
59 "It will come __ surprise . . ."
60 Neck of the woods
61 Gather from the fields
62 Oxen's harness



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California DMV: Non-citizens may be registered to vote

SOPHIA BOLLAG
Associated Press

At least one non-citizen and perhaps many more were improperly registered to vote in California by the Department of Motor Vehicles, prompting the secretary of state to demand a new investigation of the embattled agency Monday.

The DMV said about 1,500 people may have been incorrectly registered between April 23 and Sept. 25 due to a "processing error." That includes legal residents who are not citizens, although the DMV says none of the people mistakenly registered are people living in the country illegally.

Incorrect registrations will be canceled by the secretary of state, DMV spokeswoman Jessica Gonzalez said.

She and California Department of Technology Director Amy Tong notified the secretary of state about the problem in a Monday letter. It's the latest issue the department has reported with its new "motor voter" registration system. Last month, the department announced it may have botched about 23,000 voter registrations due to a separate error.

"I remain deeply frustrated and disappointed that persistent errors by the DMV and CDT have undermined public confidence," Secretary of State Alex Padilla wrote in a letter calling for an audit.

The DMV discovered the errors after the Los Angeles Times inquired about a Canadian who was incorrectly registered, the paper reported. The green card holder contacted the Times after he was mistakenly registered when he tried to replace his driver's license at the DMV, the paper reported .

The department is working quickly to fix the problem, said DMV Director Jean Shiomoto.

California's motor voter law letting residents automatically register to vote took effect in April. Since then, people have newly registered or updated their voter registration more than a million times. The new law is aimed at making it easier for people to register and boosting voter turnout.

Early voting for the Nov. 6 election began Monday.





TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 9)

You'll assemble star teams this year, whether it's fantasy sports picks, work groups, domestic helpers, friendship squads... you're like an Academy Award-winning casting director when it comes to picking the right people. You'll hit pay dirt in the first quarter of 2019, and next comes the relationship equivalent. Aquarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 7, 22, 1 and 3.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The success formula is pretty straightforward today: Think positive, stay strong and take action. This will require that you focus well, steering clear of certain trains of thought. Put your mental blinders on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Everyone is different, but some of the differences seem just too vast to be worth the time it will take to create a cohesive bond. And yet, somehow, you'll do it. You'll do it in the name of peace, in the name of tolerance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
To count on uncontrollable circumstances is unwise and sets up a precarious dynamic where not getting what you want leads to unhappiness. If you must attach your well-being to something, at least make it something inside you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
To the naive eye, acting out may seem to be a display of power when in actuality it's often a display of powerlessness. The cool, calm and collected individual is the one to be respected and feared.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The best thing you can do for your soul today is to keep your requirements to a minimum. Let things be what they are. Trying to control life will only restrict its abundant generosity and dim its vibrant affection for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Though there are obviously many healthy and beneficial aspects to society, this is no time to follow blindly. Resist the group mind. What the world needs most from you is your unique point of view.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
For thousands of years, the natural habitat of man has been nature. It's proven that people who live without greenery mentally fatigue faster than those who regularly see plants. Today, a natural environment puts you at your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
If you make a mistake today, it's an excellent omen – a sign that you're really going for it. You deserve a little credit for that, right? Maybe even a non-ironic pat on the back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You'll find yourself once again in a position where what you want will be different from what others want. However, you're also mighty persuasive in your own quiet way, so this shouldn't stop you for long.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
While it's great to be kind to yourself every once in a while, how much greater would it be if you made a habit of it? This has less to do with spending money as it does an overall attitude of self-acceptance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Frustration will only diffuse your power. It may be unavoidable, and if you lose your patience, definitely forgive yourself. Then consider where your expectation may have been incorrect and adjust accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your independent spirit will be highlighted and you'll be most attracted to endeavors you can do without outside reassurance, encouragement, opinions, advice, money or support of any kind.

MERCURY'S BRUSH WITH DEATH

The past is gone, and the future will never be here. But if living in the present were so easy, why would the gurus have to mention it so often? We're time travelers by nature. Embrace it as Mercury enters the realm of death and rebirth. Transformation will happen through a strange mix of memory, projection, and an embrace of the moment.

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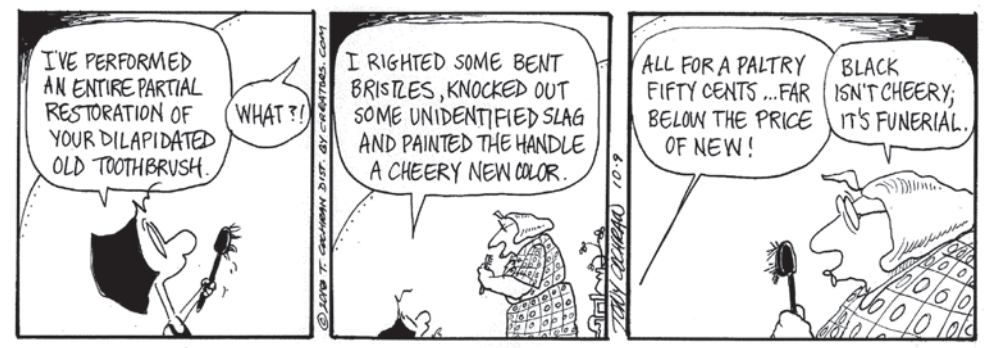
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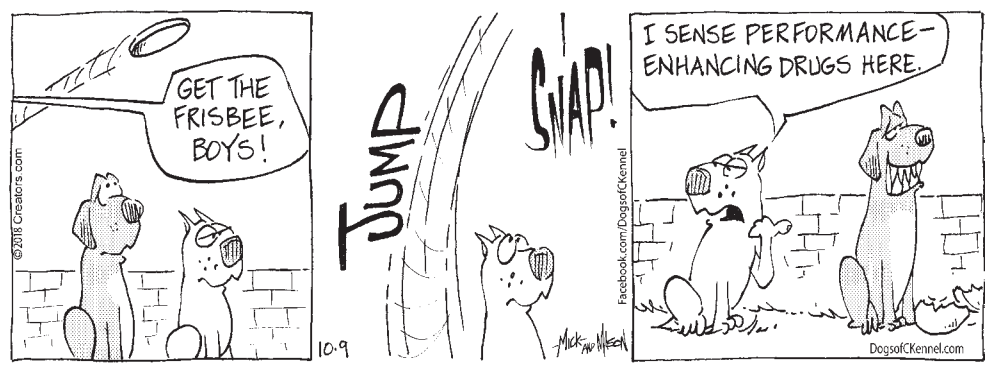
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California rent control ballot measure prompts fierce fight

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Californians who rent apartments built after 1995, single-family homes or condominiums have limited protections from rising prices under a state law passed that year that significantly restricts rent control.

That could change if voters pass Proposition 10 in November.

The ballot measure would let cities and counties across California expand or enact rent control by overturning the 1995 law, the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act.

It's one of the highest profile and most expensive issues this election season as California faces a massive housing shortage and steeply climbing rents. Proposition 10 supporters argue rent control is necessary to keep low-income and disenfranchised Californians in their homes. Opponents say it will lower real estate values, further decreasing the state's already-limited housing supply and stifling building. Economists widely agree rent control ultimately limits supply.

Nearly a third of California renters spend more than half of their income on rent, according to the state. Projections estimate California needs to roughly double its rate of housing production to meet its growing population's needs by 2025.

In Los Angeles, the median estimated rent for a 1 bedroom was over $2,300 per month in August, according to real estate website Zillow. In San Francisco, it's more than $3,600 per month.

"No other part of the country has seen rents increase as quickly or as much as California," said Zillow economist Aaron Terrazas. "Whenever rents are rising particularly quickly, there's no question that people have trouble keeping up."

More than a dozen California cities already have some rent control on older properties, including Los Angeles and San Francisco. Proposition 10 would give local governments more flexibility to implement or expand rent control rules while guaranteeing landlords the right to a fair rate of return on their investment. Rent control policies range from curbing how much landlords can raise rents each year to limiting what they can charge new renters.

Supporters including the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, a non-profit known for wading into hot-button political issues, have contributed more than $14 million to back Proposition 10. Rental companies and other opponents have poured more than $47 million into the "no" campaign.

A poll released in September by the nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California found 36 percent of likely voters plan to vote for the measure, with 48 percent saying they'll vote no and 16 percent undecided.

Berkeley, California, is one city that would see an immediate effect if Proposition 10 passes. Landlords in the East San Francisco Bay Area city used to be limited in what they could charge new renters to prevent price spikes when one tenant moved out and another came in.

But state lawmakers outlawed that practice, known as "vacancy control," with the 1995 law. It would be reinstated in Berkeley if Proposition 10 passes.

Other cities are already discussing proposals to enact or expand rent control.

In Oakland, rent control only applies to buildings constructed before 1983. City Councilmember Dan Kalb said he thinks the city, which borders Berkeley, would move to expand rent control if Proposition 10 passes but continue to exempt brand new construction.

"We need to have tools in our toolbox to protect as many of our renters as possible so they can continue to live in the city," he said.

Supporters of rent control say it's one tool to help alleviate the state's housing crisis. They're taking the issue directly to voters after legislative efforts to allow more rent control failed.

"Building at the scale we need will take decades," said Christina Livingston, one of the initiative's backers. "But families are being kicked out of their homes right now."

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office says Proposition 10 will lower the value of rental properties. Economic research "overwhelmingly" shows that although rent control benefits some individual renters, overall it limits supply and raises rents because it decreases incentive to build, Terrazas said.

Proposition 10 opponents also argue it would drive small landlords out of business.

"This will make a bad problem worse," said Steve Maviglio, the anti-Proposition 10 campaign spokesman.

Decreasing regulations on construction and providing more money for affordable housing are better steps the state could take to alleviate the housing crisis, opponents argue.

Two other measures on the ballot are aimed at providing more money for housing. Proposition 1 would authorize $4 billion in bond funding to house low-income people, veterans and farmworkers. Proposition 2 would authorize $2 billion in bond funding to house people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The Proposition 2 bond would be repaid using money from the California millionaire's tax that provides revenue for mental health services.

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