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LAFD report calls for major changes after devastating Palisades Fire

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Los Angeles Fire Department needs to overhaul its staffing policies, improve communication systems and enhance wildfire training following the devastating Palisades Fire that killed 12 people and destroyed much of the Pacific Palisades community, according to a city-commissioned review released Wednesday.

The 67-page after-action report identified dozens of recommendations for improvement, including ending the practice of allowing firefighters to go off duty during extreme weather conditions when fiscal concerns outweigh public safety considerations.

"Although an effort was made to maintain fiscal responsibility within the Department, there remains no substitute for preparedness and response when deploying resources effectively to wind-driven vegetation fires in the matter of public safety," the report states.

The document revealed that LAFD command staff decided not to hold over off-going personnel to fill every available seat the morning of Jan. 7, despite severe Red Flag weather conditions. The decision proved costly when hurricane-force winds quickly drove the fire through the community.

"The fire conditions and initial ferocity of fire behavior overwhelmed the immediately available resources in the Palisades area," according to the report. "A recall of all members to fill every available seat was implemented after the start of the Palisades incident."

Among the report's key recommendations, the department should immediately review its recall procedures and adopt new technologies to create a comprehensive system for bringing off-duty personnel back to work during emergencies. The current system

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LAFD Image

PALISADES FIRE: The LAFD report says changes are needed to combat future wildfires.

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Council approves $35.5m contract to replace 86-year-old Pier Bridge



Courtesy photo

PIER: Construction is expected to begin in late 2025 and take 24 months to complete, finishing before the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympics.

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

City Council approved a $35.5 million contract to replace the city's iconic but aging pier bridge, moving forward with a critical infrastructure project that will keep one of California's most popular tourist destinations accessible during the 2028 Olympics.

The council awarded the construction contract to Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. to replace the 86-year-old Santa Monica Pier Bridge, which has a sufficiency rating of just 8.2 on a 100-point scale and does not meet current seismic standards.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2025 and take 24 months to complete, finishing before the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympics. The new bridge will have a 75-year service life and meet modern seismic and safety standards.

The Pier Bridge Replacement Project will replace the 86-year-old bridge and provide a seismically sound and functional bridge for residents, businesses, pedestrians, bikers, vehicles, and visitors.

The Federal Highway Bridge Program will fund approximately 75% of the project cost — $30.2 million — with the remainder coming from local transportation funds. The city has already executed an agreement to be reimbursed for construction expenditures under the federal program.

KEEPING THE PIER OPEN

City officials emphasized that the Santa Monica Pier will remain open to visitors throughout the two-year construction period, with temporary access solutions in place to minimize disruptions to the millions of annual visitors and local businesses.

A temporary pedestrian bridge will be constructed adjacent to and south of the existing bridge, providing an 8-foot-wide walkway similar to the current north-side walkway. For vehicles, a temporary ramp will connect the pier to the beach parking lot, accommodating emergency vehicles, deliveries and public parking.

The construction will require the use of Lot 1 North as contractor staging space, resulting in the temporary loss of approximately 365 parking spaces. However, city staff have developed comprehensive wayfinding materials, including vehicle and pedestrian maps, signage and directional floor stenciling to help visitors navigate the area.

BRIDGE DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The replacement bridge will be approximately 447 feet long and 39 feet wide — about 5 feet wider to the north than the existing structure. The new design moves a 15-foot-wide sidewalk to the south side of the bridge, while vehicles and bicycles will use a 20-foot-wide roadway on the north side.

The historic blue pier sign will be temporarily removed during construction

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LA County adopts fire response reforms after deadly January Blazes

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved sweeping emergency response reforms Tuesday following an independent review of the catastrophic Eaton and Palisades fires that killed 31 people and destroyed more than 16,000 structures in January.

The board adopted all recommendations from the McChrystal Group's After-Action Report, which examined the county's evacuation policies and alert systems during the fires that scorched nearly 37,000 acres and became the most destructive in county history.

The motion, introduced by Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Lindsey P. Horvath, directs county officials to provide a 60-day feasibility study on restructuring the Office of Emergency Management into a fully resourced department with greater autonomy and authority to coordinate countywide emergency responses.

"The Eaton and Palisades Fires revealed critical gaps that must be closed to protect our residents in the face of worsening wildfires," said Barger, the board chair. "By implementing these recommendations, we are strengthening coordination, improving communication, and building a more resilient County."

The McChrystal Group identified five critical areas requiring immediate improvement:

— Updating policies and county code to clarify decision-making responsibilities for issuing evacuation warnings and orders — Standardizing evacuation-specific training for all county departments and partner agencies — Restructuring and increasing staffing for the Office of Emergency Management — Modernizing technology systems and integrating communications under a unified platform called LA-RICS — Launching robust public education campaigns to increase community preparedness

Supervisor Horvath emphasized the urgency of implementing changes, citing communities that suffered losses in Sunset Mesa, Malibu, Topanga and the Palisades.

"Change moves at the speed we choose—and when it comes to emergency preparedness, we are choosing urgency," Horvath said. "Restructuring the Office of Emergency Management into a fully resourced department is the first crucial step to implementing the After Action Report's recommendations."

The board also directed the county fire department, sheriff's department and Office of Emergency Management to provide joint progress reports every 60 to 90 days until all recommendations are implemented. Officials were instructed to explore funding sources, including reallocating existing resources, to ensure timely execution of improvements.

Board Chair Pro Tem Hilda Solis said the fires exposed weaknesses in emergency communications that undermined public trust.

"Unfortunately, during recent emergencies, many residents experienced confusion and frustration due to alerts that either arrived too late or were irrelevant to their area, and caused undue stress," Solis said in a statement. "Our responsibility now is to turn these lessons into concrete action."

County agencies have already begun implementing some reforms. The fire department integrated the FireGuard satellite program into its incident command platform and contracted for satellite-enabled hotspot tracking while developing an updated Computer Aided Dispatch system.

The sheriff's department launched the Citizen Evacuation Tracker for real-time monitoring of evacuation progress and is developing standardized evacuation training for all patrol stations.

The Office of Emergency Management began issuing evacuation warnings to zones adjacent to those under evacuation orders, giving residents more preparation time, and expanded staff training on the Genasys Alert system.

The January fires struck during unprecedented wind conditions, with some gusts exceeding 100 mph. The blazes primarily affected areas in Altadena and the Pacific Palisades, forcing tens of thousands of residents to evacuate.

Solis noted that while the most severe fires occurred in districts represented by other supervisors, the extreme weather conditions highlighted emergency preparedness needs countywide.

"As we continue to confront the growing impacts of climate change and increasingly unpredictable weather events, we must ensure that our County's emergency response system is equipped to assist all residents, no matter where they live," she said.

The reforms come as California faces an increasingly dangerous wildfire season, with climate change contributing to more frequent and intense blazes that threaten densely populated areas throughout Southern California.

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Weather

Friday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast after midnight.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 70. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2025/10/10	Fri	12:19 AM	3.92	H
2025/10/10	Fri	05:04 AM	2.11	L
2025/10/10	Fri	11:31 AM	6.45	H
2025/10/10	Fri	6:59 PM	-0.38	L
2025/10/11	Sat	01:40 AM	3.47	H
2025/10/11	Sat	05:42 AM	2.63	L
2025/10/11	Sat	12:22 PM	6.08	H
2025/10/11	Sat	8:13 PM	-0.10	L
2025/10/12	Sun	03:40 AM	3.33	H
2025/10/12	Sun	06:33 AM	3.10	L
2025/10/12	Sun	1:28 PM	5.59	H
2025/10/12	Sun	9:45 PM	0.06	L
2025/10/13	Mon	05:36 AM	3.63	H
2025/10/13	Mon	08:32 AM	3.43	L
2025/10/13	Mon	3:00 PM	5.18	H
2025/10/13	Mon	11:08 PM	0.05	L
2025/10/14	Tue	06:31 AM	4.02	H
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2025/10/15	Wed	07:06 AM	4.41	H
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2025/10/15	Wed	5:55 PM	5.06	H
2025/10/16	Thu	12:56 AM	0.04	L
2025/10/16	Thu	07:36 AM	4.76	H
2025/10/16	Thu	1:11 PM	1.97	L
2025/10/16	Thu	6:55 PM	5.09	H
2025/10/17	Fri	01:33 AM	0.19	L
2025/10/17	Fri	08:01 AM	5.07	H
2025/10/17	Fri	1:54 PM	1.42	L
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2025/10/18	Sat	02:03 AM	0.44	L
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8 10 44 48 54
Power#: 14
Jackpot: 244 M

Fantasy5: Draw Date: 10/8
3 27 28 32 39

Mega Millions: Draw Date: 10/7
17 26 33 45 56
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 575 M

Daily 3: Draw Date: 10/8
EVENING: 1 3 2
Draw Date: 10/8
MIDDAY: 9 6 1

SuperLotto Plus: Draw Date: 10/8
16 26 27 35 43
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 50 M

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2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:43.92

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 24ENT-0024
Development Agreement for Digital Display at 395 Santa Monica Place

395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica, CA 90401
APPLICANT: Macerich SMP LP

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the following request:

A proposed Development Agreement for the installation of four new, full motion LED digital billboards at Santa Monica Place shopping center (the Project). The digital billboards would be approximately 1,000 square feet each and would be installed: (a) at the corner of 4th Street and Colorado Avenue (b) at the corner of Broadway and 4th Street (c) midblock on Broadway facing the Third Street Promenade; and (c) at the corner of Broadway and 2nd Street. The digital billboards will display paid on-premise and off-premise advertising and community content including civic announcements, community interest content, public safety information, public art programming, events information, and local business spotlights.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation to the City Council that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15311.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

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

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Address your comments to: **Rachel Kwok, Environmental Planner**
Re: **395 Santa Monica Place, Development Agreement**

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

MORE INFORMATION
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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.

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October at the market

October is all about pumpkins! We are dedicating the entire month to them. Worried about where to get the perfect pumpkin? We have some thoughts and some super fun pumpkin themed events for you to choose from. Starting with the Pico Farmers Market/ Virginia Park Mini Fall Festival with free pumpkins for kids 12 and under on Saturday October 4th, 9am. Followed by Kids Day and the Great Pumpkin Adoption thanks to Tutti Frutti Farms at the Main Street Farmers Market on Sunday October 12th, 9am for kids 12 and under. And the All You Can Carry Pumpkin Patch event (no age limit; $10 entry) Downtown Wednesday October 15th, 8:30am. All pumpkin activities end when all the pumpkins are gone. You won't want to miss the opportunity to find the pumpkin of your dreams.

Not sure what to do with your pumpkin after Halloween? What about pumpkin pancakes? We have a super fun and delicious recipe for you from Fat Uncle Farms using their heritage grain flour and organic dry-farmed almonds plus other ingredients from farmer friends at the market! They even have a new pancake mix for customers to try.

October is more than just pumpkins. There is so much to get excited about. Celebrate autumn fruits and vegetables like jujubes, pears, apples, grapes, pomegranates, persimmons, winter squashes and greens, potatoes, shallots, onions, almonds and heritage grains! What's not to love?

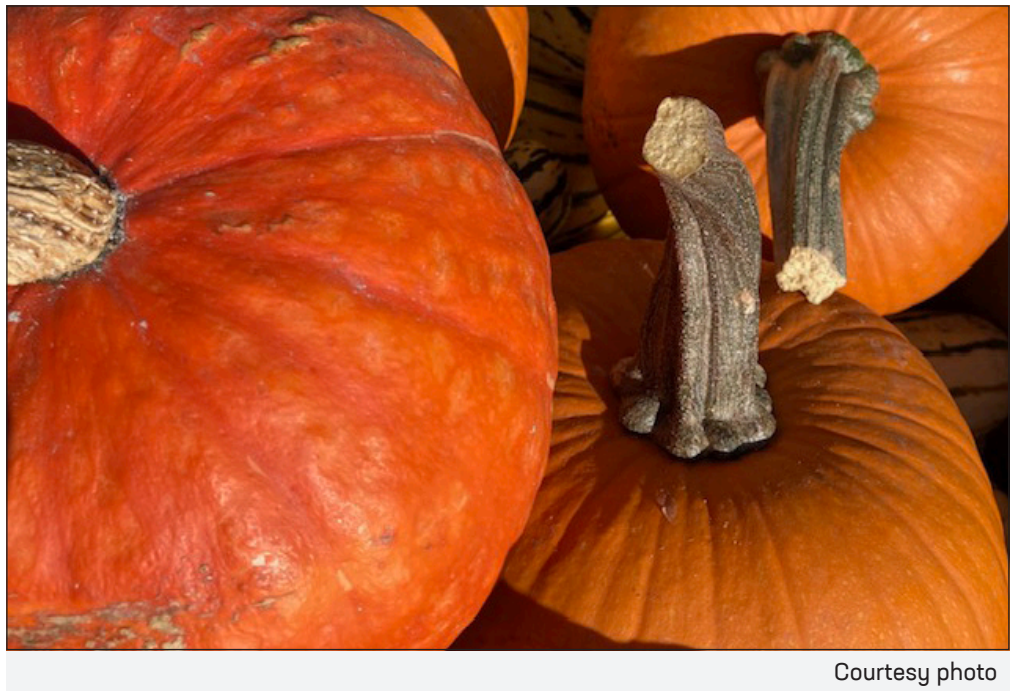
October Calendar 2025

Pico

October 11	GM Jazz Trio and Friends Community info/support: LA Health Department, NAMI
October 18	DJ and the Greenleas. Community info: UC Master Gardeners
October 25	Kids in costume get a free sticker! Live music: Megan Ukoh Community info/support: NAMI.

Main Street

October 12	The Great Pumpkin Adoption for kids 12 and under - free Alex Chaiet – 9-9:45am and GM Jazz Quartet – 10am-1pm Laura Jean Music Academy – 11am and noon Westside Waldorf wool pumpkin projects Soccer Stars – kid soccer activities
October 19	Dakota Dry Duo – 9am – 10:45am Cadre Scott – 11am-1pm City of Santa Monica Clerks office – voter information Adventures with Doc JC Mighty Pilates mini lessons – 11am and noon
October 26	Ryann Barnes – 9am-10:45am and Jasmine Ruvalcaba Band – 11am-1pm Bambola Shoppe upcycling workshop Santa Monica Police Department pop up



Courtesy photo

PUMPKIN: Fall's favorite vegetable is coming to the local market.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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Gerrymander duelists, Newsom and Trump, deserve scorn for partisan power plays



Photo by Ted Soqui for CalMatters

ELECTION: Gov. Gavin Newsom at a rally about redistricting in Los Angeles on Aug. 14, 2025.

This week I, along with millions of other Californians, received a one-page ballot for the Nov. 4 special election.

My initial reaction as I opened the envelope was anger, perhaps even disgust, that I and my fellow voters are being asked to ratify Proposition 50, a nakedly partisan power play by Gov. Gavin Newsom and Democratic legislators trying to grab additional congressional seats for their party.

They want us to set aside — perhaps temporarily, perhaps not — the work of an independent commission that four years ago drew the 52 current districts after months of hearings and discussions. Democrats have benefited greatly from that plan but now want to greatly reduce Republican-held seats to near-zero.

The election is costing taxpayers nearly $300 million out of a state budget that's already billions of dollars out of balance, thus violating in spirit, if not in law, the state constitution's prohibition of "gifts of public funds."

Prop. 50, if enacted, is not only a gift to the Democratic Party as it jousts with Republicans for control of Congress over the next three election cycles, it also blatantly serves Newsom's obvious intention to run for president in 2028.

However, President Donald Trump is equally deserving of disgust for his role in the gerrymander game. He claims, without evidence, that the 2020 election that denied him a second term was rigged, yet now he wants to rig the 2026 congressional elections.

Trump is asking red states to alter their congressional districts to give the GOP an advantage in the skirmish with Democrats over control of the House.

After Texas Republicans complied to gain five seats, Newsom countered with Prop. 50, which would approve districts that have been redrawn in secret, ignoring the fairness guidelines the independent commission followed.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 24ENT-0233
Development Agreement for Digital Display at 301 Arizona Avenue/1253 Third Street Promenade

301 Arizona Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90401
APPLICANT: United XYZ, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the following request:

A proposed Development Agreement for the installation and operation of a new, approximately 1,000 square foot full motion LED digital billboard that would be installed on the upper level façade of the existing commercial building at 301 Arizona Avenue/1253 Third Street Promenade (the Project). The digital billboard will display paid on-premise and off-premise advertising and community content including civic announcements, community interest content, public safety information, public art programming, events information, and local business spotlights.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation to the City Council that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15311.

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Re: **301 Arizona Avenue Development Agreement**

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 25ENT-0021
Development Agreement for Digital Display at 1202 Third Street Promenade

1202 Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica, CA 90401
APPLICANT: United XYZ, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the following request:

A proposed Development Agreement for the installation and operation of a new, approximately 1,000 square foot full motion LED digital billboard that would be installed on the upper level façade of the existing Landmark commercial building at 1202 Third Street Promenade (the Project). The digital billboard will display paid on-premise and off-premise advertising and community content including civic announcements, community interest content, public safety information, public art programming, events information, and local business spotlights.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Californians should ignore the federal government's false claims about our elections



Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters
SECURE: Election workers process ballots at the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections office in Sacramento on Nov. 5, 2024.

It's that time.

This week, county election officials are mailing ballots to registered voters across California in preparation for the special election next month. This is, of course, just one part of getting California ready for an election.

Election officials take great care to ensure that, at every step, voters are safe and ballots are secure. Californians can count on our elections. That hasn't changed.

What has changed is the volume of false claims about elections coming out of the federal government. It's noise that Californians need to ignore as we near Nov. 4.

Amid today's polarized environment and reports of political violence, it's important for voters to know that federal law protects all voters against voter intimidation. Moreover, voters can be confident in the strong state laws here in California that protect against intimidation, whether at a drop box or in a polling place.

One California law — the Protecting Elections from Armed Coercion and Extremism Act — bans intimidation and threats against voters and election officials. It also gives voters and election workers the ability to sue those who engage in such tactics. And the PEACE Act, which passed last year with support from both sides of the aisle, tells juries weighing those lawsuits to presume that carrying guns where elections are being conducted is intimidation.

Because of these strong laws and the work of local and state election officials, I expect Nov. 4 to be another straightforward, peaceful Election Day. For voters, having a voting plan and knowing who to call in the event any issues arise can make things even smoother.

When it comes to voting, voters in California have several options. The ballots going out this week by mail are one choice. A voter can return a ballot by mailing it back to the address using the pre-addressed ballot envelope, or by dropping it off at an official drop box location. Drop boxes are frequently placed at county government buildings, schools or libraries. It's usually a good idea for voters to return a ballot well before the deadline and sign up for ballot tracking to know when a ballot was received and processed.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Horror-Comedy Film "Vampire Zombies...From Space!" Brings Five-Night Run to Los Angeles Theaters

An award-winning independent horror-comedy film is bringing its theatrical tour to Los Angeles for a five-night engagement from Oct. 8-12.

"Vampire Zombies...From Space!" will screen at four Laemmle Theatre locations — Monica Film Center, NoHo, and two showings in Glendale — plus Gardena Cinema as part of the production's "Drac Attack Tour."

The film features notable appearances by Lloyd Kaufman, founder of Troma Entertainment and creator of "The Toxic Avenger," Judith O'Dea, who played Barbara in the classic "Night of the Living Dead," and David Liebe Hart from "Tim & Eric."

Described as having a tone that combines Mel Brooks with South Park, the film delivers what producers call "irreverent, practical-gag mayhem." The production has garnered international recognition with more than 20 festival awards.

The Los Angeles engagement represents a major stop on the film's national tour, which launched in Detroit on Oct. 2. The tour continues through Cleveland, Portland, Indianapolis, Toronto and additional cities.

Cast and crew members will be present in Los Angeles during the Oct. 8-12 run and are available for interviews and media coverage opportunities.

The Drac Attack Tour represents an unusual theatrical release strategy for an independent horror-comedy, bringing the film directly to audiences across multiple markets. The approach allows the production to build grassroots support while providing moviegoers with a theatrical experience typically reserved for major studio releases.

Full tour information and screening schedules are available at www.vampirezombiesmovie.com.

The film's success on the festival circuit has positioned it as a standout entry in the horror-comedy genre, combining practical effects with satirical humor that appeals to both horror enthusiasts and comedy fans.

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TOUR: The Los Angeles engagement represents a major stop on the film's national tour, which launched in Detroit on Oct. 2.

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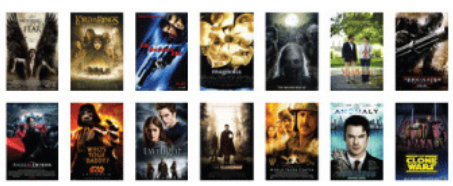
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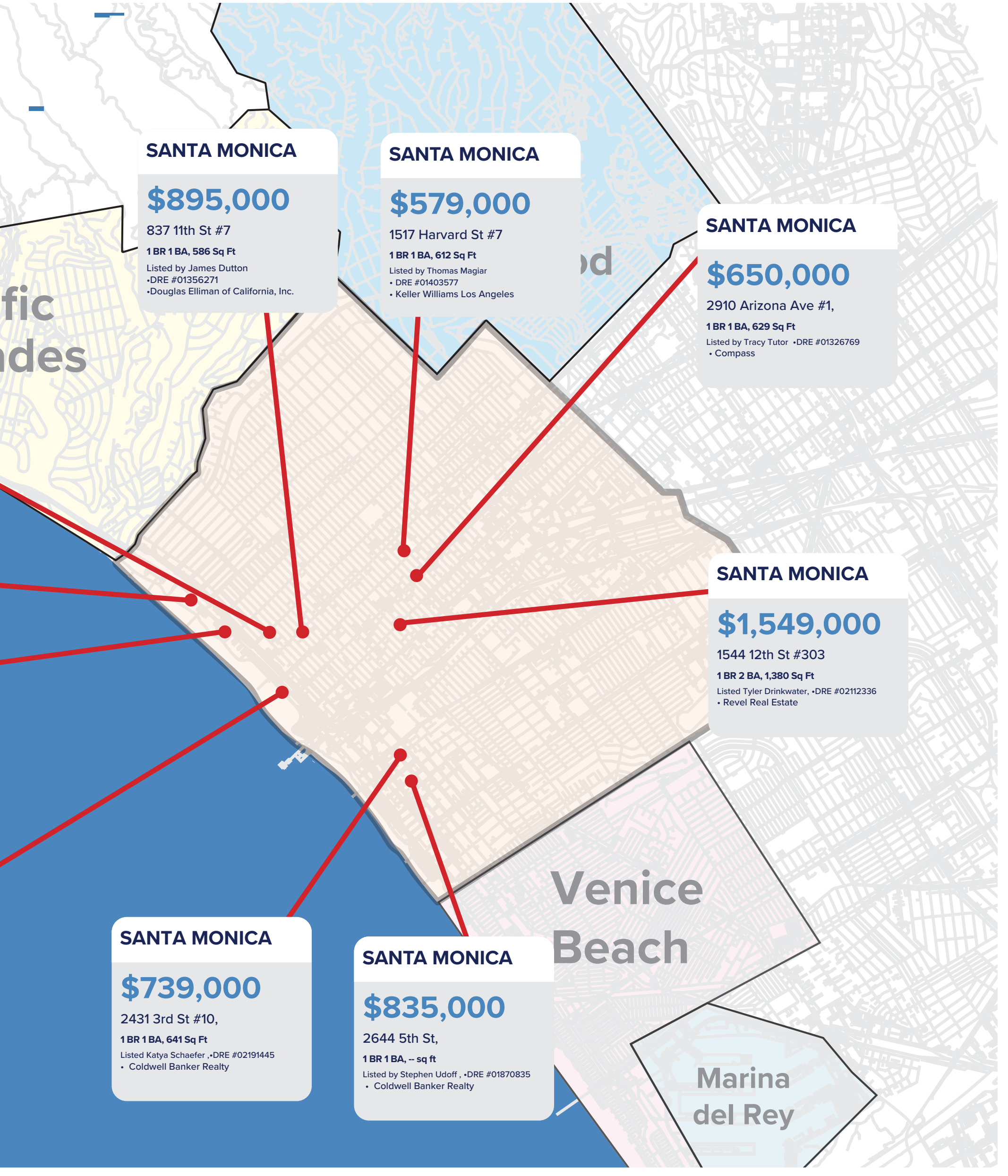
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FRIDAY | OCTOBER 10

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8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-10-10T08

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/14385252/2025-10-10T18

OKTOBERFEST GRILLED CHEESE AND BEER NIGHT!

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Andrew's Cheese Shop 728 Montana Avenue Santa Monica. It's October, and that can only mean one thing: Andrew's Oktoberfest-themed Grilled Cheese & Beer Night is back! For this event, they'll be pairing their famous grilled cheese recipes with specialty limited release Oktoberfest-themed beers. Don't miss out on this special event featuring some rare gems only available this time of year. It all starts with a tangy, zippy starter salad, followed by four courses of our famous grilled cheeses paired with four Oktoberfest-themed specialty beers, and an awesome dessert course of an imperial stout or sour beer float with french vanilla ice cream. $81.88. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/oktoberfest-grilled-cheese-and-beer-night-/16950647/2025-10-10T19

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 11

VERMICOMPOSTING!! TURN YOUR KITCHEN SCRAPS INTO PLANT FOOD

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Main Street Community Garden 2318 Main Street Santa Monica. Come learn how fun, easy and downright interesting composting can become with the help of creepy/crawlies! Master Gardener Meg Sullivan will demonstrate how to set up and operate a worm bin. She'll also show how to harvest the resulting compost and turn it into super beneficial worm tea. Wiggly friends and brown gold will be provided at the end of the presentation. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/vermicomposting-turn-your-kitchen-scraps-into-plant-food/16949612/2025-10-11T09

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-10-11T11

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 12

THE WATERFRONT - SUNDAY REAL FUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Waterfront 205 Ocean Front Walk Venice. 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/14894114/2025-10-12T11

THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE RABBIT

3:00 p.m. Brentwood Country Mart 225 26th Street, Suite #33 Santa Monica. A highly sensitive rabbit learns lessons of kindness and self-care from other desert animals. Aurora is a highly sensitive rabbit. She worries about the natural world and the other animals around her. When a flash flood destroys her family's burrow, Aurora must accept her sensitive nature and learn how to thrive by using breathing techniques, taking time alone, and setting boundaries. Eventually, she comes to understand that she can connect with others and enjoy the beauty of the world while embracing who she is. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-highly-sensitive-rabbit/17009413/2025-10-12T15

CINEMA SUNDAYS AT SUNSET ON THE PROM

5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Third Street Promenade Santa Monica. enjoy Santa Monica this summer - it's cooler at the beach! We have planned an unforgettable season of public programming on Third. This August, Third Street Promenade transforms into Santa Monica's most charming outdoor movie theater. Gather with friends at the sea of Pretty in Pink picnic tables (we'll have music playing before your arrival, so you can grab a drink and a bite from your favorite local restaurant). Then settle in beneath the stars for Cinema Nights - a free movie series celebrating the magic of movies made in Santa Monica. Cinema Sundays, taking place on Santa Monica Blvd., starts in August on Sundays at sunset. We do hope you'll join us. ➔ Sundays in August through October ➔ Movies begin at sunset ➔ Third Street Promenade Bring a blanket as it gets cold at night. We'll save you a seat. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/cinema-sundays-at-sunset-on-the-prom/16376884/2025-10-12T17

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/14970341/2025-10-12T00

MONDAY | OCTOBER 13

SPEED NETWORKING NIGHT FOR TECH PROFESSIONALS | LA TECH WEEK

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Weary Livers 2819 Pico Boulevard Santa Monica. Connect with founders, builders, and investors in a high-energy evening designed to maximize meaningful conversations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/speed-networking-night-for-tech-professionals-la-tech-week/16991443/2025-10-13T18

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/14863274/2025-10-13T19

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 14

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

TECH & TASKS

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more. Assistance provided on a drop-in, first arrive. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tech-tasks/16225799/2025-09-16T16

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/city-council-meeting/13799967/2025-10-14T17

AN EVENING WITH WERNER HERZOG

8:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater-New Roads School Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Blvd. Santa Monica. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater-New Roads School Herb Alpert Educational Village 3131 Olympic Blvd. Santa Monica. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/an-evening-with-werner-herzog/16644619/2025-10-14T20

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2025-10-07T22

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 25ENT-0086
Development Agreement for Digital Display at 1310 Third Street Promenade

1310 Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica, CA 90401
APPLICANT: Big Outdoor Investments, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the following request:

A proposed Development Agreement for the installation and operation of a new, full motion LED digital billboard that would be installed on the upper level façade of the existing building at 1310 Third Street Promenade (the Project). The digital billboard will be approximately 1,000 square feet and will display paid on-premise and off-premise advertising and community content including civic announcements, community interest content, public safety information, public art programming, events information, and local business spotlights.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation to the City Council that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15311.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

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

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

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

Address your comments to: **Rachel Kwok, Environmental Planner**
Re: **1310 Third Street Promenade, Development Agreement**

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

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

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

ESPAÑOL
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

GET IT DAILY...

PIER BRIDGE

FROM PAGE 2

for restoration and safe storage. Upon project completion, the refurbished sign will be reinstalled approximately 10 feet north of its current location and elevated to provide improved visibility and clearance.

To ensure visitors can continue having that 'Instagrammable Pier experience', a temporary half-scale replica of the iconic neon sign is being installed this month in the middle of the pier, adjacent to Pier Burger and near the Pacific Park entrance.

EXTENSIVE PUBLIC OUTREACH

City staff have conducted more than 30 outreach meetings since 2023 with pier businesses, the Pier Corporation Board, the Santa Monica Travel and Tourism organization, and community stakeholders. The Pier Corporation Board of Directors expressed support for the project in a letter to the city in August 2025.

The council also approved a $4.89 million contract with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. for construction management and inspection services, and authorized additional engineering support services with Dokken Engineering, Inc.

The current bridge was built in 1939 and connects Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue to the Santa Monica Pier. In a typical year, it carries millions of visitors from Palisades Park to the pier and beach.

The project has been in development since the 1990s, with the city working through various federal approval processes and environmental reviews. The council certified the project's environmental impact report in June 2023.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 5

The tit-for-tat duel symbolizes the perpetual power struggles that have replaced governance in the nation's political system.

At the moment it appears that Prop. 50 will succeed. A new poll of 1,000 likely voters, conducted by the research firm co/efficient, found that 54% were supporting the measure, 36% were opposed and 10% were still undecided, reflecting the state's pro-Democrat, anti-Trump voting history.

Eric McGhee, who charts political trends for the Public Policy Institute of California, says in a new analysis that passage of Prop. 50 could give Democrats 47 of the state's 52 congressional seats, a gain of four, if every California district won by Kamala Harris last year also votes Democratic in 2026.

Democrats hope for a five-seat gain to offset the assumed five-seat loss in Texas. However, officials in at least six other red states are working on redistricting plans to increase Republican chances of maintaining House control in 2026. Meanwhile, other blue states have contemplated following California's example, but the efforts don't appear to be bearing fruit.

California's gerrymander could have no effect on what happens in the 2026 congressional elections, but its effect on California could be heavy.

The new districts would be in place for three election cycles and, as written, Prop. 50 would disappear after the 2030 census, returning redistricting to the independent commission.

The California delegation is likely to lose four seats after the census due to very slow, if any, population growth. The five new Democratic members of Congress — Prop. 50 babies, as it were — would probably be reluctant to give up their seats. Therefore, the next governor and legislators would be under heavy pressure to maintain Democratic dominance of the delegation by retaining gerrymander power.

So how will my disgust about the entire process affect my vote —even if I resist the temptation to toss my ballot into the nearest wastebasket? I really don't know.

Dan Walters CalMatters Opinion Columnist

ELECTION

FROM PAGE 6

Or you can cast a ballot in person. For counties where vote centers are available, many centers open as early as Oct. 25 and are available through Election Day. Some counties also allow early voting at the elections office earlier in October, before vote centers open. Counties that don't have vote centers allow early voting or early ballot drop off at the elections office and additional locations, while providing local polling places on Election Day.

As part of a voting plan, Californians should make sure they have access to the website or phone number for their local election official's office or the Secretary of State's office. They are the most reliable sources of information about polling locations and hours, registering to vote and other questions about voting. It's essential to seek out information from reputable sources so that you get the right guidance and won't be susceptible to misinformation.

This helps reduce the spread of false ideas about voting and elections.

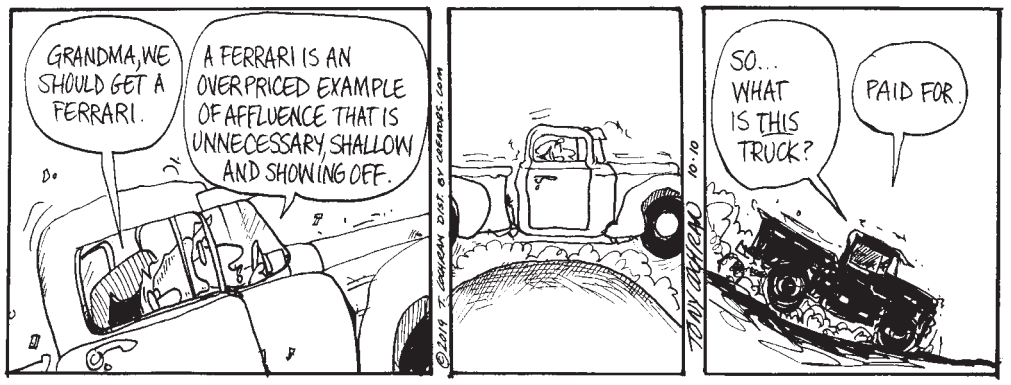
The country is in a moment unlike any other in our history. The federal government is trying to undermine public confidence in our elections and the states' ability to keep them free and fair. But that effort is unrelated to the reality: Election officials in California and the other 49 states take many steps to conduct safe, secure and accurate elections.

Thanks to federal law and strong state laws protecting voters and the election process, Californians should make voting plans for the special election in full confidence that their ballots will count.

Gowri Ramachandran is the director of elections and security in the Brennan Center's Elections and Government program.

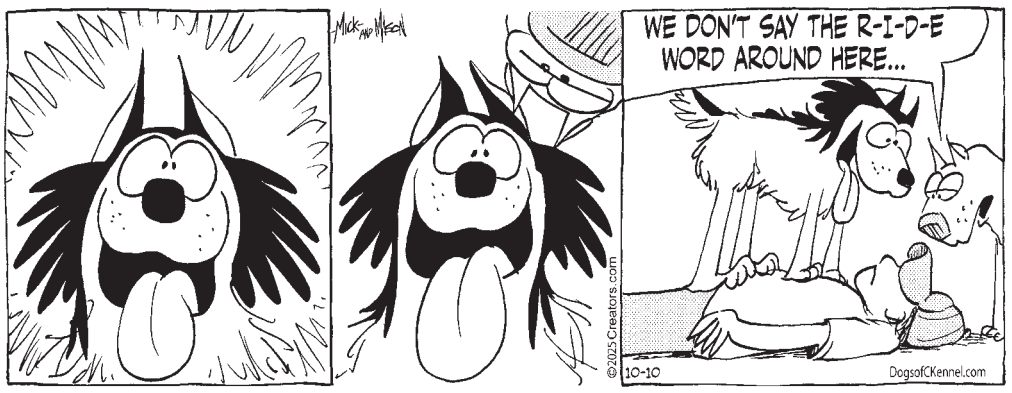
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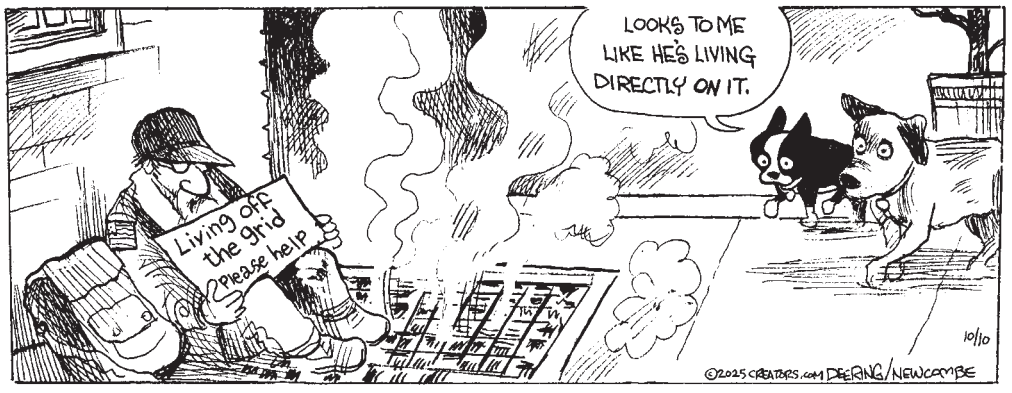
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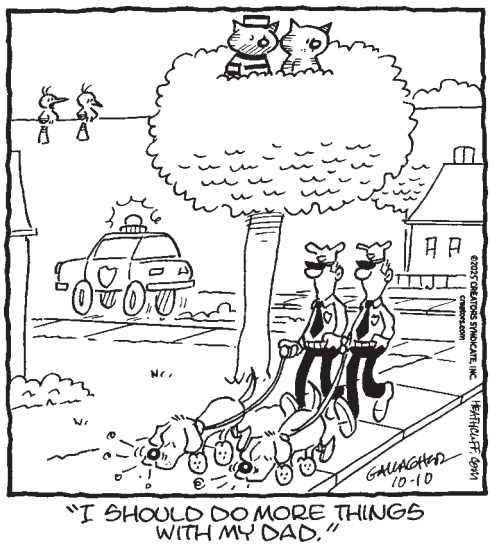
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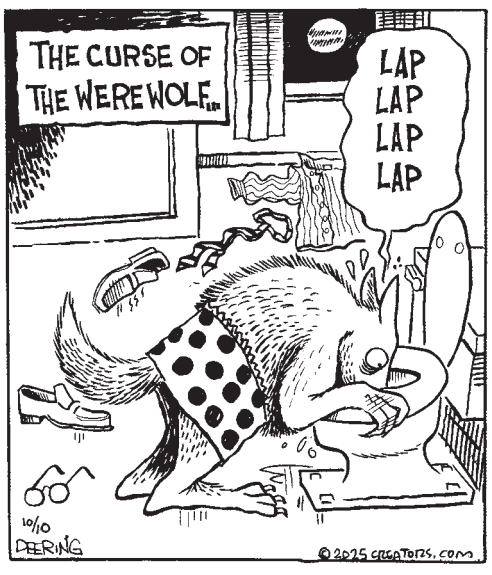
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FIND THE WORDS

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 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 10)

Welcome to your Year of Flourishing, financially, physically and joyfully. You have a sensor for where to go to fill up on everything you need to thrive, and you're emboldened to follow its dictates even when it involves a challenge. You'll take care of yourself first to be the person you want to be for others. More highlights: Loved ones surprise you and make you proud, a vitality-enhancing lifestyle change and lots of gaming with a straightforward victory. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 5, 30, 12 and 14.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You could travel lighter, emotionally and physically. It's about delineating between essentials and non-essentials. Let go of what you don't need and your energy level increases, allowing you to seize what you do need. The world bends to your dynamism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Normally, giving yourself in a certain way takes work. But giving in love is different - easier. Love cancels out the effort. You don't even feel it. You're not just doing a task, you're expressing care; you're showing your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When attention rubs you the wrong way, honor the instinct. Perhaps there's something behind the attention. Maybe it's even a red flag. Are they elevating you to a pedestal that traps you? Casting you in a role that limits your autonomy?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Mysteries beckon, inspiring you to see the world differently and encounter your inner world, too. You'll let yourself be affected, knowing it's OK not to fully understand. You don't have to explain or control anything about this.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Avoid theorizing or waiting for certain conditions. Words mean next to nothing now. It's action that will move this scene to the next place. Nothing will change until someone starts tearing down the old set and moving the new one to this stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll share information, though it's not about the data; rather, it's about creating closeness, connection and mutual trust. Bonds take time to build. Do not doubt that interactions warrant the care and forethought you put into them. This is special.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's no right way to be. Choose intensity, and you'll command attention. Choose a laid-back attitude, and it leaves room for people to help you; you'll get plenty of just what you need. Whatever your style, it works for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes your rebellious streak fights for something specific, like a principle or a change that must happen. Today, the rebellion itself is the point. Stir the pot. If not for the stirring, the bottom would burn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Parts of life have devolved into disarray, which is just something that happens when we get busy. It's time for the clean-up. Tidying your material and emotional world will have excellent and preventative effects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You wish you were playing at a higher level, and this wish is a sign that you're ready to learn and be more. Creative days are ahead as you find new ways to approach problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Of course you needn't earn your right to exist. You already belong. Your natural, instinctive self is enough. It desires and hungers. It needs rest, love, pleasure, connection... all available to you. You only need to give yourself permission to have it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Secrets will act like currency in relationships. Someone shares one with you, and you can be proud of the implied trust here. They're letting you into a part of themselves that isn't for everyone. Still, you're not obligated to reciprocate. Ponder first.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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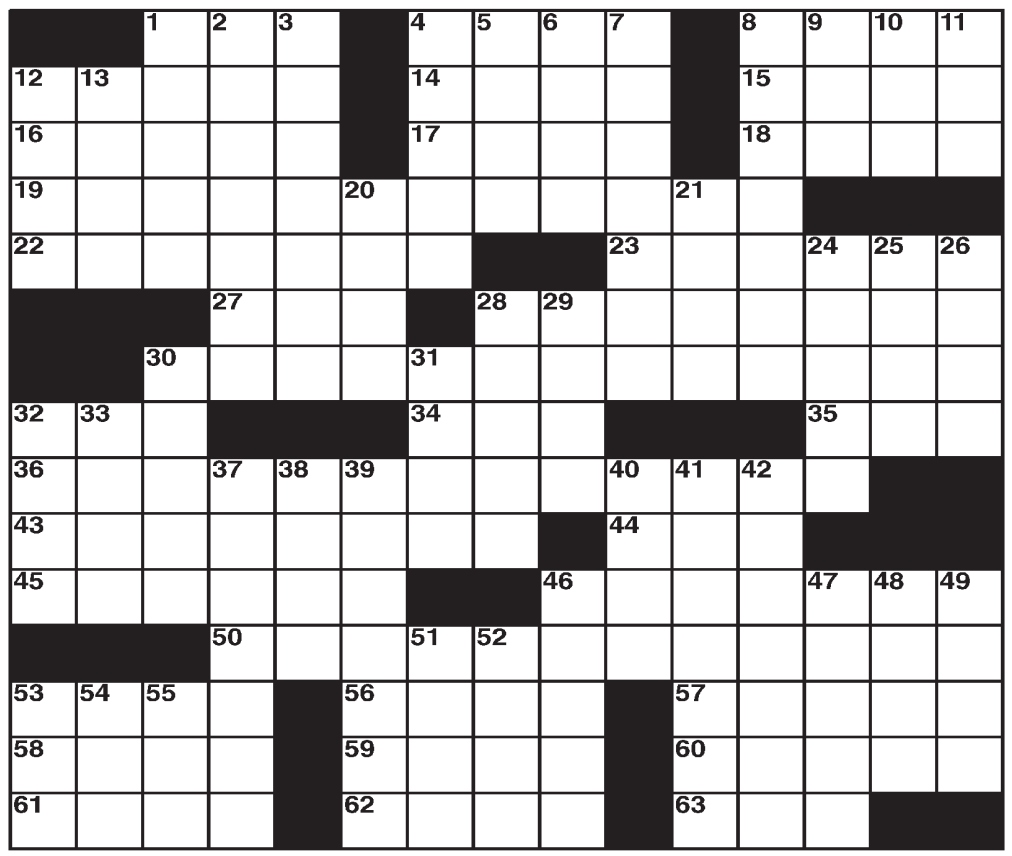
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ACROSS

1 Springs for a vacation
4 Unconfident attempt
8 Alpo alternative
12 Cantina serving
14 Caffeine source
15 Bowl org.
16 Certain tuskers
17 Military detachment
18 Mythical waterway
19 Start of a quote
22 Do a store chore
23 World Cup chant
27 Royal Rumble org.
28 Removes hair from
30 Middle of quote
32 See 35-Across
34 Oslo Accords (1990s) signer
35 With 32-Across, joyful shout
36 Source of quote
43 Often-underwater ground
44 Adverb ending
45 3M paper product
46 Obsessive gamer's risk
50 End of quote
53 Bistro amenity
56 5-to-500 banknote
57 Slight stain
58 Emendation
59 The works
60 "They can go right ahead"
61 The two
62 Not a reindeer nickname
63 Jr. and sr.

DOWN

1 Keeps from littering
2 Common sequel subtitle
3 The way it's displayed
4 Keep from scoring
5 Grab, as cold cubes
6 Stepped down
7 Tubside bottle
8 As another option
9 Do your part
10 Could potentially
11 Instrument with keys
12 Transportation to the top
13 Unsurpassed
20 "No, it's lemonade!" shouter in a GEICO ad
21 "...for __ know"
24 Central Florida city nickname
25 TV guy with a YouTube "Garage" series
26 What this is in Barcelona
28 Sought a long catch
29 Shuffle along
30 Scenery for Red Riding Hood
31 Time period
32 Address abbreviation
33 The Wrights' home state
37 Consulted
38 Others: Lat.
39 Was close to in class
40 Sundial numeral
41 Very virtuous
42 Whom Britain's Tony is named for
46 Lightheaded
47 Fair housing
48 Tennessee Williams contemporary
49 Arise (from)
51 Detail often drawn by Degas
52 Walked over
53 Metaphor for intrigue
54 Formal "you bet"
55 Got it all (in)



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PALISADES FIRE

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proved inadequate, with delays hampering the department's ability to quickly allocate necessary resources.

The report also calls for the LAFD to adopt modern weather monitoring technology to better assess conditions across the city's multiple microclimates. The department's daily fire weather forecast relies on an antiquated method that calculates a single brush burning index for the entire city, which can produce inaccurate information for making deployment decisions.

Communication failures emerged as another critical issue during the initial attack. The report notes that the Metro Fire Communications center did not adhere to the communications plan and continued contacting assigned resources directly, bypassing the designated incident communications system. The center also lacks the capability to transmit or receive communications on VHF frequencies used by cooperating agencies.

"The initial communications plan for the incident did not meet the size, scope, and complexity of the incident organization that was required to effectively communicate among resources," the report states.

The document revealed that most firefighters worked for more than 36 hours without rehabilitation during the initial attack, with many not getting relief or rest for more than 48 hours. The prolonged exposure put them at risk for smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning, while physical exhaustion caused performance and safety concerns.

"The combination of fatigue, exhaustion and sleep deprivation severely hindered their ability to make safe decisions," according to the report.

Leadership challenges compounded operational difficulties. The report found that the incident command post had to be relocated multiple times as flames threatened the locations, hindering operational continuity and compromising firefighter accountability and safety. The incident organization was not clearly defined until several hours into the fire, and the operations section chief was not relieved for more than 18 hours.

"No single person can manage such a complex incident for an extended period; this hampers the ability to make safe and effective decisions," the report states.

Evacuation notifications also came too slowly. The delay in communicating evacuation orders, warnings and shelter-in-place notifications resulted in spontaneous evacuations without structured traffic control, causing citizens to block strategic routes to the fire.

Despite these challenges, the report documented numerous successes. Regional partners were proactively contacted before the fire to arrange resource assistance. Multiple civilians were rescued from hiking trails and evacuated from residences. Crews successfully retrieved salvageable belongings from homes, wrapping items in salvage covers and positioning them in safe locations.

The report praised firefighters for their resilience, noting they demonstrated "a no-fail attitude, enduring in excess of 36 hours of continuous work, exceeding typical work-rest ratio amidst severe fire conditions, relentless winds, and a perilous environment."

Aircraft responded rapidly during the initial attack, with water drops executed within 10 minutes of initial dispatch. Night air operations proved critical, with 26 aircraft available for nighttime firefighting.

The Evacuation Branch facilitated the evacuation of over 30,000 residents during the incident, including vulnerable groups such as the elderly and convalescent individuals. During the first 24 hours, there were only minor injuries reported while working in extremely hazardous conditions.

The report was released on the same day federal prosecutors announced the arrest of 29-year-old Jonathan Rinderknecht, a former Pacific Palisades resident accused of sparking the fire. Interim LAFD Chief Ronnie Villanueva told reporters the devastating fire was a re-ignition of a previous blaze from Jan. 1 that continued to smolder underground in root systems as much as 15 to 20 feet below ground.

"What we can do now is use drones to see if there are any flare ups at all, but remember when we go over with a drone, or if you're using thermal imaging cameras, it only goes down 12 inches," Villanueva said. "So if there's anything that's deep rooted, you're not going to see it, you're not going to find it, and you're definitely not going to extinguish it."

According to fire officials, after-action reports are internal documents not typically shared with the public. But given widespread interest from residents, LAFD and city officials decided to release the document publicly. The report had been previously withheld due to an ongoing federal investigation into the fire's cause.

Mayor Karen Bass emphasized the importance of learning from both successes and failures.

"It is vital we learn from what was effective, like the relentless heroism of firefighters responding to the blaze, and the challenges we faced in order to build a stronger emergency response system to prepare for whatever may come our way," Bass said in a statement.

According to the Mayor's Office, the Fire Department has taken steps since January to improve operations, including changed leadership, upgraded communications technology, enhanced wildfire training and evacuation drills.

The report provides a detailed sequence of events from the first 36 hours of the blaze, outlining 80 successes, more than 75 challenges and numerous recommendations to improve the department's response to future emergencies.

"Thousands of families are still displaced, and every day they go without a home is a day too long," Bass said. "My commitment, and the commitment of the entire city, is that we will continue to do everything we can to bring Angelenos back home."

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SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE SMC 2024 MAIN CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
[CEQA Guidelines Sections 15085 & 15087]
State Clearinghouse No. 2025010279
October 9, 2025

TO: All Interested Agencies, Parties, Organizations, and Persons
FROM: Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD)
SUBJECT: Notice of Completion and Public Hearing to Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT: Santa Monica College 2024 Main Campus Master Plan Update

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the proposed Santa Monica College 2024 Main Campus Master Plan Update (Proposed Project). This notice provides the public, nearby residents and property owners, responsible agencies, and other interested parties with notice of completion and availability of the Final EIR and public hearing to consider certification of the Final EIR and approval of the Proposed Project.

Notice of Proposed Hearing: The SMCCD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on November 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Business Building Room 117, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405 for the purpose of taking public comment prior to the certification of the Final EIR and approval of the Proposed Project. The SMCCD Board of Trustees will consider all testimony presented at the hearing, written communication received prior to or at the hearing, and the merits of the project as it relates to existing environmental and land use regulations.

Project Location, Environmental Setting, and Description: The Project Site encompasses the Santa Monica College (SMC) Main Campus located at 1900 Pico Boulevard in the City of Santa Monica, CA. The Main Campus encompasses approximately 43.98 acres and is generally bounded by Pico Boulevard to the north, 18th Court to the east, Pearl Street to the south, and 16th Street to the west, and includes adjacent properties along Pico Boulevard between 16th Street and 14th Street and along Pearl Street between 17th Street and 18th Court ("Project Site").

The Proposed Project includes the demolition of existing temporary and permanent buildings, totaling approximately 360,100 gross square feet (gsf) of building area, and the construction of new buildings consisting of 265,216 gsf of new floor area in five main new buildings ("Proposed Project"). The Proposed Project would also include approximately 207,073 gsf of building renovations to two existing buildings (the Physical and Life Science Complex and the Library and Media Center). The Proposed Project would create various new and enhanced open spaces throughout the campus, including landscaping the proposed new Student Union building, a Welcome Lawn, an outdoor amphitheater, a Science Quad, the Tri (triangular open space area), and New Quad. The Proposed Project would generally retain the current vehicular circulation and access points and existing parking supply. The Proposed Project would be constructed in three phases beginning in 2025 with final buildout anticipated to be completed by 2035.

Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects: The Final EIR analyzed the following environmental issue areas within the scope of the EIR: Air Quality, Aesthetics (Views, Light & Glare), Cultural/Historic Resources, Energy Conservation, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Cumulative Impacts, and Mandatory Findings of Significance and found that the Proposed Project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts. All potential impacts would be less than significant or mitigated to less-than-significant levels.

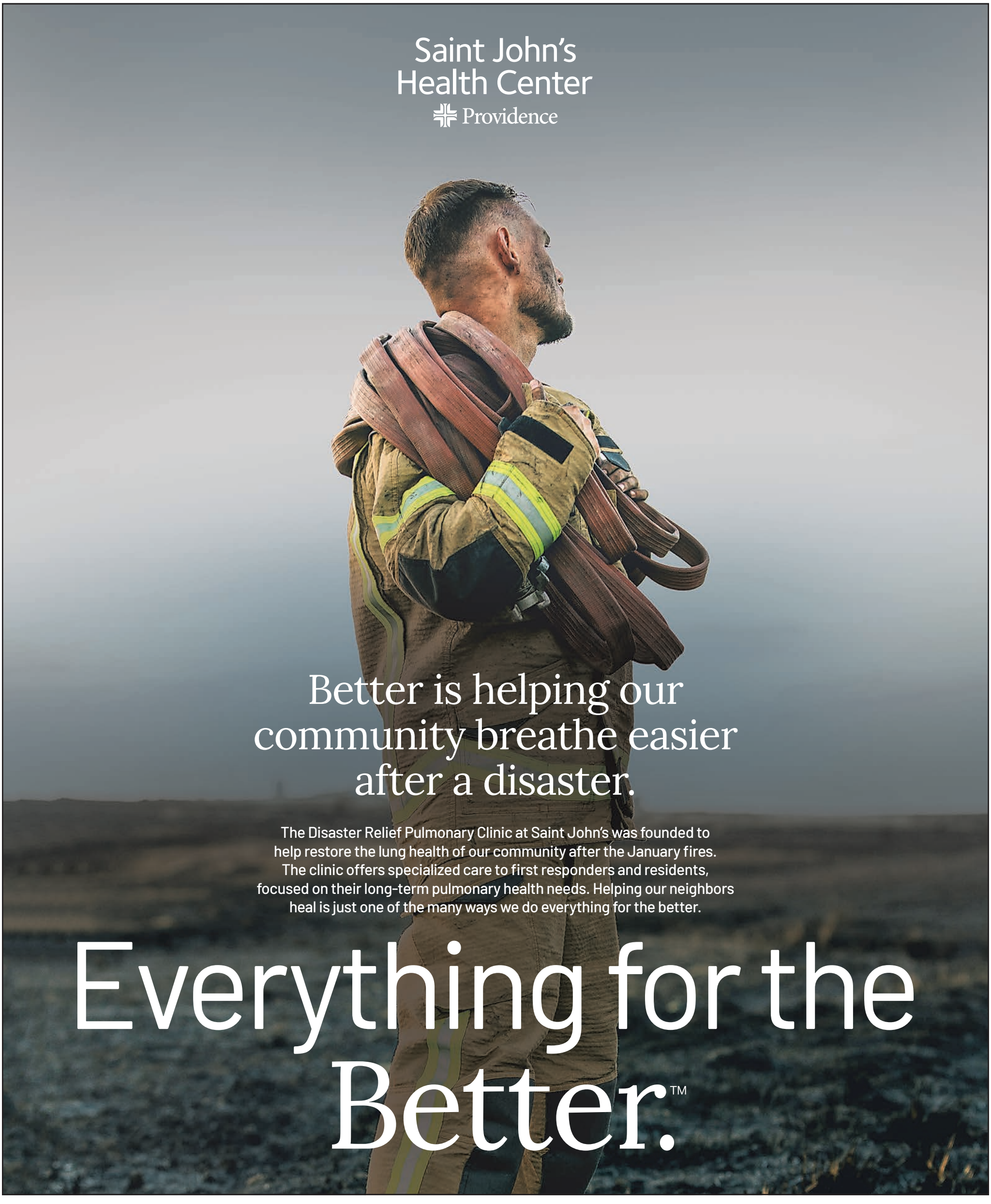
Availability of the EIR: The Final EIR, together with the Draft EIR and Technical Appendices will be made available to the public via the College's website at https://admin.smc.edu/administration/planning/2024-SMC-Campus-Master-Plan.php.

Any inquiries or correspondence should be sent to Charlie Yen, Director of Contract Services, Santa Monica Community College District, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90405, email: Yen_Charlie@smc.edu.

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