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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

[Courthouse News: Massive Affordable Housing Package Headed to California Governor](#)

By Derek Fleming [9-15-17] // Recognizing that the affordable housing market crisis in California requires immediate attention, California lawmakers passed a flurry of bills Friday that promise to streamline the permitting process and ensure future home availability – particularly in the state's most expensive cities.

[CBS SF Bay Area: Bills Addressing California Housing Crunch Pass Assembly](#)

[9-15-17] // The major bills are explained, including how they facilitate building of housing for all income levels and for veterans; construction and preservation of low-income rental housing; and construction of more housing near transportation.

[Press-Enterprise: Will Fourth try at Affordable Housing in Riverside's La Sierra Area Work?](#)

By Alicia Robinson [9-16-17] // Riverside Ward 6 Councilman Jim Perry wants residents to know that no decisions have been made about what to build on 3.75 acres across the street from La Sierra High School. In fact, no developers have even submitted proposals — they're due to the city next month. But that hasn't stopped residents from contacting Perry to voice concerns about "high-density, low-income, subsidized housing," as several wrote in emails.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

[Pasadena Star-News: Montebello considering Putting up High-density Housing Instead of Shops](#)

By Mike Sprague [9-16-17] // Seeking to comply with state housing requirements, city officials are making plans to redesignate 41 acres of commercial property for high-density housing.

LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

[The Wall Street Journal: Homes Built to Stricter Standards Fared Better in Storm](#)

By Laura Kusisto and Arian Campo-Flores [9-16-17] // Florida owners benefit from homes built to more-stringent codes: 'Tree branches bounced off of our roof. But the house is fine.'

[CityMetric: How Can Compact Cities Keep House Prices under Control?](#)

By Sarah Colenbrander [9-12-17] // Islington is the most densely populated area in the United Kingdom – yet wandering around the quiet streets of the north London borough, it is difficult to appreciate just how many people live there.

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

Zillow: National Apartment Market Outlook Is Bearish for Now, Bullish for Later

By Adhi Rajaprabakaran [9-15-17] // Nationally, rents in multifamily structures have stagnated for the past year and will continue to do so as more new units become available in the coming months. Vacancy rates are still at historic lows.

San Francisco Chronicle: Stuck in the Middle with Few Housing Options

By Kathleen Pender [9-17-17] // Trevor McNeil and Sarah Montoya, both 35, would love to buy a home in San Francisco, but like many young couples, they make too much money to qualify for a below-market-rate unit and too little to afford a market-rate one. Instead, they share a one-bedroom walk-up apartment with their toddler and twins.

CBS SF Bay Area: Sunnyvale Home Sells for \$782,000 over Asking Price

By Len Ramirez [9-13-17] // (Video and text) A modest four-bedroom home in a quiet neighborhood recently sold in seven days for \$2,470,000--\$782,000 over the list price. Nearby, a 1,400 square foot, three-bedroom sold for over \$1.8 million.

MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES

Bloomberg: Fannie-Freddie Reform Won't Happen until 2018, Mnuchin Says

By Joe Light [9-14-17] // (Video and text) More work needs to be done to fix the two mortgage giants at the heart of the U.S. housing-finance system, Mnuchin said Thursday at a Politico conference in Washington.

HOMELESSNESS

Capital Public Radio: The View from Here: After Homelessness

[9-12-17] // *The View from Here* is a multimedia/podcast documentary series launched in 2011 and featuring stories of Sacramento residents dealing with a number of different affordable housing issues. In this segment, Jessica Hodges and John Krintz share their experiences and perspectives on being homeless and finding housing. See other episodes [here](#).

NBC: Anaheim Struggles with Growing Homeless Crisis at River Camp

By Amy Taxin [9-16-17] // Denise Romo, 55, is among those living along the Santa Ana River in Anaheim, not far from the stadium that is home to the Los Angeles Angels. She said she lost her \$250-a-week babysitting job after she was struck last year by a car and her arm was fractured. She couldn't pay for the motel room she rented and wound up homeless.

KTVU: City Workers Fear Hepatitis A Outbreak among Homeless in Oakland

By Brooks Jarosz [9-15-17] // Local 1021, representing Oakland's city workers, sent a letter Friday to Mayor Libby Schaaf, claiming the city was unprepared for a looming public health crisis.

[The Channels: Neighbors Project Club Reaches out to the Homeless Community](#)

The Seychelles Mizel [9-15-17] // The Neighbors Project acknowledges the fact that roughly [four percent](#) of Santa Barbara City College students are currently homeless. The club's main goals are to make sure that homeless students and Santa Barbara residents are aware of the resources available to them and to the homeless lives easier.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

[San Francisco Examiner: Jobs Break the Cycle of Poverty](#)

By Carla Javits [9-17-17] // We all know that people who have been incarcerated, homeless, experienced violence, addiction, limited education — all tragically inter-related circumstances — face big hurdles on the job market. ... That's where the social enterprise solution comes in.

[Los Angeles Times: California's Growth Slowdown Continues in August as the State Loses 8,200 Jobs](#)

By Andrew Khouri [9-15-17] // The drop in employment follows a robust July in which the Golden State gained the most jobs in more than a year: 84,500, revised up from a previous estimate of 82,600. August's slide back was in large part driven by employers in the leisure and hospitality sector cutting 12,400 jobs.

[MDRC: Expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit for Workers without Dependent Children](#)

By Cynthia Miller et al. [9-2017] // This [report](#) presents interim findings from the test of Paycheck Plus in New York City.

[MDRC: MDRC: Scaling up a Place-based Employment Program](#)

By M. Rohe et al. [9-2017] // This [report](#) examines the early experiences of nine sites implementing HUD's Jobs Plus program (a replication of Jobs-Plus).

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

[Reuters: France Plans New Incentives to Phase out Polluting Vehicles](#)

[9-18-17] // The French government is planning a series of new incentives and taxes to phase out polluting vehicles and to boost energy-saving insulation in houses, the environment minister said.

[Next City: New Bus Station's Rooftop Park to Borrow from 1990s NYC](#)

By Rachel Dovey [9-15-17] // San Francisco has [no shortage](#) of privately managed public spaces, but the rooftop park atop the city's new transit hub, which is set to open next spring, will be one of its larger and more spectacular ones.

[Streetsblog USA: Talking Headways Podcast: Guidelines and Expectations for Transit Oriented Development](#)

By Jeff Wood [9-15-17] // (Audio) This week we're joined by Abby Thorne Lyman, who manages the transit-oriented development program at BART. Abby discusses how the agency pulled together its new transit-oriented development guidelines. We talk about the importance of reduced parking, the ridership benefits of TOD, and expectations transit agencies should have for property developers.

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION

[Public Square: Building on Local Assets for Resilience](#)

By Robert Steuteville [9-13-17] // Plan NoBe in the North Beach neighborhood of Miami Beach sets the stage for higher construction standards to withstand sea-level rise—while strengthening defenses like sea walls, mangrove islands, and barrier beaches.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

[NCSHA: House Passes FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Bill](#)

[9-18-17] // Late last week, the House voted largely on party lines (211-198) to pass a \$1.23 trillion Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 omnibus spending bill that includes funding for HUD and USDA housing programs.

[HUD: HUD Awards \\$55 Million for Housing and Community Development Projects in 77 Native American Communities](#)

[9-14-17] // With a deep need for more affordable housing in tribal communities, most of this year's project winners will use their ICDBG funds to build homes or to rehabilitate dilapidated housing, in order to alleviate homelessness, relieve overcrowding, and avoid members having to leave their community - spurring jobs and economic development along the way.

[Urban Land Institute: How Smarter Land Use Policies Can Strengthen Local Housing Markets](#)

By Rosie Hepner [9-13-17] // A new Urban Land Institute (ULI) report, [Yes in My Backyard](#), shows how state and local governments can create more of the housing options communities increasingly need through smarter local land use policies and incentives.

DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE

[Los Angeles Times: In San Diego, Hundreds Line up for Hepatitis A Vaccinations after Deadly Outbreak May Have Hit Restaurants](#)

By Rob Nikolewski [9-18-17] // After news that San Diego's deadly [hepatitis A](#) outbreak may have infiltrated the food service industry, more than 200 people this weekend lined up for vaccinations as restaurants reinforced their health safety measures.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

NBC: California Lawmakers Fail to Approve 100 Percent Renewable Energy Goal

By James Rainey [9-16-17] // California's push to lead the nation's shift to renewable energy hit a bump early Saturday, as the state Legislature defeated a pair of bills to create a regional electrical grid and a measure that would have required all electricity in the state to come from non-carbon sources by 2045.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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