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## **TODAY'S NEWS**

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

#### **[Napa Valley Register: Mobile Home Owners Face Hidden Risks](#)**

By Ben Metcalf [11-10-17] // More than 500,000 California families find their path to affordable home ownership through the purchase of a mobile home or manufactured home, but an estimated one-third lack proper title and registration – putting each of those homeowners at risk.

#### **[Chicago Tribune: City Selling \\$1 Vacant Lots to Develop Affordable Housing](#)**

By Lou Foglia [11-8-17] // Developers can purchase eight to 20 city-owned lots, each with a maximum appraised value of \$125,000, to build single-family and two-flat homes in neighborhoods primarily on the South and West sides.

#### **[San Francisco Chronicle: Wine Country Fire Victims Struggle to Find Stability](#)**

By Evan Sernoffsky, Kurtis Alexander and Kevin Fagan [11-8-17] // More than 10,000 people in Sonoma and Napa counties alone were displaced by the fires. But with the help of state and federal aid workers, local officials say they've helped close the housing gap, even as the shortfall is exacerbated by the region's already-tight real estate market.

#### **[Daily Bulletin: Why Affordable Housing Is Such a Big Challenge for the Inland Empire](#)**

By Richard K. De Atley [11-8-17] // Developer Jeff Burum [resumes his chairmanship](#) of the affordable housing development non-profit he co-founded just as California faces a tight inventory in new living spaces...

#### **[KCET: Affordable Housing Is a Right and a Cornerstone of an Equitable Society](#)**

By Angela Blackwell [11-10-17] // (Opinion) Housing is linked, inextricably, to health, emotional well-being, family financial security, and economic mobility.

## **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

### **[Curbed Austin: Tiny Home Village Announces 10-year Plan to Mitigate Homelessness in Austin](#)**

By Cindy Widner [11-10-17] // Community First! Village launches campaign to raise \$60M for expansion.

## **LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION**

### **[Monterey Herald: Rancho Los Robles Project Gets Coastal Commission OK Despite North Monterey County Water Supply Issue](#)**

By Jim Johnson [11-9-17] // On Wednesday, the California Coastal Commission narrowly approved the proposed 54-unit Rancho Los Robles housing subdivision in Las Lomas despite a staff recommendation that argued questions about the overdrafted North County groundwater supply required denial.

### **[Palo Alto Online: Palo Alto to Explore Zoning Updates to Encourage Housing](#)**

By Gennady Sheyner [11-8-17] // Members of the Palo Alto City Council agreed to explore more than a dozen changes to local zoning and parking regulations, all with the goal of promoting more residential construction in transit-rich areas.

### **[Pleasanton Weekly: How to Deal with New State Housing Laws](#)**

By mayor Jerry Thorne [11-9-17] // In a recent community satisfaction survey, 61% of residents stated that providing affordable housing for working families is important; yet, an equal amount are also concerned about the pace of development and associated traffic impacts and overwhelmingly want to retain our small-town character. How do we manage this paradox?

## **HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE**

### **[Mercury News: “Homes for Human Beings”: Millennial-driven Anti-NIMBY Movement Is Winning with a Simple Message](#)**

By Katy Murphy [11-13-17] // (Text and Video) In California, there is a new lobby for renters — market-rate renters.

### **[Builder: 9 of 10 of U.S.’s Least Affordable Large Housing Markets Are California Metros](#)**

By John McMamus [11-13-17] // And eight of ten of the least affordable smaller metros are also in California.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **[Coast News Group: CDBG Theme Addresses Homelessness in Carlsbad](#)**

By Steve Puterski [11-9-17] // On Nov. 7, the City Council approved the CDBG Funding Plan, for which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allocated \$513,746 to Carlsbad for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

## **HOMELESSNESS**

### **Argus Courier: Sonoma County, Santa Rosa Team up on Housing, Homelessness**

By J.D. Morris [11-8-17] // At a joint session of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Rosa City Council — the first such gathering in recent memory — officials agreed to move forward with a pair of ideas to advance housing development and improve the county's vast homeless services system.

### **Sacramento Bee: Sacramento County Approves \$44 Million for Homeless Mental Health and Drug Abuse Services**

By Ryan Lillis and Ed Fletcher [11-7-17] // The county will now partner with the city of Sacramento by first providing better coordinated care in emergency rooms – often the main point of contact for many living on the streets, especially those with mental and physical ailments.

### **KQED: Santa Rosa Homeless Program Resumes after Wildfires**

By Tiffany Camhi [11-12-17] // Santa Rosa is resuming a pilot program aimed at getting its homeless population off the streets and into permanent housing...

### **City Arts & Lectures: Matthew Desmond in San Francisco**

Matthew Desmond, author of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, will discuss this topic with Michael Krasny at the Nourse Theater in San Francisco on November 29. This lecture will also be aired on KQED and 130 other public radio stations.

### **Press Democrat: FEMA Bringing Trailers, Mobile Homes to Sonoma county to House Fire Victims**

By J.D. Morris [11-10-17] // In the short term, the Federal Emergency Management Agency plans to house fire victims in travel trailers at up to 80 spots in the Sonoma County Fairgrounds' RV park in Santa Rosa. Transitional housing sites are also being explored.

### **Los Angeles Times: 150 Homeless to Pack up or Face Arrest as Orange County Prepares to Evict Encampment**

By Hannah Fry [11-10-17] // Morgan Gallerito, who has spent months living along the dusty trail on the west side of the Santa Ana River, was determined to leave her homeless encampment in style Friday morning. "Just because it's an ugly day doesn't mean I have to be ugly," she said.

## **ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT**

### **Los Angeles times: Street Vendors Could Be Banned Near Hollywood Boulevard, Staples Center and Other Areas**

By Emily Alpert Reyes [11-8-17] // Near the bustling corner of Hollywood and Highland, Coty O'Donohue sells bottled water, sodas, cellphone accessories and other knickknacks to tourists strolling down the Walk of Fame.

### **[California Economic Summit: Conference Video](#)**

By John Guenther [11-8-17] // The 2017 Summit opening video tells story of California's upward mobility imperative.

### **[RealInvestor.com: JPMorgan Chase Commits \\$4.2 Million to Support Veteran Entrepreneurs](#)**

[11-13-7] // The investment will enhance the ability of organizations such as PeopleFund of Texas, Main Street Launch of California, and Community Development Financial Institutions to offer loans to veterans who are interested in starting or growing their own businesses.

### **TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

#### **[Los Angeles Times: L.A. Obviously Needs Dense Housing along the Expo Line. Why Isn't the City Planning for It?](#)**

Editorial Board [11-9-17] // For the last several years, Los Angeles' game plan for alleviating the housing crisis has been to encourage housing construction — lots of it — near transit stops.

#### **[Daily Journal: More Office Space Proposed at Bay Meadows Developments](#)**

By Samantha Weigel [11-11-17] // San Mateo: As the massive mixed-use transit-oriented Bay Meadows continues to welcome new residents and workers, the developer is hoping to nearly double the square footage of two previously-approved office buildings.

#### **[The Real Deal: Everything You Need to know about LA's New Transit-oriented Development Incentives](#)**

By Lauren Herstik [11-10-17] // A new city planning initiative aims to add affordable housing development near mass transit, but some real estate insiders question whether it does enough to entice market-rate builders.

### **REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION**

#### **[Markets Insider: Renovation of 188-unit Affordable Housing Community Near San Diego Complete](#)**

[11-9-17] // WNC provided approximately \$13.2 million in low-income housing tax credit equity to fund the renovation of Woodglen Vista Apartments.

#### **[Next City: San Jose to Push Landlords in Blight Fight](#)**

By Kelsey E. Thomas [11-7-17] // San Jose City Council met Tuesday to discuss an 18-month pilot program that would create a registry of vacant buildings and fine property owners who are neglecting their properties.

### **NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS**

#### **[Urban Institute: Housing and Housing Finance: What Is the Real "Damaging Status Quo" for Housing?](#)**

By Maya Brennan and Rolf Pendall [10-31-17] // HUD recently [suspended ongoing reforms](#) that would allow more assisted households to rent in high-opportunity neighborhoods where they and their children can live safely and productively...

### **Smart Cities Dive: Bill Gates Is Building His Own Smart City in Arizona**

By Kristin Musulin [11-13-17] // Bill Gates' investment group Belmont Partners has spent \$80 million on a 24,800-acre plot of land outside of Phoenix with the goal of turning it into a **smart city**, complete with housing, schools, retail, and office space.

### **FAIR HOUSING**

#### **Daily Californian: Berkeley Housing Authority Allegedly Breaks Housing Law, Faces 2 Lawsuits.**

By Henry Tolchard [11-9-17] // Plaintiffs in two different lawsuits allege that Berkeley Housing Authority deprived them of their due process rights in cases filed October 30.

#### **New York Times: When Calling 911 Makes You a “Nuisance” and Gets You Evicted**

By Joseph Mead and Marissa Pappas [11-9-17] // Last January, a woman in Lakewood, Ohio, ran to her neighbor's house, bleeding from her face with a broken nose and concussion from a vicious attack by her boyfriend.

### **DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE**

#### **Senior Housing News: Tax Reform Proposal Could Make It Harder to Pay for Senior Living**

By Tom Mullaney [11-8-17] // For over 70 years, the medical expense deduction has been part of the U.S. tax code. It would be eliminated under a comprehensive tax overhaul introduced last week in the U.S. House.

### **ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE**

#### **Smart Cities Dive: US Green Building Council Adopts RELi Resiliency Standard**

By Kim Slowey [11-13-17] // RELi gives projects points in such resiliency categories as access to emergency supplies, communications and first aid; adaptive design for extreme weather and associated hazards; social equity; resilient and urban food production; and employment.

### **COVERAGE INFORMATION:**

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