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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mercury News: San Jose City Council Declines to Enact Mobile Home Park Closure Policy

By Ramona Giwargis [5-17-17] // Citing the scarcity of affordable housing in Silicon Valley, San Jose leaders this week overwhelmingly rejected a policy that would have weakened tenant protections for mobile home park closures.

CBS San Francisco: Housing Authority Announces \$40M Deal to Acquire Palo Alto Mobile Home Park

[5-18-17] // (Video and text) After four months of negotiations, the Santa Clara County Housing Authority Thursday announced an agreement to acquire a Palo Alto mobile home park for more than \$40 million, allowing roughly 400 low-income residents to stay in their homes.

California Housing Partnership: New Reports Show Depth and Impact of Housing Shortfall in Five Southern California Counties

[5-22-17] // Today the California Housing Partnership released the final installment of its 2017 Housing Needs Assessment series, describing the affordable housing crisis facing lower-income renters in five Southern California counties: Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, and San Diego.

Sacramento Bee: What's the Solution to California's Unaffordable Housing Crisis?

By Edward Joseph Pierini, Jr. [5-21-17] // (Opinion) We have taxpayer-financed and government-subsidized affordable housing programs. What are some of these programs' recent accomplishments?

LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

Public Square: Light Imprint for Walkable Green Infrastructure

By Robert Steuteville [5-15-17] // Conventional suburban design tends toward heavy use of asphalt, with wide roads lined by parking lots, requiring expensive stormwater mitigation. New urbanists use "light imprint," "lean," or "green infrastructure" **water management techniques** instead.

Los Angeles Times: Gavin Newsom Faces Backlash as State Fights Sierra Club and San Francisco over Waterfront

By Michael Finnegan [5-19-17] // If the Lands Commission wins, environmental groups say, it could block voters statewide from passing local ballot measures to restrict coastal development and oil drilling, as Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Hermosa Beach and other communities have done for decades.

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

Construction Dive: Suburban Rental Rates Rising Faster than Urban Rents for the First Time in 4 Years

By Katy Tomasulo [5-22-17] // Renters seeking to escape high city prices in booming urban markets aren't necessarily going to find relief in the suburbs, [according to a Zillow analysis](#).

HOMELESSNESS

Fox31: Formerly Homeless Teen Set to Enroll at Harvard University this Fall

[5-17-17] // Palmdale, CA: Jorge Campos, a California teen whose family of six was homeless for three months after his father lost his job, [will be attending Harvard University in the fall](#), according to KTLA. Campos discusses how his family experiences taught him about finances and shaped his education.

Sacramento Bee: She's No Longer Homeless, but Does That Make Her a Success Story?

By Erika D. Smith [5-19-17] // (Opinion) What does being a "success story" really mean for someone who was homeless in California? This is a state that continues to lead the nation in poverty when the cost of housing is factored in.

Sacramento Bee: With Homeless Using It as a Bathroom, Central Library Spends Thousands on Cleaning

By Anita Chabria [5-18-17] // The whoosh of flushing toilets is a constant interruption in the hush of Sacramento's Central Library, where the bathrooms are the most reliably available public facilities for homeless people in downtown Sacramento.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

Beacon Economics: Beacon Employment Report

[5-19-17] // Despite weak month of job growth, California unemployment declines.

Los Angeles Times: California Employers Slash Payrolls for the First Time Since June; Jobless Rate Falls to 4.8%

By Natalie Kitroeff [5-19-17] // "It's unwise to overreact to one month of data ... but it's possible we are starting to see some moderation in growth in the state," said Lynn Reaser, the chief economist of the Fermanian Business & Economic Institute at Point Loma Nazarene University.

Summer Reading? The Financial Diaries: How American Families Cope in a World of Uncertainty

Princeton University Press [2017] // Authors Jonathan Morduch and Rachel Schneider explore families' economic stresses, their causes, and possible corrective policies in this 248-page book. It is based on financial information gathered from 235 low- and moderate-income households during one year through a project called [U.S. Financial Diaries](#).

[California Economic Summit: Help Wanted: Next Generation of Auto Techs Needed in Inland Empire](#)

By Ed Coghlan [5-17-17] // Tesla Motors' program manager for vocational and trade schools describes automotive service as one of the hottest job sectors.

[CNN: Becoming a Sanctuary State Could Help California Protect Its Economy, Too](#)

By Octavio Blanco [5-18-17] // (Video and text) Lawmakers are not only seeking to protect the state's [estimated two to three million](#) undocumented immigrants, but also to defend a valuable economic engine.

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

[The Tennessean: How Transit-oriented Development Can Provide Affordable Housing](#)

By James Fraser et al. [5-19-17] // (Opinion) Nashville: Fortunately for this growing city, plentiful housing and a modern, high-volume transit represent two of seven intersecting components of Nashville's development plan.

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION

[Newsweek: The "Artwashing" of America: The Battle for the Soule of Los Angeles against Gentrification](#)

By Alexander Nazaryan [5-21-17] // (Video and text) They know the end is near, which is why the young men and women of Boyle Heights have taken to the streets with such fury, clad in bandanas, hoisting placards that leave little room for compromise.

[Citiscope: Five Big Ideas to Better Integrate Nature into Cities](#)

By Gregory Scruggs [5-4-17] // Along with summarizing five ideas from the recent "Nature of Cities Summit: Exploring Paths to Collaboration on Green Cities" in Portland, OR, the author presents an example of green development in Portland's Pearl District.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

[Housing Assistance Council: USDA Wants to Reorganize Rural Housing, Business, and Utilities Functions](#)

HAC [5-2017] // Will this change lower Rural Development's profile in the department because it will not have a representative at the Under Secretary level?

FAIR HOUSING

[San Diego Union-Tribune: In Response: Landlords Want Fair Housing, Too](#)

By Christine Lamarca [5-19-17] // (Opinion) While the landlords referenced in a [May 12 opinion piece](#) are not indicative of most property owners and managers in our region, The San Diego County Apartment Association agrees that more education for landlords and residents, not more laws, is needed to address any intended or unintended housing discrimination against all protected classes.

DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE

CityLab: How Some Kids Escape Poverty

By Mimi Kirk [5-19-17] // Just 16 percent of children who grow up in poverty manage to become economically successful adults. A [new report](#) explains.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

Solar Power World: Energy Storage Could Preserve Solar Savings for California Affordable Housing

By Kelsey Misbrenner [5-19-17] // A paper released by Clean Energy Group finds that California multifamily affordable housing properties with solar PV systems could face more than a 50% reduction in electricity bill savings over the next few years, but adding energy storage to the solar system could completely restore those savings to solar customers.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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