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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

[U.S. News & World Report: Low-Income Seniors Displaced by Blaze Still in Housing Limbo](#)

[2-9-18] // Santa Rosa: Dozens of low-income seniors displaced after a massive wildfire tore through their mobile-home park in Northern California are struggling to pay for temporary lodging.

[San Francisco Examiner: Westside Residents Demand Low-income Senior Housing](#)

By Nicholas Weininger and Giovanna Guevara [2-11-18] // The 100 percent affordable housing that we want to see in our back yard is a conversion of Forest Hill Christian Church and parking lot into homes for seniors—one block from Forest Hill Muni station.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

[KMIR: Opening of Homeless Veteran Housing Stalled by City Permits](#)

By Vince Marino [2-5-18] // Desert Hot Springs, CA: A woman in Desert Hot Springs says she is fighting the city to create a housing facility for homeless veterans. City officials on the other hand say she doesn't have the proper paper work to house homeless vets.

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

[GlobeSt.: New Ballot Measure Repeals Costa-Hawkins](#)

By Kelsi Maree Borland [2-9-18] // **Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment** along with Michael Weinstein is proposing a new ballot measure to repeal the 1995 Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act. The proposed ballot measure comes after the House Assembly bill AB 1506 failed to pass.

[GlobeSt.: How Interest Rates and Home-buying Power Correlate](#)

By Carrie Rossenfeld [2-12-18] // While rising interest rates decrease home-buying power, it's also important to note that rising incomes can offset that decrease, First American's Mark Fleming tells GlobeSt.com.

MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES

[HousingWire: Mortgage Choice Act Approved by House of Representatives](#)

By Ben Lane [2-8-18] // Bill to adjust TILA definition of points and fees passes House for third time.

HOMELESSNESS

[Los Angeles Times: L.A. Considers Cutting through Red Tape to Get Homeless People Housed Faster](#)

By Emily Alpert Reyes and Doug Smith [2-12-18] // One measure would allow permanent supportive housing projects to avoid a review process. Another under consideration is easing conversion of motels into homeless housing.

[Sacramento Bee: Getting Homeless People off California Streets Is Tough. One Lawmaker Has an Idea](#)

By Angela hart [2-12-18] // Chiu is expected to unveil a pair of Assembly bills Monday. One seeks to fast-track construction of supportive housing for homeless people by allowing developers to bypass the lengthy approvals process for affordable housing, which often stalls under intense neighborhood opposition.

[Elk Grove News: City Council to Consider Housing Purchase for Elk Grove's Homeless, Authorize City Manager for Future Purchases](#)

[2-12-18] // As part of its solution to address the growing homeless population in the community, the Elk Grove City Council will consider the purchase of a residential dwelling to provide services at their Wednesday, February 14 regular meeting.

[CBS Sacramento: Stockton Considers Hiring Homeless to Clean Up Stockton Streets](#)

By Steve Large [2-9-18] // (Video) Mayor Michael Tubbs is pushing a plan to partner with CalTrans and homeless programs to pay the homeless minimum wage to help clean the city and landscape it.

[Solano Officials Admit There's No "Silver Bullet" for Homelessness](#)

By Todd R. Hanson [2-10-18] // Solano county Public Health Officer Dr. Bela Matyas recommends dealing with smaller elements of homelessness issues rather than looking for a broad-ranging solution.

[Newsweek: Youth Homelessness Starts at Age 14 on Average on Hawaii's Most Populous Island](#)

By Grace Guarnieri [2-11-18] // On the Hawaiian island of Oahu, youth homelessness begins at the age of 14 on average, according to a [new study](#) released Friday.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

Sacramento Be: California Families Are Missing out on Tax Credit

By Tony Atkins and Bob Annibale [2-12-18] // (Opinion) For millions of Californians, tax time provides a vital financial lifeline thanks to one of the most successful, but underused, anti-poverty programs – the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

California Economic Summit: Elevate CA: It's Not More Jobs—It's More Good-Paying Jobs

By Ed Coghlan [2-12-18] // There are 5 million---that's 5 MILLION—Californians who have jobs that pay only minimum wage. As attendees listened to a California Legislature hearing held at Norco College last Friday, another striking fact really jumped out: A sizeable number of those jobs are held by people who are the main wage earner in their households.

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Streetsblog CAL: Legislative Analyst Office Recommends Changes to Gov. Brown's Proposed Transportation Budget

By Melanie Curry [2-9-18] // More focus should be on maintenance than on major upgrades and new projects.

Voice of San Diego: The Obstacles to – and Opportunities for – Transit-Oriented Development in San Diego

By Alon Levy [2-9-18] // Many areas near trolley stations zoned for industrial businesses are ripe for the sort of dense projects the city says it wants.

Next City: California Is Considering a “Radical” Statewide Upzone

By Josh Cohen [2-8-18] // State Senator Scott Wiener's (D-San Francisco) goal is to spur construction of tons of housing built near transit — not only increasing the supply, but increasing it with supply that doesn't necessarily require people to use cars as their primary or only mode of transportation.

Bakersfield.com: City Going Forward with Plan Addressing Pedestrian, Bicyclist Safety

By Joseph Luiz [2-11-18] // Caltrans will provide the city a \$177,000 Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning grant later this spring. The city will cover the rest of the \$200,000 plan.

Daily Bulletin: Trump's Infrastructure Plan Is a Rare, and Potentially Bipartisan, Feel Good Moment

By Joel Kotkin and Wendell Cox [2-10-18] // Before we jump into a massive re-do of our transportation, water and electrical systems, it's critical to make sure we get some decent bang for the federal buck.

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION

Los Angeles Times: State Lawmakers Want to Restore an urban Renewal and Affordable Housing Program. But It's Complicated

By Liam Dillon [2-12-18 // Even with the backing of a new governor, bringing back the urban renewal program, known formally as redevelopment, faces major questions: How much is it going to cost, and how will the money be divided?

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

Modern Cities: Demand for Higher Density Development Slowing Down

[2-8-18] // Showing signs of market saturation, demand for walkable neighborhoods, multi-generational housing and access to public transportation remain very strong, but growth has leveled off, according to the findings from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) [Home Design Trends Survey](#) for the third quarter of 2017.

Washington Post: Critics Worry Housing Plan Will Wreck Seattle's Character

By Phuong Le (AP) [2-12-18] // Seattle's booming tech industry has brought a massive influx of new residents with big wallets to the city. But an ensuing housing crunch has led to skyrocketing rents and home prices that have strained middle- and working-class families and deepened the city's homelessness crisis.

POPULATION / CENSUS

The Dirt: Uniting the Built & Natural Environments: New Maps Show How Urban Sprawl Threatens the World's Remaining Biodiversity

(American Society of Landscape Architects) [2-6-18] // At the [United Nations World Urban Forum](#) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, next month, the [McHarg Center for Ecology and Urbanism at the University of Pennsylvania](#) will display an alarming set of [new maps](#). They show, in bright red, that the growth of cities worldwide is on a direct collision course with the world's remaining biodiversity.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

Newsweek: How Will We Ration Water in California's Impending New Drought?

By Gary D. Libecap [2-10-18] // Until the arrival of a winter storm recently, it had been almost a year since Los Angeles residents felt any real rain, leaving the city at 9 percent of normal precipitation. The snow pack, especially in the southern Sierra Nevada mountains, remains critically low.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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