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Department of Housing and Community Development



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## **TODAY'S NEWS**

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

#### **[KSBW: Rep. Panetta Introduces Farmworker Housing Legislation](#)**

[10-16-18] // U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA 20<sup>th</sup> District) introduced the [Farmworker Housing Improvement Act](#) Tuesday to enhance affordable housing resources for farmworkers. The legislation is intended to strengthen the Farm Labor Housing Loan and Grant Program, improving access to information for local non-profits, and increasing quality housing options.

#### **[Hanford Sentinel: Self-Help Enterprises Receives \\$5.2 million](#)**

[10-17-18] // Self-Help Enterprises has been awarded \$5.25 million in technical assistance funds from USDA Rural Development for providing technical assistance to carry out mutual self-help housing efforts that aid low-income families in achieving the dream of homeownership. Grants are designated for construction in seven counties of the San Joaquin Valley.

#### **[Shelterforce: The Right to Stay Put](#)**

By Dominic Moulden, Gregory D. Squires and Aristotle Theresa [10-10-18] // When anything goes wrong in a city, policymakers all too often just want to move Black people around, asserted Mindy Fullilove, a clinical psychiatrist at the New School, to an audience at a 2015 conference on equitable development in Washington D.C.

### **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

#### **[Sacramento Business Journal: D.R. Horton, SMUD Partner to Build Zero-Carbon Homes](#)**

By Mark Anderson [10-16-18] // (Subscribe) The Sacramento Municipal Utility District and national homebuilder D.R. Horton Inc. have formed a partnership to build an energy-efficient subdivision with all-electric power and installation of efficient electrical heating, water heating, and cooking appliances.

## LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

### [Ventura County Star: Slow Down Growth](#)

By Robert Jensen [10-15-18] // (Opinion) The majority of Camarillo residents feel that growth has gone far enough. In particular, new housing projects should be curtailed because of the many ills that come with overpopulation. In other words, let's preserve the town's merits while preventing **suburban decay**.

## HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

### [GlobeSt.: Bay Area Housing Finally Posts Gains](#)

By Lisa Brown [10-17-18] // After years of recording lagging supply, the Bay Area is possibly beginning to catch up; San Jose had the biggest increase in new listings of the 45 major US metro areas included in the latest realtor.com report.

## MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES

### [HousingWire: FHFA Collaborates with Fannie, Freddie to Launch Resource for non-English Proficient Borrowers](#)

By Alcynna Lloyd [10-15-18] // Mortgage Translations provides materials for lending professionals.

## HOMELESSNESS

### [LAHSA: LA Homeless Services Authority Releases RFI for Navigation Centers](#)

[10-15-18] // The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority **Navigation Center Request for Information** seeks submissions from organizations interested in operating centers, as well as those that can provide innovative ideas on how to successfully operate centers.

### [Rockridge Patch: Oakland Homelessness: \\$9 Million Initiative](#)

[10-15-18] // Mayor Libby Schaaf and a coalition of nonprofits announced the Keep Oakland Housed program to provide legal, financial and supportive services to residents experiencing a housing crisis.

## ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

### [SmartCitiesDive: Report: Recession Recovery Emphasizes Divide Between Prosperous Cities, Rural Regions](#)

By Jason Plautz [10-16-18] // The report emphasizes that even as the national economy has rebounded from the depths of the recession — with a national unemployment rate of just 3.7% in September according to Bureau of Labor Statistics — the recovery has not affected the entire country evenly.

### [Forbes: 5 Ways to Go from Being a Good Boss to a Great Boss](#)

By Karlyn Borysenko [10-15-18] // [65% of Americans would choose to fire their boss over getting a pay raise](#). But what gets lost in the midst of trying to stop an awful lot of bad behaviors is the fact that there are a fair number of good bosses out there as well. These are bosses who genuinely care for their team members and want to do the right thing by them.

### **[mdrc: Tribal Solutions: Subsidized Employment Programs Serving American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)**

By Asaph Glosser and Emily Ellis [9-2018] // People served by public assistance programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) often have difficulty finding jobs in the competitive labor market. ...To address these barriers, some Tribal TANF programs have implemented subsidized employment programs designed to increase both participants' income and their employability.

### **[California Economic Summit: Solid Research on Rural Challenges Paved Way forward for Elevate Rural CA Initiative](#)**

By Deborah Kollars [10-17-18] // The California Economic Summit's **[Elevate Rural CA](#)** initiative is built on a solid foundation of understanding, experience, and creative innovation. Elevate Rural CA will advance three strategically chosen priorities for sustaining economic opportunities: Forest Resiliency, Water Infrastructure, and Broadband Access.

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

#### **[American Planning Association: People over Parking](#)**

By Jeffrey Spivak [10-2018] // When Minneapolis reduced its multifamily parking requirements in certain parts of town, developers proposed projects with fewer parking spaces, which lowered the cost of construction—and rent.

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

#### **[NLIHC: Balancing Priorities: Preservation and Neighborhood Opportunity in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program Beyond Year 30](#)**

[10-2018] // This new report sheds light on preservation challenges with an examination of the neighborhood characteristics of LIHTC units and a discussion of how scarce resources for affordable housing lead to a dilemma between the priorities of preserving affordable housing and promoting mobility for low-income families to higher-opportunity neighborhoods. [View interactive pdf of report.](#)

#### **[Los Angeles Times: One Year after California's Most Devastating Wildfire, Santa Rosa Is a Patchwork of Loss and Renewal](#)**

By Laura Newberry [10-15-18] // Residents who face enormous insurance gaps are dipping into savings to construct houses similar to the ones they lost or building smaller ones. Others are buying elsewhere. Insurance companies use software programs to calculate the cost of rebuilding, but those estimates do not take into account the inflated cost of labor and materials that follow a disaster like this.

#### **[Capital Public Radio: Getting Back What You Lost—Rebuilding in a Wildfire Zone](#)**

By Lauren Sommer [10-16-18] // Just outside of Santa Rosa, where the Tubbs fire destroyed his home last year, Paul Lowenthal's his new home is being built with cement-fiber siding and other fire-resistant materials and will better prepared to withstand fire.

## **NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS**

### **Globe St.: Why Real Estate Activity Will Inevitably Slow**

By Erika Morphy [10-17-18] // Slower GDP growth will inevitably result in lower levels of real estate market activity, the Urban Land Institute says in its new report.

## **FAIR HOUSING**

### **Brookings: HUD Can't Fix Exclusionary Zoning by Withholding CDBG Funds**

By Jenny Schuetz [10-15-18] // Carson has tweeted that HUD is taking on the NIMBYs. Most urban economists agree with **YIMBYs** that the cause of the housing shortage is local land use regulations constraining new housing development.

## **DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE**

### **NBER Working Paper: The Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital: Evidence from the Golden Age of Upward Mobility**

By David Card, Ciprian Domnisoru and Lowell Taylor [9-2018] // The authors use 1940s Census data to measure the impact of school quality on human capital accumulation and upward mobility of white and black children with poorly educated parents.

## **ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE / NATURAL DISASTERS**

### **HUD: HUD Announces Disaster Assistance for Florida Storm Victims**

By HUD [10-12-18] // Yesterday, President Trump issued a [major disaster declaration](#) for Bay, Franklin, Gulf, Taylor, and Wakulla counties.

### **CityLab: Can We Go Electric before It's Too Late?**

By Rebecca Bellan [10-15-18] // Plugging in cars and trucks will be critical to averting climate catastrophe, according to the IPCC. How far has the U.S. come?

### **Next City: Plugging California's Renters into Energy Efficiency Programs**

By Zoe Sullivan [10-16-18] // "We need every household to be getting 30 percent minimum of energy efficiency savings to meet our climate targets," says Maria Stamas of the Natural Resources Defense Council. The Council's report, [Plugging into Savings](#), "shows that is cost effective and possible."

## **COVERAGE INFORMATION:**

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