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## **TODAY'S NEWS**

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

#### **Bay City Beacon: State Housing Bill Gains Political Momentum and Local Criticism**

By Diego Aguilar-Canabal [3-12-18] // A contentious March 12th meeting at the Land Use and Transportation Committee of the Board of Supervisors pitted supporters and critics of SB 827 over a resolution by Supervisor Aaron Peskin—a residential landlord in San Francisco—to publicly oppose the bill. Citizens and activists contended that the bill would either ameliorate or accelerate San Francisco's housing crisis, respectively.

#### **Affordable Housing Finance: U.S. Has Gap of Over 7.2 Million Affordable and Available Rental homes**

By Donna Kimura [3-13-18] / No state has an adequate supply of housing for the lowest-income renters, reports NLIHC.

#### **Affordable Housing Finance: Senate Democrats Release Their Own Infrastructure Plan**

By Donna Kimura [3-8-18] // The plan would include measures from Sen. Maria Cantwell's (D-WA) [Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act bill \(S. 548\)](#), which seeks to strengthen the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC).

#### **Noozhawk: Completed Grace Village Apartments Will Welcome Senior Residents in April**

By Brooke Holland [3-12-18] // Another Santa Barbara housing option dedicated to low-income seniors is available with the completion of the [Grace Village Apartments](#) development on Upper State Street. 57 units range from \$506 to \$1,012 per month.

#### **Willits News: Mobile Home Park Residents in Willits to Organize Protests**

By Ariel Carmona [3-12-18] // Representatives from Wagon Wheel and Valley Oaks mobile parks traveled approximately 200 miles round-trip to Petaluma on Saturday where they met with residents of other mobile parks facing rent control issues throughout Mendocino County in an effort to begin development of a statewide strategy for dealing with what they call "predatory park owners."

## **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

### **[PR Newswire: Community Development Partners Opens Housing for Homeless Veterans in Newport Beach, CA](#)**

[3-14-18] // Community Development Partners is pleased to announce the grand opening of The Cove Apartments in Newport Beach, CA, providing permanent affordable and supportive housing for homeless veterans and low-income seniors...

### **[PE Hub Network: CIM and Strada Buy Oakland, California, Property](#)**

By Iris Dorbian [3-12-18] // CIM Group announced today that it has acquired a development parcel located at 1100 Clay Street from the City of Oakland, and will fulfill the city's vision for the site to be developed into a prime residential property with community benefits.

### **[San Francisco Examiner: SF Turns to Modular Construction of Mission Bay Homeless Housing to Expedite Project](#)**

By Joshua Sabatini [2-21-18] // The Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure, the successor body to the defunct Redevelopment Agency, approved an initial \$5 million loan and negotiations with Bridge Housing Corporation and Community Housing Partnership for the supportive housing development at Mission Bay South Block 9, adjacent to Police Headquarters on Third Street.

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

### **[Pasadena News Now: Council Approves Accessory Dwelling Ordinance](#)**

By Eddie Rivera [3-13-18] // The Pasadena City Council approved the proposed Zoning Code amendments which could lock in place what some residents argue are excessive Residential Impact Fees. The ordinance sets no minimum lot size requirement for Accessory Dwelling Units on RM-zoned properties (multi-family residential). ...

### **[San Francisco Examiner: SF Lawmaker Threatens to Sue State if Transit-Oriented Development Bill Passes](#)**

By joe Fitzgerald Rodriguez [3-12-18] // Supervisor Aaron Peskin on Monday pledged to sue the state to overturn Senate Bill 827 should it be approved.

## **MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES**

### **[Sacramento Bee: How Two Smart California Laws Kept the 2008 Mortgage Crisis from Being Far Worse](#)**

By Stuart A. Gabriel and Chandler Lutz [3-13-18] // [Research that we conducted with Matteo Iacoviello of the Federal Reserve Board](#) estimates that the California foreclosure prevention laws reduced foreclosures by 16 percent, keeping an additional 124,000 foreclosures from occurring.

### **[Washington Post: Bill Rolling Back Bank Restraints Moves Forward](#)**

By AP [3-12-18] // The Senate is edging forward legislation to roll back some of the restraints on banks that President Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress put in place eight years ago to prevent another financial crisis.

## **[CoreLogic Insights: Loan Performance Insights Report Highlights: December 2017](#)**

By Molly Boesel [3-13-18] // The national delinquency rate remained unchanged year over year in December, but early-stage delinquencies increased .1 percent from December 2016.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **[Santa Clarita Valley Signal: City Moves Forward with Community Development Block Grant Action Plan](#)**

By Skylar Barti [3-14-18] // A public hearing for the Community Needs Assessment survey gave the public a chance to see how federal funds might be used to improve low- to middle-income residents.

## **HOMELESSNESS**

### **[Gimme Shelter: The New Homelessness, from San Diego to the Bay](#)**

By Matt Levin and Liam Dillon [3-8-18] // The hosts discuss California's rising number of people experiencing homelessness, what is being done about it, and what has been delayed. Guests: Ann English, Laura Guzman, and Stephen Russel.

### **[Sacramento Bee: L.A. Has Cracked Down Hard on Hospitals Dumping Homeless Patients. Is Sacramento Next?](#)**

By Cynthia Hubert and Ryan Lillis [3-13-18] // Gabino Olvera, 42, was found crawling in a gutter in downtown Los Angeles, hours after his release from a nearby hospital. Paraplegic and mentally ill, he was wearing only a soiled cotton gown, witnesses reported. A catheter dangled from his body.

### **[Medical Express: California Mental Tax Providing Services to Needy in L.A. County, Study Finds](#)**

[3-13-18] // Funding from California's special tax for mental health services has allowed Los Angeles County to reach the seriously mentally ill and those at risk for mental illness with services and prevention efforts, lowering both homelessness and the need for psychiatric hospitalizations, while improving employment and wellbeing, according to a [new RAND Corporation study](#).

### **[Fairfield Daily Republic: Homeless Housing Bill Spreads Dollars in Response to Trump Cuts](#)**

By Todd R. Hansen [3-14-18] // Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) and Sen. Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), authors of a proposed \$2 billion homeless housing bill (SB 912) have expanded how the money would be spent in response to federal tax plans.

### **[NY Daily News: Population at City Homeless Shelters Hits Record high of 63,495](#)**

By Julia Jorgensen [3-14-18] // The average nightly population in New York City homeless shelters last December was 63,495 — a record high, the annual State of the Homeless Report from the Coalition for the Homeless found.

## **ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT**

### **[CA Forward: An Opportunity to Better Combat Poverty in California Shouldn't Be Hurried](#)**

By Ed Coghlan [3-13-18] // While the new federal tax law is often criticized for benefiting the wealthy, one significant provision is designed to encourage community and economic development where it is needed most. ... Regrettably, California has more impoverished neighborhoods that can be designated **Opportunity Zones** under Federal law.

### **[KPVR: Merced County Hopes a Deal with Port of L.A. Turns Former Air Force Base into Manufacturing Hub](#)**

By Laura Tsutsui [3-6-18] // (Audio and text) Merced will become a place of manufacturing and distribution, and use the nearby rail line and freeways to transport goods to L.A. for worldwide shipping.

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

### **[San Mateo Daily Journal: Gateway to Millbrae's Future](#)**

By Marge Colapietro [3-13-18] // (Opinion) There have been years of opportunities for Millbrae residents to participate in study sessions, workshops, Planning Commission and City Council meetings. Yet, to this day, I hear accusations that the city hasn't given enough time for the public to give their opinions. ... The Gateway at Millbrae Station project will be a win-win for all.

## **REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION**

### **[KPBS: Council OK's SDSU West Ballot Measure To Redevelop Mission Valley Stadium Site](#)**

By Erik Anderson [3-12-18] // San Diego State University will ask voters in November to support a \$3 billion plan to provide classroom and research facilities, hotels, retail shops, a sports stadium, and 4,500 housing units on the Mission Valley stadium site.

### **[San Francisco Chronicle: State Incentives to Build Must Also Prevent Displacement](#)**

By Jesse Arreguin [3-12-18] // (Opinion) We must incentivize our cities to build more housing while locking in affordability and anti-displacement protections to ensure that the Bay Area doesn't end up being further divided economically and the poor forced to commute greater and greater distances because they can no longer afford to live here.

## **NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS**

### **[City Lab: Distressed NYC Homeowners Find Help—From City Hall](#)**

By Teresa Mathew [3-12-18] // Through a special fund, New York City buys up delinquent mortgages to help homeowners and stabilize neighborhoods.

## [\*\*AZ Big Media: While Phoenix Ranks High in Rent Growth, Rent Remains Affordable\*\*](#)

By Andrew Nicla [3-1-18] // The ranking was reported by RealPage, a property management software provider, which also found that supply for Phoenix multifamily properties, 7,463 units, more than matched the demand of 7,128 units, leading to a 94.4 percent occupancy rate.

## [\*\*FAIR HOUSING\*\*](#)

### [\*\*Curbed: Black Homeownership Rates Haven't Changed Much in the 50 Years Since the Fair Housing Act\*\*](#)

By Jeff Andrews [3-13-18] // At the height of the housing bubble that preceded the crisis, nearly 50 percent of black Americans owned homes. That share has now fallen to 42.3 percent—exactly where it was in 1994—which itself is only marginally better than in 1970, two years after the FHA passed, when it was 41.6 percent.

## [\*\*ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE\*\*](#)

### [\*\*KPCC: New Housing Grows Fastest in SoCal's Most Fire-prone Areas\*\*](#)

By Emily Guerin [3-12-18] // A study published Monday in Proceedings of the [National Academy of Sciences](#) (subscription) finds that new houses are being built fastest at the edges of urban areas, where neighborhoods are surrounded by canyons, hills, or other open land covered in flammable vegetation.

### [\*\*KPBS: Changing What You Eat Saves More Water Than Shorter Showers\*\*](#)

By Brook Ruth and Maureen Cavanaugh [3-8-18] // (Audio) In the new book, ***Eat Less Water***, author Florencia Ramirez describes how water is used in the production of what we eat and gives guidelines on how to choose lower water-use foods.

## **COVERAGE INFORMATION:**

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