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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

[Los Angeles Times: House Tax Plan Would Mean Higher Borrowing Costs for Hospitals, Schools, Affordable Housing](#)

By James Rufus Koren [11-17-17] // Hospitals, university buildings and affordable housing projects could become markedly more expensive to develop if the tax plan approved Thursday by the Republican-controlled House of Representatives becomes law.

[Mercury News: Milpitas Boosts 100% Affordable Housing Project](#)

By Ian Bauer [11-16-17] // A proposed \$74 million, 100 percent affordable housing development meant to help alleviate the high cost of living in the city got a boost last week.

[Mountain View Voice: LinkedIn Pledges \\$10 Million for Affordable Housing](#)

By Mark Noack [11-17-17] // This pool of money is described as a new tool to help affordable housing projects that struggle to acquire property in a competitive real estate market. Mountain View city officials formally approved the idea last week.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

[San Gabriel Valley Tribune: El Monte Starts Construction on Affordable Housing Project for Veterans, Leaders Criticize Temple City Residents Who Helped Kill Similar Plan](#)

By Christopher Yee [11-16-17] // El Monte leaders attended a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday for the Baldwin Rose Family Veteran Housing facility, a 55-unit affordable veterans housing project to be built by nonprofit, affordable housing developer Mercy Housing.

LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

UC Davis Center for Regional Change: New Report

By Frank Chou [10-5-17] // Through stakeholder interviews and analysis of secondary data, [*Kern County: Geography of Inequity and Opportunities for Action*](#) documents the systemic disparities created by a history of wealth concentrated in the hands of those who control access to Kern County's vast agricultural and industrial resources.

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

CALmatters: Californians: Here's Why Your Housing Costs Are So High

By Ben Christopher and Matt Levin [8-21-17] // Just how hard it is to buy a home in California? Really hard. Both compared to how hard it is in other states, and how hard it was for previous generations of Californians to buy homes.

MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES

Orange County Register: Remember Foreclosures? See Where in Southern California These (and Sort Sales) Are Having the Biggest Impact

By Jonatan Lansner [11-10-17] // "Distressed" sellers — often seen as bargain opportunities for house hunters — have not only become a Southern California rarity, but the few homes put on the market are selling briskly.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Union: Grant Could Fund Indoor Pool, Turf Soccer Field at Grass Valley's Memorial Park

By Matthew Pera [11-16-17] // Grass Valley city staff are putting together a Community Development Block Grant funding application to secure \$5 million to improve Memorial Park, expand the local YMCA program, and update the city's housing element.

HOMELESSNESS

Sacramento Bee: Sacramento County Will Place Homeless People in 15 Rentals Rather Than Central Shelter

By Ed Fletcher [11-14-17] // Update (Nov. 14): The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved using 15 locations throughout the county to serve homeless people rather than create a full-service central location.

San Diego Union Tribune: San Diego Homeless Tents Start off on Right Foot at Last Minute

By Editorial Board [11-16-17] // Despite [some criticism](#), the [San Diego City Council](#) did the right thing Tuesday, [agreeing to spend \\$6.5 million](#) to operate three large industrial tents to house 700 homeless residents through June — but only after crucial last-minute changes.

CBS San Diego: Homeless Living in Motorhomes Suing the City

By Marcella Lee [11-16-17] // (Video) San Diegans who live in their vehicles say they are fed up with how they're being treated by the city and now they're filing a class action lawsuit.

[**New York Times: California Today: Rain Brings Health Hazards to the Homeless**](#)

By Thomas Fuller and Matt Stevens [11-17-17] // The first drenching rains of the season, an atmospheric river that came ashore this week, flooded roadways and snarled traffic in the San Francisco Bay Area on Thursday. For one group of residents, the region's homeless, the rains were more than just an inconvenience.

[**NBC San Francisco: Rising Number of Homeless Newborns, Pregnant Women Struggling in San Francisco**](#)

By Bigad Shaban [11-15-17] // An NBC Bay Area investigation reveals a dramatic increase in the number of homeless pregnant women and newborns struggling to make ends meet in high-priced San Francisco, where the [median rent](#) for a one-bedroom apartment now totals \$3,390 per month.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

[**The Hill: Economic Analysis Shows No “Trump Bump” for U.S. Economy**](#)

By Vicki Needham [11-16-17] // The U.S. economy isn't on course for a bump from President Trump's policies over the next couple of years, [a new economic analysis](#) showed on Thursday.

[**Curbed: The House Tax Reform Bill Just Passed—Here's What It Means for Housing**](#)

By Jeff Andrews [11-16-17] // LIHTCs are diminished, property tax deductions are gone, and the mortgage interest deduction is capped.

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

[**Next City: Spokane Implores Downtown Developers to Build Anything Other Than Parking Lots**](#)

By Rachel Dovey [11-17-17] // Spokane, WA: City officials are so tired of surface parking lots taking up valuable urban space that they've developed a plan to incentivize developers to build anything in place of parking lots and garages.

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION

[**Berkeley News: Urban Displacement Project Expands, Updates Its Northern California Maps**](#)

By Kathleen Maclay [11-16-17] // Expanded, refined and [updated maps](#) revealing the latest state of gentrification and displacement in communities stretching across [Northern California](#) are being released by the University of California, Berkeley's [Urban Displacement Project](#), in collaboration with the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.

[**Next City: NYC Advocates Say It's Past Time to Count Vacant Properties**](#)

By Oscar Perry Abello [11-15-17] // For more than a decade now, [led in part by the homeless and formerly homeless](#), housing advocates in New York City have asked for the city to establish a definitive, ongoing count of vacant lots and vacant housing units in the city.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

Multifamily Biz: Fannie Mae Returns to LIHTC Market to Add Reliable Source of Capital for Affordable Rental Housing

[11-17-17] // Fannie Mae announced that it will resume low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) activities to provide a reliable source of capital for affordable rental housing and underserved markets. This will expand the company's efforts to increase and improve affordable housing stock...

CityLab: The Story Behind the Housing Meme That Swept the Internet

By Kriston Capps [11-16-17] // The [Providence Gamelin House](#) opened its doors in Seattle in 2005. It was built to offer safe, affordable housing for low-income seniors in Seattle's Rainier Vista neighborhood.

DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE

Sierra Sun Times: 23 New Laws for 2018 Intended to Help California Veterans

By Cathy Kenny [11-15-17] // Many of these bills will improve outreach to ensure veterans are aware of the wide range of assistance available to them, such as obtaining free civil legal assistance, starting a farming or ranching career, or becoming a citizen after leaving military service.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

Reuters: Can Carbon-sucking Technologies Hold Back Climate Change?

By Laurie Goering [11-17-17] // Bonn, Germany: As the U.S state of California tries to slash its climate-changing emissions by 40 percent by 2030—and 80 percent by 2050—it's looking at some unusual new technologies...

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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