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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

[Politico: HUD Budget Slashes Housing Programs, Drawing Protests from Advocates](#)

By Lorraine Woellert [5-19-17] // President Donald Trump's administration will seek to slash spending on affordable housing and community development programs, a plan that housing advocates condemned as "immoral" and a blow to voters who sent him to the White House.

[ABC Sacramento: Millennials Tell Boomers, "Yes in My Backyard"](#)

By Lilia Luciano [5-18-17] // (Video and text) Sacramento, especially the Downtown and Midtown areas, has the [fastest rising rents](#) in the country...

[Next City: D.C. Bill Targets Empty Offices for Affordable Housing](#)

By Rachel Dovey [5-18-17] // To address both a shortage of affordable housing and a surplus of vacant office buildings, D.C. lawmakers want to convert workspace into homes.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

[The Journal: Colorado Builder Specializes in Hobbit Houses](#)

By Jim Mimiaga [5-17-17] // (Photos and text) The creations of natural-materials builder Brett LeCompte, of Dolores, CO, are featured in the 2017 architecture book, [Small Homes: The Right Size](#), by Lloyd Kahn.

LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

[The Root: Urban Planning Can't Happen without Black People in the Room—Yet It Does](#)

By Charles D. Ellison [5-17-17] // Sit at the tables where people are deciding where the new school will go, whether to expand the bus stop or if a new business can drop itself into a neighborhood, and the first question that comes to mind is, "Where are all the people of color?"

[Voice of San Diego: Vista's the New Frontier of Growth in San Diego](#)

By Alon Levy [5-10-17] // Rich suburbs have no more room and are experiencing low population growth. Meanwhile, the highest growth in San Diego County is in lower middle-income Vista. Together, these two trends show how poor transportation and growth-restricting zoning limit the county's access to good jobs.

[ABC 10: What Bills Have Been Introduced to Address California's Housing Crisis?](#)

By Kristopher Hooks [5-17-17] // Bills which address financing low-income housing; zoning and developmental issues; tax breaks for renters and buyers; rent-controlled and low-income rentals; and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing are summarized.

[HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE](#)

[Multifamily Executive: Modular Construction Drives Next-Generation Design in New Community Concept](#)

By Jennifer Castenson [5-11-17] // Presents the many benefits of modular construction.

[Trulia: Cut-rate Housing](#)

By Felipe Chacón [5-18-17] // More landlords and sellers are cutting prices amid home-shopping season.

[COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT](#)

[Next City: S.F. Entrepreneur Expands, Looks to Neighborhood to Fill Jobs](#)

By Oscar Perry Abello [5-17-17] // San Francisco: Yolanda Jones gets to the office at [Yolanda's Construction Administration & Traffic Control](#) (YCAT-C), which she founded in 2010, every day at 6 a.m. There's a lot happening.

[HOMELESSNESS](#)

[Construction Dive: A Place to Call Home: How Better Design Can Aid the Mission of Supportive Housing](#)

By Mary Tyler March [5-18-17] // Washington, DC's, homelessness rate is more than [double the national average](#), with 124 homeless individuals for every 10,000 residents, according to a [January report](#) from the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

[News Review: Homeless Care](#)

By Evan Tuchinsky [5-18-17] // Assembly Bill 74 pairs housing aid with Medi-Cal to ease burdens.

[The Guardian: "A Tableau of Squalor and Suffering": Seaside City of San Diego Faces a Dark Homelessness Crisis](#)

By Kelly Davis [5-17-17] // "A tableau of squalor and suffering" is how San Diego Union-Tribune columnist Dan McSwain described the city's homelessness crisis in a piece last year, the first in a series pillorying city leaders for not doing more to address the issue. The situation has worsened since then...

[NBC Los Angeles: Mobile Shower Unit to Help Homeless Unveiled](#)

By Rudy Chinchilla [5-18-17] // (Video and text) The unit was the goal of a "Mobile Mission" campaign by LA City Councilman Mitchell Englander.

[National Alliance to End Homelessness: What Can CoCs Do Right Now to Prepare for the Continuum of Care Program NOFA?](#)

By Jen Saunders [5-9-17] // Last week, [we blogged](#) about what the 2017 CoC Program NOFA Registration Notice tells us about the upcoming competition. As

communities anxiously await the release of the NOFA, there are a number of steps CoCs can take now to get ready.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

Construction Dive: Household Debt Returns to Pre-crash Heights

By Katy Tomasulo [5-18-17] // Today's borrowers are economically healthier and more credit-worthy than they were immediately pre-crash, [the Los Angeles Times reported](#). While delinquency rates for most debt types are low, they're ticking upward for auto loans and credit cards and are staying high for student loans.

Next City: Mayoral Group Predicts How U.S. Metros Will Grow in People, Jobs

By Rachel Dovey [5-17-17] // U.S. job growth this year will be led by Sun Belt metros while Northeast and Midwest cities will continue to see declines, according to a new [report](#) prepared for the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Council on Metro Economies and the New American City.

Bill Moyers & Company: How Our Tax Code Makes Inequality Worse

By Thomas M. Shapiro [5-17-17] // U.S. tax code has been engineered to promote inequality by providing mortgage interest deductions and other subsidies to people who don't need them.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York: Household Debt Surpasses Its Peak Reached During the Recession in 2008

[5-17-17] // The Federal Reserve Bank of New York today issued its [Quarterly Report on Household Debt and Credit](#), which reported that total household debt reached \$12.73 trillion in the first quarter of 2017 and finally surpassed its \$12.68 trillion peak reached during the recession in 2008.

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

CBS Sacramento: Sacramento, West Sacramento Partnering for Bike Sharing Program

By Macy Jenkins [5-19-17] // (Video and text) Cities all across the country have bike share programs and now Sacramento and West Sacramento are taking a test ride of their own. Starting Wednesday, riders can rent a bike on one side of town and return it on the other side.

The Sun: Redlands Adding 26 Miles of Bike Lanes

[5-17-17] // The city of Redlands has a bicycle master plan to construct non-motorized pathways in the city, specifically bike lanes.

Streetsblog SF: Oakland Opens its First Concrete-Curb-Protected Bike Lane

By Roger Rudick [5-8-17] // Oakland's first concrete, fully protected cycletrack bike lane opened this month n3s5 5o SR 24.

[Streetsblog LA: New Bike Lanes on Hooper and Firestone in Florence-Firestone](#)

By Sahra Sulaiman [5-11-17] // New bike lanes provide more safe space, but they “peter out well short of the major intersections they’re trying to connect cyclists to.”

[Streetsblog SF: Public-Private Partnership and the Future of Mobility](#)

A Tuesday evening panel discussion with car share, bike share, government and tech executives at the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)’s downtown San Francisco offices explored how public and private entities can collaborate to encourage transportation and mobility innovations.

[Next City: Uber to Start Offering Riders Real-time Public Transit Info](#)

By Rachel Dovey [5-17-17] // Ride-hailing apps may be taking riders away from public transit, but they’re also beginning to establish partnerships to address the notorious first/last mile issue.

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION

[CityView: As They Rally Around Rezonings, Planners Often ‘Plansplain’](#)

By Samuel Stein [5-17-17] // There’s a reason working class New Yorkers get nervous when planners show up and promise big benefits from new development.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

[Multifamily Executive: Louisiana Senate Passes Ban on Affordable Housing Mandates](#)

By Katherine Sayre, *Times-Picayune* [5-11-17] // Lawmakers in the Louisiana Senate passed a proposed law that could stop New Orleans from requiring real estate developers to include affordable housing in apartment and condo projects.

FAIR HOUSING

[Next City: San Jose Considers Outlawing Section 8 Discrimination](#)

By Josh Cohen [5-18-17] // Federal fair housing law bans discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, family status, disability or age. But it has no stipulation about discriminating against income sources.

[Missoulian: Jury Decides Landlord Must Pay \\$37,000 in Disability Discrimination Case](#)

[5-17-17] // Butte, MT: A federal jury in Butte Wednesday returned a \$37,343 verdict against a Bozeman landlord for charging a tenant with physical and psychiatric disabilities \$1,000 to have a service animal, the Justice Department announced.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

[Courthouse News: River Cleanup Highlights California’s Water Troubles](#)

By Nick Cahill [5-17-17] // Sacramento: Homelessness is an environmental issue, too.

[Los Angeles Times: Rising Sea Levels Could Mean Twice as Much Flood Risk in Los Angeles and Other Coastal Cities](#)

By Amina Khan [5-18-17] // The effects of rising oceans on coastal flooding may be even worse than we thought.

[Solar Novus Today: Energy Storage Preserves the Value of Solar for California Affordable Housing](#)

[5-18-17] // 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:

California Department of Housing & Community Development WEB NEWS service coverage:

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