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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Capital Public Radio: Calif. Cap-and-Trade Deal Hasn't Wooed the Groups It Intended

By Ben Bradford [7-12-17] // (Audio and text) Democratic leaders in the Legislature have **postponed a vote on the cap-and-trade measure**, originally planned for Thursday, now set for Monday. Rendon and de León say the delay “will also allow our discussion on long-term housing affordability solutions in California to catch up to the climate effort.”

SFGate: S.F. Supervisors OK Affordable Housing Laws

By Rachel Swan [7-11-17] // By Rachel Swan [7-11-17] // The **San Francisco Board of Supervisors** on Tuesday approved two pieces of legislation intended to keep lower- and middle-class residents in the city.

Sonoma Valley Sun: A Closer Look: Affordable Housing

By [7-12-17] // Both the City and County of Sonoma had their own redevelopment agency, and of the property tax revenues collected by the State of California that were returned to redevelopment agencies, 20 percent was mandated to be used to create affordable housing...

San Francisco Chronicle: Worker Housing Funded by Napa Vineyards Can't Meet Demand

By Esther Mobley [7-9-17] // Wake-up time is 4:30 a.m. for Jesus Angel Sanchez Victoria and Cesar Alegria Ruiz...

Mercury News: Working Poor Finding Homes on Four Wheels in Mountain View

By John Orr [7-12-17] // “Housing has been a problem for a while, but the working poor living in RVs is new,” says the City of Mountain View’s communications coordinator, Shonda Ranson.

ABC News: San Diego Mayor Addresses Soaring Housing Prices

By Allison Horn and Jim Patton [7-13-17] // (Video and text) SD affordable housing is rare, hard to keep. The situation for affordable housing in San Diego will grow even more dire by 2020, according to a report Thursday by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greater San Diego Association of Realtors.

LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

Los Angeles Times: A Lawsuit to Protect LAX Parking Garages in the Name of “Environmental Quality”?

By Christopher Hawthorne [7-13-17] // (Opinion) This is not a column about the merits of the Parking Spot’s case ... It is a column about the irony of using the California Environmental Quality Act to protect the interests of a parking franchise at the moment Los Angeles is trying to bring light rail to (or at least very near) LAX.

Los Angeles Daily News: In Passing Bill, California Legislature Ignores Housing Problems

By The Editorial Board [7-12-17] // Legislators showed they’re not concerned about California’s well-documented housing crisis by passing a bill last week that extends wealthy Marin County’s exemption from state housing rules and allows the county to continue to limit home building. Gov. Jerry Brown will show he doesn’t care either, if he signs it.

East Bay Times: Changes OK’d for Downtown Martinez Land Use, Density

By Dana Guzzetti [7-12-17] // Downtown residential zoning was changed and density increased by the City Council.

SFist: SF Might Start Taxing Landlords Who Keep Apartments Vacant

By Eve Batey [7-12-17] // It’s a comment news orgs get on nearly every story about San Francisco’s rent control laws — something like, "I’m a property owner, but I refuse to rent out my vacant apartment(s) because rent control is so onerous."

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Santa Cruz Patch: Santa Cruz Co. Receives \$352K Grant for Chanticleer Park

By Jamie Wilkins [7-12-17] // "We're grateful to the Department of Housing and Community Development for continuing the incredible momentum behind Chanticleer Park."

HOMELESSNESS

Sacramento Bee: What’s Worse Than Failing to Fix Homelessness in Sacramento? Spending \$5 Million to Fail Again.

By Erika D. Smith [7-13-17] // (Opinion) It was only Monday when Mayor Darrell Steinberg, clearly livid over a report showing a [30 percent spike in homelessness over the past two years](#), challenged Sacramento County’s Board of Supervisors to be better about working with the city to get people off the streets...

Los Angeles Times: \$5-Million Program Finds Housing for Only 268 Veterans, Report Says

By Gale Holland [7-13-17] // Homes for Heroes has helped only 268 get off the streets over 18 months, according to a recent Los Angeles County civil grand jury report — in part because a \$1.2-million contract to provide interim shelter has been delayed for nearly a year.

[National Alliance to End Homelessness: House Releases Draft HUD Spending Bill: What's in It, and What It Means.](#)

By Steve Berg [7-12-17] // This week the House Appropriations Committee [released its draft spending bill](#) for Fiscal Year 2018. It is based on spending caps that return to very low “sequestration” levels, then go lower.

[The Week: California Training Program Helps Single Mom Overcome Homelessness](#)

By Catharine Garcia [7-7-17] // San Bernardino: In the course of one year, Camille Patterson went from being homeless and unemployed to a graduate with her technical certificate and three job interviews.

[Marin Independent Journal: Marin Targets Chronic Homeless in New 'Whole Person Care' Program](#)

By Richard Halstead [7-11-17] // Marin supervisors took initial steps Tuesday toward implementing a new program that will provide permanent housing for 50 of the county's chronically homeless individuals and support services to keep them housed.

[Press Democrat: Sonoma County, Feds to Spend \\$17 Million on Care for Mentally Ill Homeless Residents](#)

By J.D. Morris [7-11-17] // Sonoma County wants to help thousands of mentally ill people who are homeless or at risk of becoming so by bolstering aid programs that serve them under a new initiative supported through \$17 million in federal and local funds.

[Martinez News-Gazette: Picnic to Help Homeless](#)

By Donna Beth Weilenman [7-12-17] // The first “Like This Child” summer family picnic will take place Saturday at the Olive Grove at Rankin Park to help those who want to help homeless students but don't know where to start, said Yvonne Cameron, coordinator.

[ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT](#)

[Marketplace: Now We Can Measure Economic Policy Uncertainty](#)

By Adriene Hill [7-12-17] // The [Economic Policy Uncertainty Index](#) provides clues about how politics might be shaping the economy.

[CityLab: How Income Inequality Makes Economic Downturn Worse](#)

By Richard Florida [7-13-17] // A [new study](#) published in the *Journal of Regional Studies* by Paul Lewin, Philip Watson, and Anna Brown of the University of Idaho takes a close look at the connection between income inequality and the resilience of U.S. counties in the wake of the economic crisis.

[California Economic Summit: California Can Lead the Nation in Rebuilding Upward Mobility](#)

[7-12-17] // [California Forward](#) and the [California Economic Summit](#) have launched a public conversation on how we can improve upward mobility in California. The ideas and perspectives expressed by a diversity of California leaders will feed into policy discussions at the annual Summit meeting in San Diego on November 2-3.

[Beacon Economics: San Diego Job Growth Outpacing Other Southern California Metros](#)

[Summer 2017] // California job creation has continued but slowed. In May 2017, for the second month in a row, the pace of job gains in the state lagged the broader nation. What is contributing to the slowdown in job growth?

[Housing Perspectives: The Rise of Poverty in Suburban and Outlying Areas](#)

By Elizabeth La Jeunesse [7-11-17] // While a third of the poor live in high-density urban neighborhoods, the number of poor people and poor neighborhoods grew particularly rapidly in the “exurbs,” low-density neighborhoods on the fringe of the nation’s metro areas.

[TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT](#)

[State of California: Governor Brown, Senate President Pro Tempore and Assembly Speaker Announce Landmark Legislation to Reduce Air and Carbon Pollution](#)

[7-10-17] // Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon today announced a legislative package that will launch a new landmark program to measure and combat air pollution at the neighborhood level - in communities most impacted - and extend and improve the state's world-leading cap-and-trade program to ensure California continues to meet its ambitious climate change goals. ... To date, cap-and-trade investments have preserved and restored tens of thousands of acres of open space, helped plant thousands of new trees, funded 30,000 energy efficiency improvements in homes, expanded affordable housing, boosted public transit, and helped over 100,000 Californians purchase zero-emission vehicles.

[Urbanize.LA: Expo Line Reaches Ridership Milestone 13 Years Early](#)

By Scott Frazier [7-10-17] // The light rail line between downtown Los Angeles and Santa Monica now carries 64,000 weekday passengers—**as many as projected for the year 2030.**

[Governing: How Much Can Cities Do About Walkability?](#)

By Alan Ehrenhalt [7-2017] // Routine daily meetings of neighbors on the sidewalk foster public safety and social cohesion.

[REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION](#)

[CityLab: Three Keys to Inclusive Growth](#)

By Amy Lir [7-2-17] // To create economic opportunities, cities must confront their past—and look to the future.

48hills: The Problem with “Smart Growth”

By John Elberling [7-12-17] // (Opinion) In San Francisco today, It amounts to ethnic and class cleansing, whatever the rationalization.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

Next City: NYC Is Testing Public-Private Housing Partnership with HUD Program

By Oscar Perry Abello [7-12-17] // The Obama administration created the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program in 2011. The program allows [public housing authorities across the U.S. to tap private capital investment](#) to address their backlog of repairs, which total [\\$26 billion](#) nationwide, but renovated units then lose public housing designation.

FAIR HOUSING

Center for American Progress: A New Missouri Law Creates Steep Hurdles to Discrimination Lawsuits

By Billy Corriher [7-12-17] // The [legislation](#) requires victims to prove that discrimination motivated their boss or landlord to treat them unfairly. Previously, victims of discrimination could [recover damages](#) if bias was a “contributing factor.”

DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE

New York Times: How Severe, Ongoing Stress Can Affect a Child's Brain

By Associated Press [7-12-17] // It's no secret that growing up in tough circumstances can be hard on kids and lead to behavior and learning problems. But many researchers now believe that ongoing stress during early childhood — from grinding poverty, neglect, parents' substance abuse and other adversity — can smolder beneath the skin, harming kids' brains and other body systems.

POPULATION / CENSUS

Next City: Change the World for Renters, Change the World's Housing Crisis

By Rachel Dovey [7-12-17] // According to a new [paper](#) from the World Resources Institute, 330 million households, or roughly 1.2 billion people, lack access to secure, affordable spaces to call home.

Next City: New Look at U.S. Housing Data Added into Segregation Debate

By Oscar Perry Abello [7-11-17] // Last week, a New York Times [story](#) vividly documented the prejudice against low-income households that keeps U.S. housing markets largely segregated.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

Reuters: Giant Iceberg Breaks off Antarctica

By Nina Chestney [7-12-17] // One of the biggest icebergs on record has broken away from Antarctica, scientists said on Wednesday, creating an extra hazard for ships around the continent as it breaks up.

Union of Concerned Scientists: The San Francisco Bay Area Faces Sea Level Rise and Chronic Inundation

By Kristy Dahl [7-12-17] // Looking across the San Francisco Bay at the city's rapidly rising skyscrapers, it's easy to see why Ingrid Ballman and her husband chose to move to the town of Alameda from San Francisco after their son was born.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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