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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Los Angeles times: State Lawmakers Advance Major Housing Bills, Including a \$75 Fee on Refinancing

By Liam Dillon [9-14-17] // Legislators in the Assembly passed Senate Bill 2, a \$75 fee on mortgage refinances and other real estate transactions except for home and commercial property sales. ... The lack of a decision on SB 2 had been holding up votes on potentially more than a dozen housing bills in the Legislature. The Assembly passed five other housing bills Thursday night, including SB 3 and SB 35. The state Senate must still vote on these measures.

Los Angeles Times: California's Housing Costs Are Driving Its Citizens into Poverty. Lawmakers Need to Act Now

By Times Editorial Board [9-14-17] // If California lawmakers needed another reason to pass legislation to address the state's housing crisis, the U.S. Census Bureau has provided one.

Urbanland: How States and Cities Can Find Common Ground to Expand Housing Choice and Opportunity

By Trisha Riggs [9-14-17] // State governments, in partnership with cities and other local jurisdictions, can and should do more to promote housing development and choice through smarter local land use policies and incentives, according to a new ULI report, [*Yes in My Backyard*](#).

CALmatters: Should California Look to Massachusetts to Fix Its Housing Crisis?

By Matt Levin [9-13-17] // For more than 40 years, Massachusetts' signature affordable housing policy—Massachusetts "40B"—has served as a [model](#) for how states can motivate and sometimes bully reluctant localities into meeting their fair share of affordable housing. The state has led the way in ensuring housing is built for households of all income levels...

Napa Valley Register: Napa Supervisors Have Affordable Housing Ideas

By Barry Eberling [9-13-17] // Napa County has about \$2.8 million in spending money to help tackle the region's affordable housing problems, and county supervisors are working on strategies.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

KPBS: Report Delivered on Tiny Home Communities as Transitional Housing

By Alison St. John [9-13-17] // Jeeni Criscenzo of the [nonprofit group Amikas](#) on Wednesday delivered [a report on tiny home communities](#) in various cities to the

City of San Diego's [Select Committee on Homelessness](#). Criscenzo said communities in Seattle, Portland and [Eugene](#), Oregon, are further ahead than proposed tiny home communities she visited in San Jose and Sacramento.

[**Affordable Housing Finance: Affordable Housing Developments Weather Irma's Wrath**](#)

By Donna Kimura and Christine Serlin [9-12-17] // Initial industry reports show minimal damage.

[**Curbed Los Angeles: Trailer Park Near Highland Park Just Got a Crop of Tiny Homes**](#)

By Bianca Barragan [9-14-17] // As the name implies, the houses are small, with only one bedroom; some have a lofted sleeping area. They all feature Craftsman exteriors and porches and will [rent for \\$1,800 a month](#), according to [CBS Los Angeles](#).

[**LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION**](#)

[**Daily Breeze: Hawthorne Not Ready to Green-Light Dense Apartment Building Near SpaceX, Amazon**](#)

By Sandy Mazza [9-13-17] // An extremely dense apartment building proposed for a site near SpaceX's rocket manufacturing headquarters and a new Amazon delivery hub in Hawthorne provoked passionate arguments from supporters and critics this week before city leaders sidestepped a final decision.

[**The Union: Nevada County Supervisors Vote to Ease Restrictions on Building Second Units**](#)

By Matthew Pera [9-12-17] // The Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved changes to the county's land use and development code Tuesday that could create more affordable housing opportunities by loosening restrictions for homeowners building accessory dwelling units.

[**CityLab: Zoned for Displacement**](#)

By Brentin Mock [9-13-17] // Hurricanes Harvey and Irma may have hit white and non-white families alike, but it will be people of color who will have the toughest time getting their homes back, which is by design.

[**HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE**](#)

[**California Housing Partnership Corporation: New Tax Credit Regs Make Progress, More to be Done**](#)

By Dan Rinzler [9-12-17] // Yesterday, the Tax Credit Allocation Committee released a proposed set of new [regulations](#) to incentivize development of family-targeted new construction development using 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs) in "high" and "highest" resource areas, as defined by new regional [opportunity maps](#) whose creation TCAC and the **California Department of Housing and Community Development** oversaw over the past six months.

HOMELESSNESS

Los Angeles Times: Anaheim's Emergency Declaration Sets State for Removal of Huge Homeless Encampment

By Anh Do [9-14-17] // (Video and text) A survey last year placed the number of those without shelter in the affluent county at 15,300 people, compared with 12,700 two years earlier. Mark Daniels, a lifelong resident of Anaheim, told the city council that the crisis "is so colossal, far beyond the reach of the county of Orange. Even if you clear the river out, where are these people going to go ultimately?"

Governing: Tenting the Homeless and Bleaching the Streets: How San Diego Is Fighting a Hepatitis Outbreak

By Gary Warth [9-14-17] // Hundreds of homeless people living on the street will find shelter in three large industrial tents with beds, showers, restrooms and hand-washing stations by the end of the year under a plan announced Wednesday by San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer. ... Health officials believe the disease has spread in the homeless community because of a lack of restrooms and hand-washing stations.

Hospital Association of Southern California: "Street Nurse" Brings Care to the Homeless

By AHA News [9-1-17] // Amanda Buccina, R.N., is the "Street Nurse" of Sacramento, Calif. She spends every workday caring for the city's homeless residents. The Street Nurse program began in March 2016.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

Fast Company: A Universal Basic Income Would Do Wonders for the U.S. Economy

By Ben Schiller [9-14-17] // Introducing a [universal basic income](#) (UBI) would give a huge jolt to the U.S. economy, according to a new analysis, one of the first to consider the wider effects of giving everyone in the United States a regular, unconditional cash payment to meet their everyday needs.

Governing: Incomes Are Rising in Most States, yet Inequality Isn't Improving

By Mike Maciag [9-14-17] // As part of the American Community Survey, the Census Bureau publishes a Gini index, where higher values represent greater income inequality. By this measure, most states saw little change last year. But over the longer term, income inequality has intensified across nearly all states. Since the 2006 ACS survey, the national Gini index has climbed 3.9 percent.

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Mercury News: Report: Investment Needed to Prepare San Joaquin Valley Communities for High-speed Rail

By Erin Baldassari [9-13-17] // Without state and local intervention, San Joaquin Valley cities with high-speed rail stations will become bedroom communities, sending out waves of tech workers on express trains to the Bay Area and Los Angeles, a [report](#) released Wednesday by nonprofit think-tank SPUR argues.

[Streetsblog CAL: TransForm Celebrates GreenTRIP Program to Reduce Parking, Car Trips](#)

By Melanie Curie [9-14-17] // n Tuesday in downtown Oakland, TransForm honored housing developers, cities, and transit agencies that have participated in its [GreenTRIP program](#). GreenTRIP aims to reduce residents' transportation and living costs [by reducing parking and car trips, making walking and biking safer, and helping preserve open space](#).

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION

[PD&R Edge: Affordable Housing Complements Redevelopment in Minneapolis' North Loop Neighborhood](#)

By HUD [9-11-17] // The North Loop in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is home to a historic warehouse district that in recent decades has been transformed into a trendy residential neighborhood. The formerly vacant warehouse now contains 23 studios, 17 one-bedroom units, and 4 two-bedroom units ranging from 384 to 924 square feet.

[KCET: The Gentrification of Santa Ana: From Origin to Resistance](#)

By Erualdo R. Gonzalez and Carolina Sarmiento [9-13-17] // "City Rising" is a multimedia documentary program that traces gentrification and displacement through a lens of historical discriminatory laws and practices. Fearing the loss of their community's soul, residents are gathering into a movement, not just in California, but across the nation as the rights to property, home, community and the city are taking center stage in a local and global debate. The above link leads to a supplemental article focusing on Santa Ana. All episodes and supplemental articles of the "City Rising" documentary project are available on the [KCET Website](#).

[Next City: Why Diversity Initiatives Rarely Make Gentrifying Neighborhoods More Equitable](#)

By David S. Rotenstein [9-14-17] // (Op-Ed) Veronica Edwards knows what gentrification looks, feels and sounds like...

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

[Affordable Housing Finance: Milwaukee Development Serves Diverse Population](#)

By Donna Kimura [9-5-17] // The new Greenwich Park development blends permanent supportive housing units with market-rate apartments in Milwaukee. "It's probably the most across-the-board mixed-income development in our portfolio," says developer Mark Angelini, president of Mercy Housing Lakefront.

DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE

[CityLab: What Silicon Valley Doesn't Get about People](#)

By Daniel Harris [9-14-17] // Poor planning didn't just aggravate the area's housing problem: It helped create the Valley's growing empathy gap.

POPULATION / CENSUS

KQED: One in Five Californians Live in Poverty

By Lisa Pickoff-White and Erika Aguilar [9-13-17] // About 20 percent of Californians lived below the Census' ["supplemental" poverty measure](#) from 2014 to 2016, according to data released by the Bureau on Tuesday, exceeded only by D.C. "I think the fact that California's poverty rate essentially held steady might mean that rising housing costs are really limiting the extent to which gains in the job market can lift people out of poverty," said Alissa Anderson, senior policy analyst with the California Budget and Policy Center.

Sacramento Bee: Poverty Rose Faster in This Sacramento Suburb Than Anywhere Else in California

By Anita Chabria, Jim Miller and Steve Magagnini [9-14-17] // Arden Arcade, a patchwork neighborhood of mansions, car lots and aging apartments between north Sacramento and Carmichael, saw the largest one-year jump in poverty of any large place in California, according to newly released U.S. census data.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

Next City: 10 Design Teams Selected to Tackle Bay Area Sea Level Rise

By Rachel Dovey [9-13-17] // In January, the Rockefeller Foundation announced a [design challenge](#) to tackle sea-level rise in the San Francisco Bay Area modeled on a similar contest in New York. While the east coast challenge sought to address damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, its west coast cousin aims to proactively design regional climate mitigations before the waters rise.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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