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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

[San Francisco Chronicle: Breed Prepares Bill to Make Affordable Housing Cheaper to Build](#)

By Dominic Fracassa [2-10-19] // Mayor London Breed is readying legislation to **eliminate fees** the city charges when 100 percent affordable housing projects and accessory dwelling units are **built or renovated**.

[Stockton Record: Downtown Stockton Affordable Housing Project Could Move Forward](#)

By Wes Bowers [2-10-19] // If Visionary Home Builders of California can secure some much-needed loans from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program this summer, construction on the Grand View Village should begin this time next year.

[Sacramento Bee: Roseville's First Affordable Housing Complex Opened This Month. Two More Are on the Way](#)

By Alexandra Yoon-Hendricks [2-11-19] // Roseville: (Video and text) Residents began moving into Lohse Apartments, a \$24 million four-story apartment complex with 58 units in downtown Roseville, in November.

[KAZU: Affordable Housing Opens for Pebble Beach Company Employees](#)

By Erika Mahoney [1-8-19] // (Audio and text) Many of the 1700 people who work for the Pebble Beach Company commute. But now, some of them won't have to.

[ABC San Diego: Making It in San Diego: County Supervisor Unveils Affordable Housing Proposal](#)

[2-6-19] // Affordable housing and fire-resistant building materials top the plan.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

[San Francisco Chronicle: Suits, Overruns Slow Condo Projects by Chinese Developers in SF](#)

By J.K. Dineen [2-9-19] // At a time when the city is facing a historic housing shortage, the difficulties that Z&L Properties has encountered illustrate the challenges many developers are grappling with. Construction costs, which have doubled since Z&L acquired most of its sites, are too high to make some projects economically viable.

LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

[CALmatters: Huntington Beach Legislator: Newsom Housing Lawsuit “Seemed Like Selective Prosecution”](#)

By Matt Levin with Liam Dillon (L.A. Times) [2-8-19] // (Gimme Shelter Podcast)
A conservative Huntington Beach legislator called a state lawsuit aimed at compelling the Orange County city to build more housing a “literal cannonball” from Gov. Gavin Newsom—adding that it “seemed like selective prosecution...”

[Planetizen: Zoned Land Won't Be Sufficient for California Governor's Homebuilding Goals](#)

By Camille Fink [2-7-19] // A new report says that the state is going to face huge challenges in building 3.5 million homes over the next seven years.

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

[The Real Deal: The Cost of Natural Disasters Last Year? \\$91B](#)

[2-9-19] // 14 disasters, including wildfires and hurricanes, devastated regions of the country last year.

[Forbes: 2019 in Real State: Bursting Bubbles or Best-in-Class?](#)

By Natalia Karayanova [2-11-19] // The U.S. real estate market, like the rest of the economy, took years to recover from the shock of the 2008 financial crisis. Though observers were pleased with the market in 2017 for the first time in nearly a decade, 2019 is already off to a rocky start, and so skeptics worry that another recession is en route.

HOMELESSNESS

[LAist: Meet the Angelenos Who Aren't Waiting for the Government to Address the Homelessness Crisis](#)

By Matt Tinoco [2-11-19] // The [SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition](#) started as a band of neighbors who wanted to get to know their homeless neighbors on a first name basis. It has grown into one of the strongest advocates for the homeless in its corner of the city, between downtown and Hollywood.

[San Francisco Examiner: Impact of Homeless Conservatorship Plan More Limited Than Expected](#)

By Joshua Sabatini [2-11-19] // A plan to expand San Francisco's ability to involuntarily hold the homeless for mental health and substance use treatment will impact far fewer people than initially thought.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

CALmatters: How Future-proof Is Gavin Newsom's Master Plan for California?

By Matt Levin [2-11-19] // Here are excerpts from our discussions with three experts about the issues (recession, sea level rise, robots and automation) likely to confront California over the next 30 years, their fears, and how the governor's budget does or does not address those fears.

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

San Francisco Chronicle: Support Growing in SF for Transit-oriented Housing, Poll Finds

By Dominic Fracassa [2-11-19] // The State of the city poll revealed that 74 percent of survey respondents support Senate Bill 50, indicating support for transit-oriented development.

KTLA: As Public Transport Ridership Dwindles, L.A. Metro Offering Car-Sharing Service for Rides to Stations

By Nouran Salahieh [2-9-19] // Angelenos can now make connections between metro station parking lots using a car-sharing app to rent and drive a car to the desired station, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority said in a [news release](#).

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

Next City: Expanded Baltimore Rental Housing Regulations Have Tenants and Landlords Worried

By Oscar Perry Abello [2-8-19] // In August 2018, a major overhaul of Baltimore city regulations governing landlords and their properties started requiring all rental buildings in the city to pass a health and safety inspection before being granted temporary two-year licenses. Some landlords, unable to make the deadline, are evicting residents.

FAIR HOUSING

StarTribune: Preventing Evictions Becomes a Focus in Fight Against Homeless in Minnesota

By Shannon Prather [2-9-19] // Charles Donald eagerly signed a lease for a one-bedroom apartment in north Minneapolis after struggling with homelessness. Then he saw mice climbing on the stove and squirrels chewing through the ceiling...

DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE

Press Democrat: New Figures Show Demographic Change Greatest in Sonoma County's Youngest, Biggest Cities

By Guy Kovner [2-1-19] // Ethnic diversity in Sonoma County continues to lag the more urban parts of the Bay Area, but new regional demographic figures show the makeup of the county's youngest generations could eventually close that gap.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE / NATURAL DISASTERS

ABC News: Reconsidering Having Kids because of Climate Change? You're Not Alone

By Jo Lauder [2-11-19] // Australia: For women between 30 and 39 years, 22 per cent surveyed said they were reconsidering having children or more children because of climate change.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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