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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CNS News: Rep. Maxine Waters: 'Housing Is a Necessary Human Right'

By Susan Jones [10-13-17] // Prominent liberals, Sen. Bernie Sanders among them, insist that health care is a human right, and the same can be said about housing, Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) said on Thursday.

Inglewood Today News: Affordable Living, Public Benefit

By Veronica Mackey [10-13-17] // Affordable housing was the main focus of Tuesday's Inglewood Council Meeting. Mayor James Butts announced several weeks ago that a housing trust fund was being started to help residents meet housing costs, in addition to programs already in place.

Santa Cruz Sentinel: Santa Cruz County Survey Finds 27 Percent Living Three in a Room

By Jondi Gumz [10-14-17] // When Melissa Figueroa, a student at UC Santa Cruz, took a class with Steve McKay, associate professor of sociology, who has been exploring the local rental crisis, she wasn't just studying the problem, she was living it.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Santa Cruz Sentinel: Monterey Hotel Apartments an Affordable Housing Project Done Right

By Jeremy Rehm [10-13-17] // There was a ribbon cutting for the Monterey Hotel Apartments on Friday, but this one came with a little more pomp and circumstance than your typical development opening.

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

Globe St.: L.A. Rent Growth to Hit Triple Digits

By Kelsi Maree Borland [10-16-17] // Los Angeles rent growth is expected to hit triple digits over the next two years, with an estimate that Los Angeles County residents will pay an average of \$136 more in the next two years, according to new research from **USC Lusk Center for Real Estate**.

MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES

Seattle Times: How Trump Tax Plan Would Alter Mortgage-interest Deduction

By Josh Boak (AP) [10-14-17] // Each year, taxpayers subsidize America's homeowners by roughly \$70 billion, with the benefits flowing disproportionately to coastal areas with high incomes and pricey homes, from New York and Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles and Seattle.

HOMELESSNESS

SFGate: Brown Signs Bill to Allow Some Cities to Fast-track Shelters for Homeless

By Melody Gutierrez [10-14-17] // San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland will be able to quickly build shelters for homeless people using "extraordinary" powers to bypass regulatory hurdles under a bill Gov. Jerry Brown signed Saturday.

Mercury News: Can These Small Pods Bring a Big Solution for California Cities' Homeless Crisis?

By Susan Abram [10-13-17] // The futuristic mini-modular home sitting inside a church parking lot in Van Nuys holds only a single bed, a small desk, and some shelves.

Los Angeles Times: California Declares State of Emergency over Deadly Hepatitis A Outbreak

By Soumya Karlamangla [10-13-17] // California Gov. Brown declared a state of emergency Friday because of a [hepatitis](#) A outbreak, allowing state health officials to buy additional doses of the vaccine.

NBC San Diego: More Than 200 Homeless Women, Children Move into Shelter

By Megan Tevrizian [10-9-17] // (Video) The move to shelters in Golden Hill is part of the city's response to combatting the deadly Hepatitis A outbreak.

CBS San Diego: Mayor Unveils Program for San Diego's Homeless Living in Vehicles

By Kerri Lane [10-16-17] // (Video) City officials and community leaders announce the expansion of a program Monday in Clairemont that provides a safe parking area for homeless people living out of their vehicles and offers them assistance to transition to permanent housing.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

Capital Press: Wine Industry Contributes \$220 Billion to Economy, Study Finds

By Tim Hearnden [10-13-17] // The study by the trade group WineAmerica notes that while California accounts for the bulk of the revenue in wine, there are wineries in all 50 states generating jobs and income for their communities.

[SFGate: New Law Bans California Employers from Asking Applicants Their Prior Salary](#)

By Kathleen Pender [10-15-17] // California employers can no longer ask job applicants about their prior salary and — if applicants ask — must give them a pay range for the job they are seeking, under a new state law that takes effect Jan. 1.

[After the Smoke Clears: Wine Country Economy Expected to Rebound](#)

By Carolyn Said [10-15-17] // The wildfires' financial blow is likely to subside fairly quickly and be cushioned by insurance and government relief, and the region will soon resume business as usual, economists and other experts say.

[TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT](#)

[Richmond Confidential: Mercy Housing Gets Green Light to Redevelop Blighted Hacienda Development in Richmond](#)

By Meghan Herbst [10-12-17] // Richmond's biggest eyesore, the six-story Hacienda development near the downtown BART station, has sat vacant for years...a new city resolution could breathe new life into the dilapidated building.

[The Real Deal: Affordable Housing Developer Wants to Be the First to Benefit from New Transit Oriented Development Incentives](#)

By Natalie Hobermann [10-12-17] // Los Angeles: An unspecified developer filed plans with the city Wednesday to build a 51-unit complex at 432 E. Florence Avenue in South Los Angeles. It would be the first to use the [Transit Oriented Communities incentives](#) that went into effect last month, Urbanize reported.

[CityLab: Why the Fight for Better Transit Is Part of the Fight for Racial Equity](#)

By Dera Luce [10-13-17] // There are two things that I want desperately: justice, and a better public transit.

[CityLab: If You Drive Less Than 10,000 Miles a Year, You Probably Shouldn't Own a Car](#)

By F. Todd Davidson and Michael E. Webber [10-16-17] // Up to one-quarter of all U.S. drivers might be better off using ride-sharing services instead.

[REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION](#)

[Marin Independent Journal: Marin Opens Arms to Evacuees Fleeing Deadly North Bay Fires](#)

By Stephanie Weldy [10-14-17] // The Wagner family of Terra Linda on Monday morning did what many people would not. Caitlin McShane Wagner took in a displaced, extended family of 22 people whom she had never met before.

[Los Angeles Times: How to Help Victims of Northern California Fires](#)

By Andrea Castillo [10-14-17] // [Airbnb](#) has waived service fees to allow hosts to offer their homes near the affected areas to those in need of shelter. People with spare rooms or homes can also add their information [to a spreadsheet](#) to become volunteer hosts.

[Architect: The High Line Network Tackles Gentrification](#)

By Karrie Jacobs [10-16-17] // Can a group of urban park projects around the country inspire equitable development instead of displacement?

[Mercury News: Inflection Point? Big Changes Seen in Store for Downtown San Jose](#)

By George Avalos [10-16-17] // Scott Knies took the reins as executive director of the San Jose Downtown Association in 1988, putting him in a prime spot to witness nearly three decades of change in San Jose's urban core.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

[New York Times: Renters Find Extra Hurdles to Recovery after Hurricanes](#)

By Associated Press [10-13-17] // A neighbor was the first to tell 26-year-old Paige Cane that her landlord had posted an eviction notice on the door of her flooded apartment in Port Arthur, Texas.

FAIR HOUSING

[The Daily Journal: Renters Rights Are Civil Rights](#)

By Anne Bellows and Lorena Melgarejo [10-16-17] // This month, San Mateo County and a handful of nearby local governments officially recognized what many of us already knew: Large rent increases and no-cause evictions are an urgent civil rights issue on the Peninsula.

[Lexington Herald Leader: More Renters Are Evicted in This Lexington Neighborhood Than Any Other](#)

By Beth Musgrave [10-13-17] // Lexington, KY: Renters in the Winburn area were more likely to be evicted from their homes and apartments than any other area in Lexington, a [recent analysis](#) of Fayette County court-ordered evictions over a 12-year period shows.

DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE

[ABC News: North Bay Fires May Bring Housing Crisis of Epic Proportions](#)

By Leslie Brinkley [10-12-17] // Over 3,500 structures went up in smoke in the North Bay and when those people, those families staying short term now with family and friends start looking for a more permanent place while they rebuild, they are going to face another harsh reality.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

[Circle of Blue: California Mobile Home Park Residents Face Barriers to Clean Water](#)

By Brett Walton [10-13-17] // Many of the more than one million Californians who live in mobile home parks drink water that is more polluted and more likely to be cut off than residents who get water from other municipal utilities, according to the most detailed research to date on water access in California trailer parks.

[Los Angeles Daily News: Porter Ranch Residents Exposed to Aliso Canyon Gas Leak Have Uranium, Lithium, and Other Chemicals in Their Bodies, Health Study Shows](#)

By Susan Abram [10-14-17] // The long-awaited, independent health study by Dr. Jeffrey Nordella, who practiced in Porter Ranch, showed a pattern of symptoms from patients he followed and tested just after the leak was capped in February 2016 and then months later, up until this year.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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