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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mercury News: Google's Moffett Field Modular Apartment Plan Hailed as Possible Housing Crisis Fix

By Ethan Baron [6-14-17] // With rental costs skyrocketing and homes out of reach for many, Google has hit on a solution that may help it attract workers to the crushingly expensive Bay Area.

Long Beach Patch: Beacon Apartments Grows Affordable Housing within Long Beach

By Mona Kazour [6-15-17] // On Monday, June 12, construction of Beacon Apartments began, which will provide 160 new affordable units for lower-income seniors and veterans. The Beacon Apartments is part of the expanding number of new affordable housing developments proposed throughout Long Beach.

Mercury News: Affordable Housing for Veterans, Low-income Tenants Breaks Ground in Mountain View

By Jacqueline Lee [6-13-17] // A \$33 million affordable housing development — the first in Mountain View to set aside units just for military veterans — broke ground on Monday.

New York Times: The Housing Crisis Hits Berkeley

By Jonah Engel Bromwich [6-15-17] // Everyone in California agrees that housing costs too much. But that's about where the agreement stops. Throughout the state, debates are going on about where and how to build more housing.

GlobeSt: What Could Help Increase Housing Inventory?

By Carrie Rossenfeld [6-19-17] // There's no easy solution to the scarcity of housing, and higher and higher prices are the natural result of a market in which demand outweighs supply, First American Financial Corp.'s chief economist Mark Fleming tells GlobeSt.com.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

San Francisco Examiner: Developers Detail Affordable Housing Proposals for Balboa Reservoir

By Michael Barba [6-19-17] // Developers have released competing plans to replace parking spaces with hundreds of units of affordable housing at one of the last empty plots of publically owned land in San Francisco.

LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

Daily Bulletin: Why It Might Get Harder to Build in Pomona in Some Areas

By Monica Rodriguez [6-18-17] // After coming up with a way for developers to sail through the permit process and quickly start construction along some major thoroughfares in the city, some Pomona leaders are questioning whether they've made it too easy and are considering ways to add layers of oversight.

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

Sacramento Bee: Think Rent Is High in California? Here's Why It Probably Will Get Higher

By Angela Hart [6-19-17] // If you're a renter in California concerned about the high cost of living here, or looking to purchase your first home, your prospects aren't looking up.

NBC Los Angeles: Higher Prices Squeezing Both Renters, Would-Be Homeowners

By Alex Veiga [6-19-17] // Just 1.65 million homes were on the market last year, the fewest in 16 years, a new report says.

Construction Dive: Housing Market Breaks Records in May

By Joe Dyton [6-19-17] // Home prices jumped in May, as did the speed with which they were sold.

GlobeSt: The Greatest Threat to Retail Real Estate

By Carrie Rossenfeld [6-19-17] // Changing consumer buying habits as part of a confluence of factors have created the perfect storm that is taking its toll on the retail industry right now, Real Capital Markets' COO Tina Lichens tells GlobeSt.com.

MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES

DSNews: FOMC: Economy Strong Enough to Raise Interest Rates

[6-14-17] // [The Federal Open Market Committee](#) voted Wednesday to raise interest rates for the second time this year to 1-1.25 percent, a move that was widely expected amongst economists and industry professionals and described as "prudent" by FOMC Board of Governors Chair Janet Yellen.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Next City: Urban Farms Could Replace Blighted Lots in Cincinnati

By Rachel Dovey [6-16-17] // A similar redevelopment project in Detroit was met with so much objection from neighbors that it was scaled down.

HOMELESSNESS

Los Angeles Times: Surge in Latino Homeless Population "A Whole New Phenomenon" for Los Angeles

By Esmeralda Bermudez and Ruben Vives [6-18-17] // Timoteo Arevalos never imagined he'd end up here, loitering for hours on a bench at Hollenbeck Park in Boyle Heights, using his backpack as his pillow. He used to have a government job...

SFGate: SF's New Count Shows Homeless People Spreading into Neighborhoods

By Kevin Fagan [6-16-17] // For the past two years, San Franciscans have complained about homeless tent cities sprouting in alarming numbers outside of the central part of town — and now they have statistics to back up those complaints.

Orange County Register: Homeless 'Czar' Susan Price Looks Back on First Year with Orange County

By Theresa Walker [6-16-17] // Hiring Price, after First District Supervisor Andrew Do suggested bringing in a “homeless czar” to tackle the thorny issue, came in step with other actions the board had begun to take, most notably voting to open a temporary shelter at the abandoned Santa Ana bus depot and convert an Anaheim warehouse on Kraemer Place into a multi-service center for the homeless.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

The Hill: Unemployment Hits Record Low in Seven States

By Reid Wilson [6-16-17] // Seven years after hitting the depths of the worst recession in modern history, the rebounding economy is sending unemployment rates to record lows in a handful of states across the nation.

Capital Public Radio: Calif. Unemployment Hits Lowest Rate Since Late 2000

By Ben Adler [6-18-17] // California added just enough jobs in May to erase the nearly 18,000 the state lost the month before. California's unemployment rate is now a record-low 4.7 percent – tying the state's previous low point at the end of the year 2000.

San Gabriel Valley Tribune: California's Job Growth Was Second-Largest in Nation Over Past Year

By Kevin Smith [6-16-17] // California employers added 17,600 jobs in May and the state's year-over-year gain of 242,600 jobs was the second largest in the nation, according to figures released Friday by the state Employment Development Department.

Beacon Employment Report: Skills Mismatch and High Housing Costs Driving Jobs Slowdown

By Beacon Economics [6-16-17] // California's job growth has continued to slow this month, according to an analysis released jointly by Beacon Economics and the [UCR School of Business Center for Economic Forecasting and Development](#).

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Next City: Mayor Garcetti Proposes Monorail for L.A.

By Rachel Dovey [6-16-17] // In the wake of [declining](#) bus ridership numbers and continuously present [congestion](#) along Interstate 405, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti is interested in reviving an idea that was largely abandoned by city planners in the '80s: monorail.

[Los Angeles Wave: Downey Seeks Transit-Oriented Development](#)

By Arnold Adler [6-16-17] // As Los Angeles County plans a \$468 million redevelopment of its 173-acre site in the extreme southwest corner of the city, city officials are urging that at least some of the project compliment a proposed light rail commuter station in the adjoining area of Garfield Avenue and Gardendale Street.

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION

[Huffington Post: How Gentrification Is Destroying America's Cities](#)

By Robert Scheer [6-17-17] // (Audio and text) Are America's big cities dying? Peter Moskowitz, a longtime journalist and activist, thinks so—and the cause, he believes, is gentrification.

FAIR HOUSING

[ChargersWire: Chargers' Brandon Mebane Struggled to Find Housing in L.A. as an African American](#)

By Ryan Lipton [6-17-17] // Everyone knew the Los Angeles Chargers' move from San Diego was going to be a tough transition since they are leaving a devoted fan base and a great city. However, no one expected the players would be suffer from racial biases during their move.

[Napa Valley Register: Napa Senior Sues Local Mobile Home Community for Discrimination](#)

By Maria Sestito [6-17-17] // An 80-year-old Napa woman is suing a local mobile home community for discrimination, saying that the manager didn't want her to live there because she thought the woman was "crazy."

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE

[Next City: Calif. Mayors Sign Zero Emissions Pact for Ports](#)

By Rachel Dovey [6-15-17] // Since President Trump [announced](#) that the U.S. would exit the Paris Agreement, the so-called "climate mayors" have sent him [yet another open letter](#) and [taken to Twitter](#) to express their disapproval and reaffirm their cities' commitments to renewable energy.

[Next City: New Design Guide Offers Stormwater Solutions](#)

By Josh Cohen [6-15-17] // From [New York](#) to [Charlestown, South Carolina](#), to [Oak Creek, Wisconsin](#), to [Atlanta](#), cities and towns all over the U.S. are trying to figure out better ways to manage stormwater.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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