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## **TODAY'S NEWS**

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

#### **[East Bay Times: \\$6 Million Loan Boosts Planned Fremont Affordable Senior Apartments](#)**

By Joseph Geha [7-13-18] // Plans for a 90-unit affordable senior apartment complex got a major boost this week, as the Fremont City Council approved loaning the developer over \$6 million to cover land and pre-development costs.

#### **[Forbes: We Don't Need More Affordable Housing, We Need More Housing So It Will Be Affordable](#)**

By Roger Valdez [7-16-18] // If we believe that cities provide economic opportunity, produce fewer carbon emissions per capita than urban sprawl, that cities are more energy efficient, that they have less impact on oceans, lakes, rivers, and streams, that cities afford people of a wide variety of ethnic, economic, and cultural backgrounds to live close to each other and learn from one another, then we should believe that [more people ought to be able to live in cities](#).

### **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

#### **[Curbed San Francisco: Brisbane Faces Ballot Vote on Baylands Housing](#)**

By Adam Brinklow [7-16-18] // We're more than halfway through 2018 and Brisbane [is still debating](#) what to do with the [Baylands](#). At a Thursday city council meeting, Brisbane lawmakers and residents jostled over a [proposed amendment](#) to the city's general plan that might allow for up to 2,200 homes in the 660- to 716-acre (counts vary) Baylands site.

### **LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION**

#### **[Bloomberg: These Tax Laws Are Holding Back California's Housing Market](#)**

By Virginia Postrel [7-15-18] // (Opinion) The state's efforts to save homeowners money are now keeping many of them locked in their homes — and potential buyers locked out.

## **HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE**

### **San Diego Union-Tribune: How Four California Cities Regulate Short-term Rentals**

By Luis Gomez [7-13-18] // (Opinion) If approved, the proposed regulations would finally offer guidelines for [as many as 3,600 vacation rentals](#), by the city's most conservative estimates, most of which are in communities like Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla, Point Loma and downtown.

### **Sacramento Bee: Will Sacramento Homebuyers Get the Upper Hand on Sellers This Summer?**

By Tony Bizjak [7-16-18] // Sacramento's home sales market has slowed, offering a touch of good news this summer for buyers.

## **MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES**

### **MarketWatch: Can the Mortgage Market Predict the Presidency?**

By Andrea Riquier [7-16-18] // Tightening the credit spigot has a bigger election impact than the unemployment rate, paper suggests.

## **HOMELESSNESS**

### **Sacramento Bee: Sacramento Intents to Declare Homeless "Shelter Crisis." Will That Enable Public Camping?**

By Cynthia Hubert and Ryan Lillis [7-14-18] // The declaration would bring in millions of dollars to fund structures for people currently living on the streets.

### **Mountain View Voice: Young and Homeless**

By Mark Noack [7-13-18] // At 23, Francisco Vargas is in the prime of his life. He has a steady income, a dog, a car, and a girlfriend. But for him and his parents, stable housing remains out of reach.

### **Curbed Los Angeles: Activists Pushing Forward with Plan to Convert Parker Center into Homeless Housing**

By Elijah Chiland [7-11-18] // On Monday, City Clerk Holly Wolcott announced that proponents of a [ballot initiative](#) calling for the building to be preserved and rehabilitated as homeless housing could begin gathering petition signatures to qualify it for a future election.

## **ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT**

### **Valley Center Happenings: California's Economic Prosperity**

By Assemblymember Marie Waldron [7-16-18] // Bi-partisan legislation, Assembly Bill 2596, will require the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GoBiz) to produce an Economic Development Strategic Action Plan for California by January 10, 2020.

## **[Capital Public Radio: One State, Unaffordable: Your Housing Questions, Answered](#)**

By Kacey Gardner [7-13-18] // We asked for your questions about affording a home in the Golden State, and then we brought together reporters, experts and lawmakers to help us answer them in a hour-long special called "[California Dream: One State, Unaffordable.](#)"

## **REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION**

### **[aNewsCafe: Downtown Redding's Major Facelift Is Already Underway](#)**

By Jon Lewis [7-16-18] // The so-called Block 7 Net Zero Housing and Downtown Activation Project is collaboration between K2 Land and Investment, the McConnell Foundation, the city of Redding and the Community Development and Revitalization Corporation. California's Strategic Growth Council in June announced the award of a \$20 million grant for the project with the funds coming from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program.

### **[GlobeSt.: Everything You Need to Know about Opportunity Zones](#)**

By Erika Morphy [7-16-18] // One of the many provisions of last year's tax overhaul was the creation of a little-noticed program called Opportunity Zones, which was designed to give investors tax breaks for investments in designated areas.

### **[Truth Out: To Combat Gentrification, One City Is Changing How Homes Are Bought and Sold](#)**

By Lornet Turnbull [7-15-18] // India Walton likes to recall the summers she spent at her uncle's house on Mulberry Street in the Fruit Belt neighborhood of Buffalo, New York, when family and neighbors would gather for block parties, barbecues, and picnics.

## **NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS**

### **[NJ.com: Rent Control Is Now in Effect for Every Senior Citizen in This N.J. City](#)**

By Delaney Dryfoos [7-15-18] // New Jersey seniors looking for affordable housing may want to consider an apartment in East Orange. The Essex County city just passed an ordinance that prohibits landlords from increasing the rent of all senior citizens, ages 65 or older, or disabled persons by more than 2 percent each year. Only four states allow for rent control.

## **DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE**

### **[Mercury News: Life after the Bay Area: Fleeing Residents Feel Heartbreak, Joy](#)**

By Marisa Kendall [7-15-18] // When Wells Twombly looks out across his sunny Fremont backyard, he can sometimes still see his son and friends as children — standing on the roof of the shed, holding handmade bows and raining down toy arrows on their imaginary foes.

## **ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **CALmatters: A Political Firestorm Is about to Hit the Capitol: Who Will Pay for Wildfire Damages?**

By Laurel Rosenhall [7-12-18] // Asked this spring to identify the most important issue facing California lawmakers, the leader of the state Senate didn't hesitate: wildfires. Two months later—with fires blazing from the Oregon border to San Diego—legislators are poised to wade into a political firestorm sparked by last year's historic fires and mudslides, which destroyed about 10,000 buildings and killed at least 66 people

#### **COVERAGE INFORMATION:**

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