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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

[Developing Opportunity: Innovative Models for Strategic Housing Acquisition](#)

By Peter Kye, Michael Mouton and Megan Haberle [10-2018] // In collaboration with the National Housing Trust, PRRAC has released a report highlighting models that create additional affordable housing in high-opportunity areas by acquiring market rate units and enabling access by assisted households. These initiatives address the shortage of mixed-income housing in many communities, helping to diversify neighborhoods and schools, and they provide a direct conduit for voucher holders to access properties in high-opportunity areas.

[Fast Company: Housing Assistance Needs a Basic-Income Approach](#)

By Eillie Anzilotti [10-8-18] // The District of Columbia Department of Human Services is beginning a [pilot program](#), D.C. Flex, that provides low-income people with an annual stipend to offset rent payments when unexpected expenses occur.

[San Diego Union-Tribune: Encinitas Planners: More Work Needed on Low-income Housing Requirement](#)

By Barbara Henry [10-11-18] // Much more research needs to be done before any steps are taken on a proposal to bump up the city's low-income housing construction requirement, the [Encinitas](#) planning commissioners declared during a special workshop Tuesday.

LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

[Governing: Underneath This “Pop-up Forest” Is an Abandoned Highway](#)

By Alan Greenblatt [10-2018] // Akron, Ohio, shut down its Innerbelt highway, leading into downtown, a couple of years ago. The community favored turning it into a green space. And so they did.

[Mercury News: 4 Measures Offer No Key to State's Biggest Problem: Housing](#)

By Dan Walters [10-14-18] // (Opinion) California should encourage such investment by reducing expensive red tape, including the tendencies of local governments to shun housing projects. A new surge of rent control would do just the opposite.

[Santa Monica Patch: City Council Approves Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan](#)

[10-11-18] // This is the first update to the plan in 26 years, and city officials said it aligns Santa Monica's sustainability and mobility goals.

[HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE](#)

[PR Newswire: Suburbs in Largest Metros Often Carry the Heaviest Financial Burden](#)

[10-9-18] // Nationwide, urban areas are the least affordable, but the suburbs do not offer much relief for buyers and renters in many of the nation's largest housing markets.

[Mortgage Professional America: California Home Sales Set to Turn Negative](#)

By Steve Randall [10-11-18] // Sales are projected to be 410,460 in 2018, 3.2% lower than last year and the first year-over-year decline in 4 years. For 2019, C.A.R. predicts sales will decline another 3.3%.

[HOMELESSNESS](#)

[S.F. Chronicle: SF, Nonprofits, Private Sector Team up to Get Homeless Youth off Streets](#)

By Dominic Fracassa [10-11-18] // The "Rising Up" campaign will seek to cut youth homelessness in half by 2023 by providing temporary housing subsidies and job-placement services for 500 young people sleeping on the streets.

[Bakersfield.com: If it Works, This Tiny Homes Plan for Homeless Vets Will Likely Be Duplicated](#)

By Steven Mayer [10-10-18] // The plan for the 12-unit Veteran Village in Oildale includes 12 "tiny homes" plus a green space and common building, which includes laundry.

[Courthouse News Service: Homeless San Diegans Lead National Fight of Vehicle-camping Laws](#)

By Bianca Bruno [10-12-18] // Following last year's Hepatitis A outbreak, San Diego cleaned downtown streets, installed portable toilets and hand washing stations, opened shelters and camps, and also opened "safe Park" lots—which were closed to those living in RVs.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

Poverty & Race Research Action Council: Housing Mobility Programs in the U.S. 2018

By PRRAC [10-2018] // Assisted housing mobility is both a housing policy and a civil rights practice, giving low income families participating in our largest federal housing program – the Housing Choice Voucher program – a real choice to move to neighborhoods and communities of their choice. This report provides a snapshot of housing mobility programs in the fall of 2018.

CityLab: America Is Losing Its Edge for Startups

By Richard Florida [10-9-18] // Florida and colleague Ian Hathaway [released a report](#) compiling detailed data on global startup cities, tracking venture-capital investment in nations and cities around the world. Once, 95 percent of this activity occurred in the U.S. Today, just over half of it does.

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

CityLab: The Plant Can't Survive our Transportation Habits

By Laura Bliss [10-9-18] // In light of the IPCC's dire report, substituting some personal convenience in the present could mean that much more hope for the planet's future.

KPBS: MTS Updates Real Estate Policy To Spur More Housing Near Transit

By Andrew Bowen [10-11-18] // (Text and audio) San Diego: The Metropolitan Transit System board of directors Thursday approved an update to the agency's real estate policy, intended to speed up the development of more housing near bus and trolley stops.

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION

CityLab: Preserving the Shotgun Homes of Miami's 19th Century Immigrants

By Carson Bear [10-10-18] // Many descendants of the original Coconut Grove community own property in the neighborhood today, but development is a serious concern and a large part of the community is fighting to protect their homes.

National Real Estate Investor: An Increasing Number of New Real Estate Funds Target Opportunity Zones

By Beth Mattson-Teig [10-10-18] // The Opportunity Zone legislation has already unleashed considerable activity, with real estate companies starting to establish new funds.

Planetizen: Bay Area Displacement and Gentrification Trends Have Regional Consequences

By Camille Fink [10-11-18] // A [joint project](#) between the Urban Displacement Project and the California Housing Partnership examines the mobility patterns of low-income people of color in the Bay Area to understand the various impacts of rising housing costs and displacement.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

CityLab: How America Fails at Communicating Flood Risks

By Carolyn Kousky [10-11-18] // When it comes to housing markets, buyers and renters do not get the flood-risk information they need. Here are five main ways that the current system fails them.

Washington Post: Florida Panhandle Building Codes Lagged Behind Rest of State

By Gary Fineout (AP) [10-14-18] // Tallahassee: It was once argued that the trees would help save Florida's Panhandle from the fury of a hurricane, as the acres of forests in the region would provide a natural barrier to savage winds that accompany the deadly storms...

DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE

Curbed San Francisco: Study Says Poor Bay Area Expats Stay in California, Wealthy Leave

By Adam Brinklow [10-12-18] // Migratory trends are much more likely to displace people of color.

POPULATION / CENSUS

GlobeSt.: Los Angeles Among Highest for Outward Migration in US

By Kelsi Maree Borland [10-12-18] // The affordability crisis in Los Angeles is driving residents to other markets, including the neighboring Riverside County as well as markets like Dallas and Denver.

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE / NATURAL DISASTERS

CityLab: Paris Is Preparing for a Warming World

By Feargus O'Sullivan [10-10-18] // The play yard at a Paris school has just been subtly remodeled to make it better able to tolerate a hotter, wetter world...

Smart Cities Dive: Increased Temperatures Linked to Mental Health Issues, Study Finds

By Jason Plautz [10-15-18] // Using responses from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey, [researchers have found](#) that an increase in the average monthly temperature was associated with a rise in responses to a question indicating general mental health issues (not necessarily psychiatric diseases).

Smart Cities Dive: Airbnb and San Jose, CA Partner on Emergency Housing Program

By Katie Pyzyk [10-15-18] // The City of San Jose, CA has teamed up with Airbnb to create [Host Corps](#), a pilot program to encourage homeowners to rent their residences as free, temporary housing after natural disasters.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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