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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Chico Enterprise-Record: Butte County Lacks Housing Capacity for Those Displaced by Camp Fire

By Risa Jackson [11-12-18] // Nearly 6,500 homes have been destroyed by the fire — and the county does not have enough units available for all of those former occupants. Before the fire leveled the town of Paradise, the housing vacancy rate in the county was somewhere between 1.5 to 2.5 percent.

Chico Enterprise-Record: New Housing Reality: Evacuees May Have to Look Beyond Chico

By Laura Urseny [11-13-18] // “Places in Chico are rented in a heartbeat, and that was before the fire,” Adam Pearce of Coldwell Banker DuFour Realty said Monday. So he set up the website, campfire.org, which has rental options in a variety of towns.

Affordable Housing Finance: California Awards Nearly \$73 Million to Veterans Housing Projects

[11-11-18] // Fifteen developments in California have been awarded \$72.9 million to help provide housing for the state’s homeless veterans. The Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention program is a collaboration of the California Departments of Housing and Community Development and Veterans Affairs and the California Housing Finance Agency.

UPI: Federal, City Cash Saves San Francisco from Low-income Housing Crisis

By Daniel Uria [11-12-18] // The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development alerted San Francisco's Housing Authority in September there would be a major deficit in its low-income voucher program, which pays private landlords who own the city's public housing properties. The city scrambled to find money when officials found a housing shortfall much worse than they expected.

[Builder: HIVE 50 Profile: AHDLI helps Developers Tap into the Power of Design](#)

By Edward Keegan [11-8-18] // A program of Boston-based Enterprise Community Partners, Affordable Housing Design Leadership Institute (AHDLI) connects developers and architects to improve the design, sustainability, and resiliency of affordable housing.

[CALmatters: Explore the Fate of Local Housing Measures across California with Our Interactive Map](#)

By Matt Levin and Elizabeth Castillo [11-9-18] // Hover over icons to find out which measures passed and which didn't. Click for details.

[Curbed Los Angeles: Proposition 10: California's Proposal to Strengthen Rent Control Defeated at the Polls](#)

[11-7-18] // Had the law, the [Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act](#), been repealed, cities with rent control, including Los Angeles and [San Francisco](#), could have opted to expand rent control.

[HOUSING DEVELOPMENT](#)

[Nordic Business Insider: A Startup Turning Old Hotels and Offices into Housing for California's Forgotten Middle-class Is Coming to One of America's Least Affordable Cities](#)

By Aria Bendix [11-12-18] // [Starcity](#) is building the world's largest (800 bedroom units) co-living apartment complex in San Jose, California.

[LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION](#)

[HUD: Qualified Census Tracts and Difficult Development Areas - 2019](#)

[11-2018] // HUD has released the 2019 lists of designated Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) and Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs). The designations, effective January 1, 2019, are made annually and are used for the purposes of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

[Press Democrat: Santa Rosa City Council Considers Requirement for New Homes to Be Independent of Natural Gas](#)

By Will Schmitt [11-10-18] // Santa Rosa may soon require that new homes be equipped to operate without natural gas, a shift city leaders hope could cut carbon emissions and lend momentum to green-building designs gaining favor after last year's destructive wildfires.

[Clovis Roundup: Home Sweet Home: Cottage Home Program Revitalizes Old Town Alleys](#)

By Christian Mattos [11-19-18] // Within the past year, residents with extra unused land have begun building tiny homes to beautify the alleys. City planning technician Maria Spera said that since the program began last August, there are 11 permits out to Clovis residents who are ready to build tiny houses of their own.

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

MarketWatch: One Stat Reveals the Absurdity of San Francisco's Pricey Housing Market

By Maria LaMagna [11-12-18] // **81 percent** of san Francisco homes are worth \$1 million or more, versus the **U.S. average of 4 percent**.

Gothamist: NYC Real Estate Brokers & Landlords Are Salivating Over Amazon Invasion

By Christopher Robbins [11-14-18] // StreetEasy searches for apartments for sale in Long Island City soared roughly 300% this past week, according to a release from the website.

Mortgage Daily News: Home Sales and Prices in California May Have Hit an Affordability Tipping Point

By Jan Swanson [11-13-18] // CoreLogic's Andrew LePage writes in the company's Insights blog that September home sales in the state were the lowest in the country since September 2007. The sales report comes in the wake of reports from several sources showing an abrupt slowdown in home price growth in many of the state's largest metros.

MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES

Washington Post: Outside-the-box Thinking Can Help Millennials on a Tight Budget Buy Their First Home

By Jon Coile [11-12-18] // The author presents six strategies for buying your first home in this difficult, slim pickings market.

HOMELESSNESS

NBC: Northern OC Cities Plan New Homeless Shelters

[11-10-18] // Placentia and Buena Park officials Friday announced they are moving forward with the establishment of new homeless shelters after receiving \$12 million from the state as part of an effort by cities in north county to settle a federal lawsuit seeking to block law enforcement from enforcing anti-camping ordinances.

Capital Public Radio: For Unsheltered in Sacramento, Poor Air Quality Difficult to Escape

By Margherita Beale [11-12-18] // (Audio and text) Donald Frueh and his dog, Nemesis — who live without shelter in Sacramento — spend nearly all day outside. Frueh said [the smoke filling the air](#) has made it harder to sleep and walk to get food.

CityLab: Austin's Fix for Homelessness: Tiny Houses, and Lots of Neighbors

By Megan Kimble [11-12-18] // Community First! Village's model for ending homelessness emphasizes the stabilizing power of social connections.

[SLO Tribune: Paso Doesn't Have a Place for Its Homeless. Now, the City Has Declared a Shelter Crisis](#)

By Lindsey Holden [1-12-18] // Paso Robles leaders recently declared a homeless shelter crisis, making the city eligible to apply for aid funding from the state. Paso Robles has no permanent overnight space. The daily meals served in town are distributed in an empty lot.

[Los Angeles Times: Build 1,000 Units in 24 Months? Citizens Committee Urges Garcetti to Speed up Homeless Housing Construction](#)

By Doug Smith [11-10-18] // Reacting to the slow pace and rising costs of homeless housing construction, the citizens committee overseeing the city's [\\$1.2-billion bond program](#) urged officials Friday to find innovative ways to complete 1,000 units in 24 months.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

[24/7 Wall St.: The Worst Cities for Black Americans](#)

By Samuel Stebbins and Evan Comen [11-9-18] // The unemployment rate for black Americans fell below 6.0% for the **first time in history** earlier this year. The historic dip in joblessness was a benchmark of progress in the continued pursuit of racial equality in the United States — and a reminder of the unique challenges black Americans face every day.

[LAO: California's Fiscal Outlook](#)

By Mike Greer [11-14-18] // “The budget is in **remarkably good shape.**” This year, the annual report is shorter and more focused, supplemented with a fuller discussion of the outlook for Proposition 98's minimum guarantee over the next several years. Additionally, LAO has provided shorter pieces in Health and Human Services and other areas.

[CityLab: HQ2 Is Only Part of the Story of Big-Tech Expansion](#)

By Richard Florida [11-13-18] // Amazon HQ2 may be split between superstar cities (New York City and Washington, D.C.), but San Francisco's big tech firms are starting to expand into smaller, non-coastal places.

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

[Planetizen: Mobility Plan Outlines Street Design Changes Around New Seattle Light Rail Station](#)

By Camille Fink [11-10-18] // The plan proposes both immediate and longer-term improvements for the area, including development of a pedestrian mall.

[Streetsblog CAL: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grants Now Available](#)

By Melanie Curry [11-8-18] // The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) [has announced Round 4 of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities \(AHSC\) grant program](#) for projects that build affordable housing and encourage sustainable transportation modes. \$395 million is available from cap-and-trade...

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / PRESERVATION

[Metropolis: How Architects Are Helping Communities in Puerto Rico Rebuild](#)

By Deane Madsen [11-13-18] // Panelists at this Metropolis Think Tank event at Perkins+Will's D.C. office stressed the importance of remembering that there's no one-size-fits-all fix.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

[Augusta Free Press: Kaine, Hatch Bill Would Protect Veterans, Low-income Families from Housing Discrimination](#)

[11-13-18] // U.S. Sens. Tim Kaine (D-VA) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT) have introduced the Fair Housing Improvement Act of 2018 to protect veterans and low-income families from housing discrimination.

FAIR HOUSING

[Washington Post: Eviction Isn't Just about Poverty. It's Also about Race—and Virginia Proves it.](#)

By Terrence McCoy [11-10-18] // Researchers at Virginia Commonwealth University [published a report](#) this fall that found eviction rates are disproportionately high in minority communities. Across the state, roughly 60 percent of majority African American neighborhoods have an [annual eviction rate](#) higher than 10 percent of households — roughly four times the national average — **even after controlling for poverty and income rates.**

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE / NATURAL DISASTERS

[SF Gate: Camp Fire: 200-plus People Still Missing as Wildfire's Growth Slows](#)

By Gwendolyn Wu and Ashley McBride [11-14-18] // The [catastrophic Camp Fire](#)'s growth slowed overnight Wednesday, burning an additional 5,000 acres and holding at 35 percent containment, fire officials said. The area now encompasses 135,000 acres and has destroyed **8,817 buildings**, including **7,600 single-family homes**. 48 people have been confirmed deceased; 228 people are still missing.

[Curbed San Francisco: In California Wildfires, Disabled People Can Be Left Behind](#)

By Alice Wong [11-13-18] // I am a wheelchair user who uses a ventilator to help me breathe. Living in San Francisco, emergency preparedness is always in the back of my mind in the event of a power outage, earthquake, or fire.

[Curbed Los Angeles: Evacuation Orders Finally Lifting in Malibu, Sheriff Calls Devastation "Heart-breaking"](#)

By Jenna Chandler [11-14-18] // The Woolsey Fire, which has singed more than 97,000 acres, from beaches to the Valley, is now 47 percent contained.

[Los Angeles Times: In Stunning Loss, 83% of Santa Monica Mountains Federal Parkland Burned in Woolsey Fire](#)

By David Pierson [11-13-18] // The Santa Monica Mountains, which stretch from Hollywood Hills to Point Mugu in Ventura County, have long offered Southern Californians a respite from the city below with the range's array of hiking trails, waterfalls and rock pools...

[CBS: Agoura Hills Mobile Home Community Destroyed in Woolsey Fire](#)

By Michele Gile [11-14-18] // (Video) The upper section of the Seminole Springs mobile home park was wiped out by the destructive blaze.

[ABC: MAP: Homes Destroyed or Damaged by Woolsey Fire](#)

[11-14-18] // The Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services has released an interactive damage assessment map from the Woolsey Fire.

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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