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## **TODAY'S NEWS**

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

#### **[Porterville Recorder: Affordable Housing Build Begins in Lindsay](#)**

[10-11-17] // Construction crews have begun preparing the site for a new 50-unit affordable apartment rental community on the southeast corner of Hermosa Street and Westwood Avenue in Lindsay, CA. "Thanks to the leadership of the Legislature and Governor, California's Cap-and-Trade program has been extended to the year 2030, meaning more developments like Palm Terrace will receive vital funding from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program," said Ben Metcalf, director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

#### **[SFGate: Santa Rosa Housing Scarce before the Fire—What Now?](#)**

By Kathleen Pender [10-11-17] // The fires that destroyed at least 2,000 homes and other structures in the North Bay could put more upward pressure on rents but also cause buyers to think twice before purchasing a home in the ravaged region.

#### **[PR Newswire: Community Development Partners Opens The Huntington](#)**

[10-9-17] // Newport Beach, CA: Affordable senior community becomes life-enriching asset to Morgan Hill.

#### **[The Hill: A Budget Neutral Way to Help Low-income Americans Pay for Their Rent or Mortgage](#)**

By Diane Yentel [10-9-17] // The tax proposal released by Republican leaders leaves out one way to spur economic growth and help Americans struggling to meet their rent or mortgage: directly reforming the mortgage interest deduction and reinvesting the savings into affordable rental housing for those with the lowest incomes.

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

#### **[Curbed: City Living Better for Health and Happiness, Says Study](#)**

By Patrick Sisson [10-10-17] // Looking for a happier, healthier life? According to a new study of 22 British cities, the answer is to move downtown. Density improves walkability, exercise, social ties, and happiness.

## **[Hollywood Patch: City Takes up Controversial Fee to Fund Affordable Housing](#)**

[10-11-17] // An LA city committee approved the mayor's controversial linkage fee, which taps developers to fund affordable housing.

### **HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE**

#### **[L.A. Downtown News: Much Ado about Downtown Housing Vacancy](#)**

By Eddie Kim [10-10-17] // The Downtown Los Angeles construction boom has produced a glut of new apartments, and despite a steady influx of residents, the community has seen its vacancy rate soar to levels not seen in decades.

#### **[Pasadena Patch: Caltrans Freezes Rent For Residents Along Proposed 710 Freeway Extension](#)**

[10-10-17] // A bill signed Monday by Gov. Jerry Brown will freeze the rents of some tenants who live in Caltrans-owned properties along the proposed extension path of the 710 Freeway in El Sereno, South Pasadena and Pasadena.

### **MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES**

#### **[Business Wire: CoreLogic Reports Serious Delinquency Rate for Home Loans Holds Steady at a Near 10-Year Low](#)**

By CoreLogic [10-10-17] // New data represents a 0.9 percentage point year-over-year decline in the overall delinquency rate compared with July 2016 when it was 5.5 percent.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **[Highland Community News: Bank of America Awards \\$282,500 in Economic Mobility Grants to Enhance Community Revitalization](#)**

[10-10-17] // Bank of America today announced \$282,500 in economic mobility grants to be awarded to 26 nonprofits working on community revitalization efforts across the Inland Empire.

#### **[Next City: Two Words Are Missing from the Economic Development Conversation](#)**

By Lena Afridi [10-10-17] // (Op-Ed) People were investing in their communities long before government intervened with its own notions of what “good economic development” looks like.

### **HOMELESSNESS**

#### **[Patch: San Diego Opens Camping Site for Homeless](#)**

[10-9-17] // The 136-space facility was set up in the parking lot of the city operations yard in Golden Hill, just south of the Balboa Park Golf Course.

#### **[Patch: El Cajon Discourages Panhandling with New Program](#)**

[10-9-17] // The city said it contributes around \$225,000 annually to homeless programs.

## **ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT**

### **[Los Angeles Times: Fires Strike a Blow to the Wine Industry in Sonoma and Napa Counties](#)**

By Geoffrey Mohan [10-9-17] // The deadly firestorms raging across wine country have burned hotels, small lodges, winery buildings and even some vineyards, officials in the region said.

## **TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

### **[San Diego UrbDeZine: How San Diego's Public Transit Went from First to Worst](#)**

By Murtaza Baxamusa [10-10-17] // The current leadership at San Diego's regional transportation agency hates taxes, except that they love to spend it.

## **NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS**

### **[Affordable Housing Finance: Developers Send Supplies for Residents, Employees in the Caribbean](#)**

By Christine Serlin [10-4-17] // Affordable housing developers are working to get supplies to its employees and residents in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands after the territories were devastated by Category 5 hurricanes Irma and Maria in September.

## **DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE**

### **[Mercury News: Housing Is Healthcare, and a California Law Can Offer It to More People](#)**

By Rene G. Santiago [10-11-17] // (Opinion) It is time for our state to acknowledge what our hospitals already know: Housing is health care.

## **ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **[Architect: The Climate Is Changing. So Must Architecture.](#)**

By Ned Cramer [10-4-17] // Carbon dioxide causes global warming. Buildings emit almost half of the carbon dioxide in the U.S. That has to stop.

## **COVERAGE INFORMATION:**

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