

**June 21, 2017**

## **TODAY'S NEWS**

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

#### **Reuters: Poor Americans Face Tough Choice: Food or Home: Harvard Study**

By Richard Leong [6-16-17] // Millions of poor Americans face the hard decision to spend less on food and healthcare because the bulk of their paychecks go to keeping a roof over their head, according to the 2017 [State of the Nation's Housing report](#), released on Friday by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

#### **Affordable Housing Finance: U.S. Losing Low-Rent Units**

By Donna Kimura [6-16-17] // The lower end of the rental housing market continues to lose ground, according to the new The State of the Nation's Housing report by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

#### **Urban Institute: Low-income Homeowners Are as Burdened by Housing Costs as Renters**

By Laurie Goodman and Bhargavi Ganesh [6-15-17] // With limited supply and skyrocketing housing costs, renters and homeowners face severe housing affordability issues.

#### **GCN: San Francisco Simplifies the Hunt for Affordable Housing**

By Matt Leonard [6-15-17] // San Francisco has moved the application and lottery process for affordable housing to an online portal as part of the city's ongoing effort to digitize services.

### **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Affordable Housing Finance: Tax Reform Uncertainty and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Market**

By Lancaster Pollard [6-14-17] // Brian Coate, a vice president at Lancaster Pollard, digs into the uncertainty that has surrounded the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) market this year.

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

#### **Berkeleyside: Opinion: Berkeley's Zoning Laws Wall off Communities of Color, Seniors, Low-income People and Others**

By Ben Bartlett and Yelda Bartlett [6-13-17] // Zoning laws in Berkeley have been used historically to exclude African Americans and other populations from certain parts of the city. For equity's sake, they must be changed.

## **[Vox: Making Cities More Dense Always Sparks Resistance. Here's How to Overcome It.](#)**

By David Roberts [6-20-17] // Urbanist Brent Toderian on how to deal with NIMBY (Not in My Backyard).

## **HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE**

### **[PRNewswire: Center for California Real Estate Releases Journal of Case Study Research Addressing Causes and Consequences of Housing Affordability and Supply Crisis](#)**

By CAR [6-19-17] // California will lose generations of potential homeowners through 2030 unless it creates a more abundant housing supply, contends one of a [compilation of articles](#) issued through the Center for California Real Estate (CCRE), an institute of the California Association of Realtors®.

### **[Curbed Los Angeles: Report: LA Is the Nation's Most Unaffordable Housing Market—and Prices Will Keep Rising](#)**

By Elijah Chiland [6-20-17] // Home prices in Los Angeles [have never been higher](#), and rents are increasingly [unaffordable](#) for many residents. Sadly, a new report from the [UCLA Anderson School of Management](#) predicts the situation is unlikely to change in the near future.

## **MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES**

### **[HousingWire: Treasury: Gut CFPB, Overhaul Residential Mortgage Lending Regulation](#)**

By Brena Swanson [6-13-17] // The U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin unveiled the [much-anticipated report](#) on the department's assessment of the financial market as ordered by President Donald Trump earlier this year.

### **[MarketWatch: Fed's Fischer Says He's Worried Memories Are Fading about Housing's Pivotal Role in Financial Crisis](#)**

By Greg Robb [6-20-17] // "House prices are now high and rising in several countries, perhaps as a result of extended period of low interest rates," Fischer said in a speech to a DNB-Riksbank conference in Amsterdam.

## **HOMELESSNESS**

### **[Berkeleyside: With Council "All in" on Berkeley Way Homeless Housing, Trust Fund "at Zero"](#)**

By Emilie Raguso [6-15-17] // [Berkeley officials](#) voted unanimously Tuesday night to prioritize a plan to build the city's [largest ever supportive housing development](#) for the homeless.

### **[San Gabriel Valley Tribune: Application Withdrawn for Veteran, Homeless Housing in Temple City](#)**

By Christopher Yee [6-19-17] // Mercy Housing has withdrawn its application to turn the Golden Motel into permanent, supportive housing for veterans and formerly homeless people after motel ownership received higher offers for the property.

### **[Patch: Oakland City Council Approves \\$14 Million for Homeless Services](#)**

[6-20-17] // The city will purchase existing single-room occupancy motel properties, help people get off the streets and provide services and support.

### **[U.S. News: LA Supervisors Endorse Spending Plan for Homelessness Tax](#)**

By AP [6-14-17] // Los Angeles: Supervisors voted unanimously June 13<sup>th</sup> to accept virtually all recommendations of a planning committee on how to divide nearly \$259 million projected in the first year of Measure H. The measure asking for a quarter-cent sales tax increase was approved by county voters in March.

### **[Enterprise Community Partners: Prioritizing Homeless Children and Their Families](#)**

By Enterprise [6-2017] // Despite what many imagine a homeless person in New York City to look like, nearly 70% of the people in the City's shelter system are children and their families. ... This new report lays out a series of recommendations developed, through the work of the Family Homelessness Task Force, to prevent family homelessness and improve the well-being of homeless children and their families.

## **ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT**

### **[The Nation: California Is Massively Expanding One of the Most Effective Tools to Make Work Pay Better](#)**

By Joseph N. Sanberg [6-21-17] // The number of families helped by the Golden State's Earned Income Tax Credit is about to triple.

### **[Builder: UCLA Anderson: Continued Modest Growth Ahead](#)**

[6-13-17] // The UCLA Anderson Forecast, which tracks the [California](#) and national economies, anticipates continued modest growth, with the near-term GDP growth forecast exceeding 2% but then falling below 2% in 2019, with unemployment expected to drift downward to 4.1% in 2019.

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

### **[Construction Dive: Google Plans Transit-oriented San Jose, CA, Campus](#)**

By Joe Dyton [6-20-17] // Google is planning a transit-oriented development for downtown San Jose, CA, in an effort to reduce its workers' reliance on car commutes, according to [The Mercury News](#).

### **[Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California: New Report](#)**

By NPH [6-20-17] // NPH's new report, *On Track Together: Housing and Transportation—Building the Bay Area's Vibrant, Sustainable, and Affordable Future Together*, demonstrates that the Bay Area "has the opportunity and urgency to build a regional strategy for Bay Area housing and transportation solutions."

## **REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION**

### **[Multifamily Executive: Preserving Affordable Housing: Best Practices](#)**

By Bendix Anderson [6-12-17] // With the affordable housing shortage seemingly growing by the day, it's more important than ever to preserve the stock we already have.

## **NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS**

### **MinnPost: New Documentary Captures the Human Cost of the Twin Cities' Affordable Housing Problem**

By Peter Callaghan [6-9-17] // A documentary put together by TPT Minnesota and the Minnesota Housing Partnership uses the stories of displaced tenants to examine the broader problem of affordable housing supply in the Twin Cities.

### **Affordable Housing Finance: Pennsylvania Development Blends Housing and Health Care**

By Donna Kimura [6-15-17] // The new Sacred Heart Residences is helping to meet the housing and medical needs of seniors in Allentown, Pa.

### **The Hill: Trump's Plan to Cut Public Housing Is a Mistake for America**

By Orlando Cabrera [6-20-17] // The 2018 budget that President Trump proposed serves as the starting point for negotiations about programs central to our nation's success.

## **FAIR HOUSING**

### **New York Times: Cuomo Initiative to Protect New York Tenants Wins Court Backing**

Reuters [6-13-17] // A New York state judge has upheld the legal authority of the Tenant Protection Unit, a key initiative of Governor Andrew Cuomo to protect rent-regulated tenants from overcharges, harassment and intimidation by unscrupulous landlords.

### **HousingWire: Senate to Consider Bill Prohibiting Housing Discrimination against LGBT People**

By Ben Lane [6-9-17] // The bill would expand Fair Housing Act to cover gender identity and sexual orientation.

## **DEMOGRAPHICS / QUALITY OF LIFE**

### **Casey Foundation to Policymakers: Don't Backtrack on Gains for U.S. Children**

By the Annie E. Casey Foundation [6-13-17] // Foundation President and CEO [Patrick McCarthy](#) called on state and federal leaders to continue investing in families as Casey released the [2017 KIDS COUNT Data Book](#), which shows steady improvements in several areas of child well-being.

## **COVERAGE INFORMATION:**

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