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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Sacramento Bee: What Migrant Farmworkers Need at Day's End: A Decent, Safe, Affordable Place to Sleep

By Ilene J. Jacobs [8-14-17] // (Opinion) Arguments that migrant farmworker children are being deprived of an education because of California Office of Migrant Services eligibility rules related to migrant housing make no sense and miss the point about the need for [safe and affordable housing for all farm workers](#).

Noozhawk: Santa Barbara Inundated with Granny Unit Applications as City Develops Local Regulations

By Joshua Molina [8-15-17] // The city of Santa Barbara has received 153 applications for accessory dwelling units since the state of [California](#) [legalized](#) so-called "granny units" on Jan. 1.

Curbed SF: Government Warns SF: You're Not Building Enough Housing

By Adam Brinklow [8-14-17] // Lack of new construction is pushing more renters into "worst case" circumstances, says report to Congress.

Napa Valley Register: Napa Planners Support 51 Affordable Apartments on Soscol Avenue

By Howard Yune [8-9-17] // For the second time this year, land-use authorities in Napa are trying to funnel dozens of lower-priced rental apartments into one of California's costliest, tightest housing markets.

Capital Public Radio: The View from Here

[8-15-17] // Capital Public Radio's latest multimedia documentary project, *The View From Here: Place And Privilege*, explores the history, politics and economics of housing affordability in California's capital.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Bisnow: Construction Begins on Affordable Housing Development in Fullerton

By Karen Jordan [8-14-17] // R.D. Olson Construction is just beginning work on a 55-unit affordable housing project in Fullerton.

[Bisnow: These Lego-like Homes Could Help Resolve the Country's Affordable Housing Shortage](#)

By Lara O-Keefe [8-14-17] // Founded in 2016, Aaron Holm's Seattle-based Blokable allows developers to easily create affordable, move-in ready and yes, stackable homes, the Seattle Times reports. Think "build your own Lego house" for adults.

[Business Insider: Dozens of Tech Companies Want to Bring 4,400 Homes to This Small Town—and Residents Are Furious](#)

By Melia Robinson [8-14-17] // The sleepy town of Brisbane, California, located on the outskirts of Silicon Valley, is poised to become the next major housing destination in the Bay Area, with help from the tech industry.

LAND USE / PLANNING / REGULATION

[Sacramento Bee: Can California's Housing Problems Be Solved? Bill Changed to Speed Building](#)

By Jim Miller [8-15-17] // A California lawmaker has made a key change to expand the reach of a plan designed to speed up construction of affordable housing projects.

[Tribune: To Protect Affordable Housing in SLO, Vote No on Measure B-17](#)

By John Fowler [8-15-17] // San Luis Obispo: [In a recent Tribune Viewpoint, former San Luis Obispo mayor and councilman Allen Settle and attorney Stewart Jenkins](#) asked readers to look at the "facts" regarding the upcoming special election for the ballot measure, B-17.

[Daily Californian: Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Votes to Oppose Bill in Effort to Combat Housing Crisis](#)

By Kate Tinney [8-16-17] // On Monday night, members of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board voted to oppose state Senate Bill 35 regarding the creation of affordable housing until amendments are made to clarify and make the bill more inclusive.

[The Union of Grass Valley: Important News about Affordable Housing](#)

By Greg Zaller [8-14-17] // (Opinion) Last month, the Nevada County Planning Commission made an important decision that could have statewide implications for affordable housing.

[CP&DR: Land Purchase Agreement Doesn't Trigger CEQA, Court Rules](#)

By William Fulton [8-13-17] // (Subscription) Two nearby residents don't have standing in a CEQA lawsuit against Mt. San Jacinto College, an appellate court has ruled. Even if they did, the court ruled, their claims would be struck down because a purchase agreement for property is not an action subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

HOUSING MARKETS / REAL ESTATE

MarketWatch: Inflation Is Too Low for the Fed, but Rent Is Too High for the Rest of Us

By Andrea Riquier [8-11-17] // Inflation remained [softer than economists had expected](#) in July, and many analysts are wondering whether it's strong enough to justify another Federal Reserve interest rate increase this year. That's cold comfort for anyone who is paying rent.

Builder: Reports: Housing Starts Poised to Surge

[8-8-17] // Two studies forecast a rise to an annual pace of 1.4 million by yearend and 1.6 million by 2021.

Curbed Miami: Miami Metro Has the most Dire Need for Affordable Housing in the Country, per Report

By Josh Baumgard [8-15-17] // A [new report](#) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Congress indicates the Miami metro area (Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach) has the highest share of low-income renters with the "worst case needs" in the country.

MORTGAGE & FORECLOSURE ISSUES

Mortgage Professional America: Increased Consolidation in Mortgage Industry Ahead Says Report

By Steve Randall [8-15-17] // Challenging times ahead are likely to lead to increased consolidation in the mortgage industry as origination volumes and profitability are pressured.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Governing: Can We Build Inclusive, Innovative Local Economies?

By Mike Green [8-15-17] // [Forward Cities](#), a new learning collaborative, is charting efforts in four metros to connect minority communities to entrepreneurial resources.

New York Times: When Families Lead Themselves out of Poverty

By David Bornstein [8-15-17] // Seventeen years ago, Mauricio Lim Miller, a leader in the field of social services, received a phone call from Jerry Brown, who was the mayor of Oakland, Calif., at the time, that set him on a quest to understand how families really overcome poverty.

NBC: Street Soccer Pilot Program Tackles Poverty

By Rudy Chinchilla [8-14-17] // The city of Los Angeles and the LA84 Foundation on Monday launched a new soccer-based pilot program aimed at fighting poverty and homelessness.

HOMELESSNESS

UPI: LA to Pay Homeowners to Build Second Dwellings for Homeless

By Ray Downs [8-16-17] // The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to give homeowners between \$50,000 and \$75,000 to build second dwellings on their property in an effort to house more homeless people.

[San Diego Union-Tribune: Homeless in San Diego but Her Big Dreams Keep Her Positive](#)

By Fred Dickey [8-14-17] // ...The family is homeless because it's unable to afford even the cheapest rents in San Diego. Ramon works two full-time restaurant jobs, but they are minimum wage and that won't get you more than a tent in San Diego.

[The Reporter: SCOE Lands Grant to Help Homeless Students](#)

By Richard Bammer [8-14-17] // A little help is on the way for Solano County's homeless students.

[San Francisco Chronicle: Cal Hires \\$92,000-a-year Social Worker for People's Park Homeless](#)

By Matier & Ross [8-14-17] // The University of California, Berkeley has hired a social worker to help the homeless in People's Park.

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

[UC Davis: Job Centers Offer Little Help for the Unemployed, UC Davis Study Says](#)

By Karen Nikos-Rose [8-14-17] // If you are unemployed and looking for a job, the best way to get government-funded training and help finding a job is to prove you are "unemployable." Otherwise, unemployed workers are often told by job coaches, they should accept downward or lateral mobility and realize that their inability to get a job is their fault, not the job market.

[Housing Perspectives: Pay for Success: Opportunities and Challenges in Housing and Economic Development](#)

By David Luberoff [8-11-17] // Pay for Success (PFS) initiatives...which generally do not pay service providers and government entities until and unless they achieve certain agreed upon outcomes hold great promise in housing and community development, notes Omar Carrillo Tinajero in a [new working paper](#).

TRANSPORTATION / TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

[San Diego Union-Tribune: Kearny Mesa's Future Likely to Include More Housing, Dense Transit-oriented Development](#)

By David Garrick [8-15-17] // San Diego is launching an effort to transform [Kearny Mesa](#), a key regional hub for jobs, into a more balanced community by adding housing along transportation corridors and making the Convoy culinary district a regional attraction.

[Next City: Plans for Texas Bullet Train Move another Step Forward](#)

By Rachel Dovey [8-15-17] // Since a [funding halt](#) in 2015, and amid many other starts and stops, the Texas bullet train has been covering ground toward its goal of being [the first up-and-running high-speed rail project in the U.S.](#) On Monday, it announced another milestone...

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL / REVITALIZATION

Affordable Housing Finance: San Francisco Public Housing Site Undergoes Transformation

By Christine Serlin [8-15-17] // The first two phases of the revitalized Alice Griffith public housing complex in San Francisco features 184 affordable apartment, with 114 units reserved for returning residents.

New York Times: U.S.C. Expands in a “Neglected” Neighborhood, Promising Jobs and More

By Lauren Herstik [8-15-17] // Los Angeles: When the [University of Southern California](#)'s campus extension opens in South [Los Angeles](#) on Thursday, it will not just welcome 2,700 new college students. It will also be an ambitious test of a public-private partnership hoping to remake a historically underserved neighborhood.

Los Angeles times: Let's Stop Getting in the Way of a Good Housing Development

By Carla Hall [8-15-17] // (Opinion) Once more, a [Los Angeles City Council](#) committee will have an opportunity to jump-start a smart affordable housing development in Boyle Heights.

NATIONAL HOUSING NEWS

Multi-Housing News: The Senior Housing Boom's Ripple Effect

By Ariela Moraru [8-15-17] // Assisted living occupancy fell to its lowest in eight years, despite record absorption, according to NIC's 2017 second quarter report. San Jose had the highest occupancy, while Detroit recorded the biggest rent growth.

FAIR HOUSING

GlobeSt.: NYC Becomes First City to Provide Right to Counsel in Housing Court

By John Jordan [8-15-17] // The legislation commits the city to provide all low-income tenants facing eviction access to legal representation in housing court.

CityLimits: Missing the Target on Segregation

By Harry DeRienzo [8-15-17] // (Opinion) Editor's Note: The following op-ed discusses the city's "community preference" policy, which requires that when affordable housing is developed, residents of the local community district receive preference for half the units. The policy is currently facing [a court challenge](#).

COVERAGE INFORMATION:

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