

Programs & Issues for the third quarter of 2017 July-Aug-Sept.

It has been determined that the following subjects are of concern to the community and have been considered and addressed substantially by elected officials, community leaders, expert witnesses and the general public.

1. Public health and healthcare
2. Housing, affordable housing, vacation rentals
3. Traffic and transportation
4. Police and public safety, disaster preparedness
5. Environment and natural resources
6. Development and redevelopment
7. Parks and recreation
8. Water and coastal waterways
9. Fire services and fire suppression
10. Education

The following programs were produced and broadcast in the public interest:

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ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
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RECYCLING

In California, recycling rates drop to lowest point since 2008. Recycling centers want beverage bottles, but fewer of those bottles are showing up, due to dwindling number of centers, less money for the recycling centers that remain, and the drop in oil prices. Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 5 a.m. (7:37)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

Testosterone surges impair men’s decision making, research shows. Prescriptions for testosterone supplements passed 2.3 million, says the FDA. Half the men don’t even need them and when people take them, they tend to make bad decisions. Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 5 a.m. (11:40)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

The Mormon Church in Salt Lake City houses one of the largest genealogy databases in the world, covering more than a million people. From those records, researchers in the early 1980s found evidence of a deadly genetic mutation that causes colon cancer. Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 5 a.m. (6:48)

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The LAPD tries to avoid potentially fatal encounters between armed police and suspects on the run. Their strategy is to release the dogs. In fact, other departments have come here to learn the best way to train police dogs. Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 5 a.m. (10:58)

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The cellphone video of a man overturning a street vendor’s cart in Los Angeles has gone viral. There’s shouting, food and containers are overthrown, and the incident raises questions about the safety of LA’s estimated 50,000 street vendors. Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 5 a.m. (5:58)

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

In Oakland, people affected by the drug war get a first crack at pot licenses. Now that weed is legal, Oakland has a program that helps people with marijuana convictions -- including ex-felons -- get into the pot business for themselves.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 5 a.m. (7:39)

HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Republican senators are still debating various versions of the health care bill. Two years ago, they passed a complete repeal. The GOP's continued inability to make good on its promise to repeal Obamacare is frustrating some of the party's big financial donors.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 5 a.m. (8:02)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

On the east side of the Colorado Street bridge in Pasadena, there's a sign that says "There is hope," along with a crisis hotline number. So far this year, police have been called to the bridge on 21 "mental health" calls. Six of those were suicides.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017 at 5 a.m. (7:31)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

Premiums on Covered California, the state-run Obamacare exchange, will jump by a statewide average of 12.5 percent next year. Rates could go up even more if President Trump ends federal subsidies.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017 at 5 a.m. (6:11)

EDUCATION

The Cal State university system announced it will no longer require incoming freshmen with poor math and english skills to take remedial courses. It's an effort to boost graduation rates. But will that mean lowering standards?

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017 at 5 a.m. (5:16)

ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Tropical Storm Harvey poised to return to Houston. We speak with a local journalist who reported a year ago why Houston wasn't prepared for a storm like this one. And Los Angeles could see catastrophic flooding in the event of a major storm.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 at 5 a.m. (15:15)

DISASTER RELIEF

The Red Cross has come under fire for its response to previous disasters, including Superstorm Sandy. As millions of Americans look for ways to help the relief effort in Houston, some are calling for donations to go organizations with better track records.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 at 5 a.m. (7:59)

IMMIGRATION, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The 800,000 or so young people whose future was put into question yesterday -- when the Trump administration announced an end to DACA -- are now trying to figure out what to do. We speak with one college student who will be eligible for deportation.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at 5 a.m. (5:53)

EDUCATION AND IMMIGRATION

The leaders of California's universities and colleges are trying to figure out what they can do to help Dreamers. Yesterday, the heads of five school systems sent a letter to the state's congressional delegation, urging them to extend DACA.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at 5 a.m. (6:14)

ENVIRONMENT

San Francisco temperatures reached 106 degrees. There's a so-called micro burst of cold air in Santa Barbara and LA saw its largest fire ever -- fanned by furnace-like temperatures. Can climate science explain what's going on?

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at 5 a.m. (6:48)

EDUCATION

Conservative writer Ben Shapiro is speaking at UC Berkeley tonight, and the campus is bracing for more violent protests ahead of Berkeley's Free Speech Week. A lot of people would like to see these speeches cancelled by the university.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 at 5 a.m. (12:23)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

There's an outbreak of hepatitis A in San Diego, and now Los Angeles County. It's affecting the homeless population and those who work with them. The disease isn't usually life threatening, but it's highly contagious and a major public health issue.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017 at 5 a.m. (7:32)

HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS

The City Controller has a new report detailing ways LA could curb the spread of homeless encampments, including calls for cleaning up tents that have sprouted up along the LA. river, as well as providing storage options and emergency encampments.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 at 5 a.m. (6:54)

HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Housing prices are up, supply is down. New people are moving in and longtime residents are being pushed out. Housing and gentrification are top issues in Los Angeles right now. Press Play kicks off an eight-part.

Press Play aired Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 at 5 a.m. (30:30)

EDUCATION

New recommendations could mean the end for the famous fourth-grade California mission projects at elementary schools. Students have made models of missions for years. But a state panel is recommending teachers reassess their lesson plans.

Public Affairs segment aired Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 at 5 a.m. (5:53)

