

Programs & Issues for the third quarter of 2014 Jul-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, during the regular Santa Monica City Council meetings, which are broadcast live on Tuesdays, beginning at 8:00pm. Broadcasts last until 12:00am unless council adjourns before that time.

1. Festivals and cultural celebrations
2. Animal control and safety
3. Health and wellness
4. Traffic and transportation
5. Police and public safety
6. Parks and recreation
7. Water and public utilities
8. Housing and transient population
9. Gaming mitigation
10. Development and redevelopment

Additionally, the following programs were produced and broadcast in the public interest:

KCRI PROGRAMS/ISSUES LIST – 3rd QUARTER 2014 JUL – AUG – SEPT

Which Way LA? KCRW's ongoing series on the issues that Southern Californians care about, hosted by Warren Olney, airs Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
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LABOR/ECONOMY

Today the minimum wage in California went from \$8 to \$9 – the first increase in 5 years. It could be significant to the state economy. Should LA follow San Francisco and Seattle in pushing an even higher wage, or would that break the bank?

Aired Tuesday, July 1, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

California college students are taking longer to graduate, going beyond the traditional benchmarks to earn degrees in the Community College and Cal State University systems, creating expensive consequences for students and the state

Aired Wednesday, July 2, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

With July 4th temperatures expected to be in the mid-80s, hordes of people will hit the beaches this weekend, while bacteria levels at some beaches have been notably high in recent weeks, with looming yellow warning signs to prove it. Hear which pass and fail.

Aired Thursday, July 3, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Accusations including abuse of force, misuse of weapons and resulting criminal convictions have brought unwanted attention to the LA Sheriff's Office, creating demand for citizen oversight free of political influence to keep the spotlight turned on.

Aired Monday, July 7, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Santa Monica wants to close its airport next year, while the FAA is saying, “no way,” and a legal battle is raging. Does the airport matter to the regional economy—or is it public property for the exclusive use of rich private pilots like Harrison Ford?

Aired Tuesday, July 8, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PRISON SYSTEM

LA Mayor Eric Garcetti says local cops should not do the work of federal immigration authorities, so he’s ordered the LAPD to stop most so-called “immigration holds” on inmates ready to be released from jail. Now LA County might do the same thing.

Aired Wednesday, July 9, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

With drought into its third year, California farmers are pulling up orchards and fields are lying fallow. One environmentalist says some of LA’s municipal golf courses could qualify as wetlands. Does a major Southland recreational pastime have a future?

Aired Thursday, July 10, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE AND CONSUMER

California insurance companies are cutting premiums by cutting back on the number of doctors and hospitals available to consumers, but consumers don’t always know that, and pay all the bills by themselves. Are companies deceiving their customers?

Aired Monday, July 14, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

REDEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Plans for “transforming” LA County’s Museum of Art include a one-story, blob-like structure inspired by the La Brea Tar Pits. The latest version oozes across Wilshire Boulevard. Mayor Garcetti’s behind it, but experts on art and architecture are divided.

Aired Tuesday, July 15, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

Calls for water conservation are being taken seriously in most of the state, but voluntary measures are not doing the job, so \$500 fines will be imposed on “wasteful practices.”

What are they? Will local agencies have to rely on neighbors to enforce the ban?

Aired Wednesday, July 16, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

Federal and state probes of for-profit colleges have come to a head in Santa Ana, the headquarters of Corinthian Colleges, amid charges of misrepresentations to low income students. 85 campuses will be sold, including all in California; 12 will be closed.

Aired Thursday, July 17, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

WAR IN MIDDLE EAST

With so many Jewish and Arab residents, greater Los Angeles is deeply connected to events in the Middle East. We’ll hear local voices on both sides. Is Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement justice for Palestinians or a one-sided attack on Israel?

Aired Monday, July 21, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

While homeowners face fines for keeping their lawns green or flushing the toilet too often, Big Agriculture pumps all the groundwater it wants to. California is the only Western state with no regulations on that most precious resource. Is it being wasted?

Aired Tuesday, July 22, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTH AND RECREATION

One of the most common concussion-producing sports is women's soccer, and organized contact sports aren't the only activities that lead to brain injuries that can be disabling: consider what happens to skate-boarders and snow-boarders.

Aired Wednesday, July 23, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

Faced with a cash crunch, UC campuses are cutting back on new students from California. Out-of-state newcomers have to pay more, so they're on the increase.

California parents are organizing against what they call a "betrayal."

Aired Thursday, July 24, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION AND IMMIGRATION

English is a new language for 1.5 million California school children, but some are not getting services required by federal law, according to a lawsuit being heard this week in Los Angeles. We'll hear what's at stake for kids, teachers and school districts.

Aired Tuesday, July 29, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

CITY SERVICES AND LABOR

Plans for restoring city services cut by the recession have depended in part on reducing employee retirement cost, but this week pension reforms were overturned by an appellate board, leading to warnings of "fiscal instability." What's in store?

Aired Wednesday, July 30, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

White-water rafting, fly-fishing and boating are out of business in many lakes and rivers. Restaurants in Catalina aren't serving water, and rationing is on the way. We'll hear what drought means for the \$85 billion outdoor tourism industry.

Aired Thursday, July 31, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

Teacher evaluations, pay raises, charter schools and a superintendent will all be affected by a special election to the LA Unified School Board. A young reformer is challenging a 50 year veteran of teaching and administration. The stakes are high.

Aired Friday, Aug. 1, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

LA's public schools open for another term, and the district is still a nightmare for many parents to navigate. Do they have enough choice for their kids, or too much, and special programs creating a new kind of segregation?

Aired Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

DEVELOPMENT

The latest dispute over greater density in Los Angeles is focused on Silver Lake. Some residents complain that a new apartment building will destroy a neighborhood and a music school backed by Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers would preserve its identity.

Aired Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The LA Police Commission decides if Charlie Beck has earned a second 5-year term as Chief of the LAPD, as media reports aggravated assault is 14% higher than LAPD said. We'll ask if misreporting the crime rate will make a difference.

Aired Monday, Aug. 11, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Charlie Beck will be Chief of the LAPD for another 5 years but the Police Commission's vote today was not unanimous. We'll ask Chief Beck how he plans to deal with evidence that the violent crime rate is greater than the LAPD has reported.

Aired Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

California claims it's the most environmentally-friendly state in the nation, but now the Governor and other state officials are negotiating to relax environmental restrictions so Tesla can start building a massive new battery plant in 30 days.

Aired Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

The LA Unified School Board held a mid-summer special election and almost nobody came. Just 8% of the voters showed up. We'll hear how education reformers, the Teachers Union, and local politicians are preparing for the next campaign.

Aired Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

A water bond for \$7.5 billion: that's the price of a compromise after years of dispute in Sacramento. It'll be Proposition 1 on the November ballot. It won't end the drought, so what does it do? Who is it good for? We'll hear the pros and cons.

Aired Monday, Aug. 18, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

According to Police in South Pasadena, two teenagers said they were willing to die in a shootout after killing as "many people as possible." They're under arrest, but no guns have been found. We'll talk about how to detect any warning signs.

Aired Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Starting this week, LAUSD is decriminalizing minor student infractions like vandalism or getting caught with cigarettes. Supporters say zero tolerance policies at schools were disproportionately targeting minorities. How will administrators handle the new cases?

Aired Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL RIGHTS

The LAPD and the Sheriff's department are withholding the names of officers in two controversial killings. Should they be public information? What about potential "threats" and "ongoing investigations"?

Aired Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

After decades of combat in court and sometimes at gunpoint, landowners, environmentalists and agricultural interests have finally agreed on how to preserve and develop 80 square miles of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Aired Monday, Aug. 25, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

SHARING ECONOMY

New technologies can't escape old ways of doing business. The Public Utilities Commission may be drawing up regulations, but that hasn't stopped trial lawyers, the insurance industry and traditional taxi companies from asking Sacramento for new laws.

Aired Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PRISON SYSTEM

Since the US Supreme Court ruled that overcrowding made California prisons too dangerous, lower-level convicts have been sent to local jails where county sheriffs end up deciding that some go in while others stay out.

Aired Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LABOR AND ECONOMY

Mayor Eric Garcetti wants to raise the minimum wage in Los Angeles to \$13.25 an hour. We'll ask him about small business predictions about lost jobs.

Aired Tuesday, September 2, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

An LA Sheriff's Deputy was working on his mobile computer while he was driving. He struck and killed a man on a bicycle but the DA won't prosecute. Cyclists are saying it must be "open season" on them, despite a new law requiring a three foot "buffer zone."

Aired Wednesday, September 3, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Under California's proposed new standard for sexual consent, an accused aggressor can no longer defend himself by saying, "she didn't resist." He can't blame the victim for being drunk, either. Will the change constrain sexual violence on campuses?

Aired Thursday, September 4, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTH CARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Vaccines have largely eliminated some diseases, while a growing number of California parents believe that's made the world safe enough that their kids don't need to be immunized. Even advocates for choice admit it's not good for public health.

Aired Monday, September 8, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Three people have died this year in the worst outbreak of West Nile Virus in Orange County history. Widespread spraying for mosquitoes is planned and landowners who refuse inspectors access to suspect properties will be subject to court warrants.

Aired Tuesday, September 9, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LABOR AND ECONOMY

Mayor Eric Garcetti is pushing hard to raise the minimum wage for the City of Los Angeles. But there are 87 other cities in Los Angeles County. What's to keep them from keeping wages low and stealing the small businesses so crucial to the local economy?

Aired Tuesday, September 16, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Riding a bike in metropolitan traffic can be taking your life in your hands and a new rule for California went into effect this week: Motorists have to give cyclists a three-foot buffer zone. But how will it be measured? How will the law be enforced?

Aired Tuesday, September 17, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Subsidies and tax breaks have made California the nation's leader in zero emission vehicles, while electric cars are concentrated in the wealthiest places with the cleanest air. Would a new law get working people in polluted neighborhoods in on the deals?

Aired Thursday, September 19, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

STATE POLITICS

Two GOP nominees for statewide office have refused to endorse their own candidate for Governor. The party chairman calls one of them, “felony stupid.” We’ll hear what happened at this weekend’s convention, despite the theme, which was Unity.

Aired Monday, September 22, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PRISON SYSTEM

Six LA Sheriff’s deputies were sentenced two years in prison today for obstructing an FBI investigation into abuse of inmates in County jail. The judge found no evidence they were following orders. Does that mean higher-ups are off the hook?

Aired Tuesday, September 23, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

The Christian group InterVarsity has been “de-recognized” by all 23 California State University campuses—because its leaders must adhere to evangelical views of the Bible. Is the schools’ demand for openness a denial of religious freedom?

Aired Wednesday, September 24, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION AND INDUSTRY

Hollywood filmmakers won’t have to go overseas to use drones any more. The FAA has given six companies permission to get aerial shots with small, unmanned aircraft for productions here in the US. There will be conditions.

Aired Wednesday, September 25, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

For decades, Skid Row has been a haven for thousands of homeless people who have no other place to go. In recent years, the city has tried to clean it up; but services for homeless people themselves leave a lot to be desired.

Aired Monday, September 29, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

It is harvest time in California but the drought has cut deeply into crops available for both consumption and export. A big part of the state’s economy is suffering. Are farmers compounding the problem by wasting water? Is it time to regulate water use?

Aired Tuesday, September 30, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

