

Programs & Issues for the second quarter of 2014 Apr-May-June

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. Construction and landscape maintenance
2. Traffic, transportation and bicycles
3. Housing and affordable housing
4. Downtown development
5. Parks and recreation
6. Wastewater and recycling
7. Public safety and marine safety
8. Law enforcement
9. Youth services and education
10. Festivals and cultural events

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

KCRU PROGRAMS/ISSUES LIST – 2nd QUARTER 2014 APR-MAY-JUNE

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.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
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EDUCATION

Does California law make it too easy for bad teachers to get tenure and too difficult for them to be fired, or are legal protections necessary to attract good teachers and keep them on the job? Are minority children receiving equal education to others?

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

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/LABOR

A dispute in the deputies' union could influence this year's election for Sheriff of LA County, and a shortage of limes means trouble for Mexican farmers and Mexican food in Southern California. Also, is measles making a comeback?

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

PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION

The LA Dodgers opening day in Chavez Ravine has the biggest payroll in Major League Baseball, so expectations could not be higher. Off the field, it's Dodgers vs Los Angeles: potential problems with safety, traffic congestion, and angry fans.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT/LABOR

LA Mayor Eric Garcetti has suspended the hiring process for firefighters, saying it's time to recruit a class that represents the demography of the city. Less than 3% of firefighters are women; 25% of the remaining male recruits are related to firefighters.

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

POVERTY

Los Angeles will be one of the first five of President Obama's Promise Zones, which make up his key anti-poverty program. It could get \$500 million over the next 10 years. What standards were used to determine need? Is politics part of the answer?
Aired Tuesday, Apr. 8, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LABOR/HOUSING/ENERGY

In January, the so-called 2020 Commission reported that 40% of LA residents are living in "misery." The commission made proposals including a raise in minimum wage, new oversight for DWP and merging the Ports. Can this formula make a difference?
Aired Wednesday, Apr. 9, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC HEALTH

LA County officials concede they have never inspected some 40% of the 3200 vehicles that are part of the food-truck frenzy that's given new meaning to the term "eating out." Not all the trucks have grades like restaurants and the industry gourmet trucks are safe.
Aired Thursday, Apr. 10, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

CITY FINANCES

Today was Eric Garcetti's chance to show off his first budget since last year's election. He wants to get rid of a \$242 million deficit and cut the business tax. But, where's the money to pave streets and mend broken sidewalks?
Aired Monday, Apr. 14, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

CHILDRENS PROTECTION SERVICES

Neglected children are abused and dying in alarming numbers while supposedly under the supervision of LA County. Infants are left sitting on desks for hours waiting for foster homes; kids caught up in juvenile justice can't contact their social workers.
Aired Tuesday, Apr. 15, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

CITY BANKRUPTCY

The tiny city of Bell got national headlines for paying Manager Robert Rizzo \$1.5 million a year. Today, he got a 12-year prison sentence from a judge who called him "a godfather." Bell's not alone; there are new details of corruption in neighboring towns.
Aired Wednesday, Apr. 16, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Rapper Jay Z will bring his Budweiser Made in America festival to the 12-acre Grand Park in downtown LA. He calls it "inclusionary," but it will exclude those who don't buy tickets for \$125 or more. Unclear is how much of the revenue will go to the City.
Aired Thursday, Apr. 15, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENERGY/EDUCATION

One issue Southern California students care about is global climate change. Claremont's Pitzer College just joined a national campaign to divest from the fossil fuel industry. Student activists in the ten college UC system are calling to follow suit.
Aired Monday, Apr. 21, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

This week, California air quality officials are considering relaxing emission regulations on diesel trucks --- the worst air pollution offenders left in the state. We hear the pros and cons. Also, pipeline project controversy.
Aired Tuesday, Apr. 22, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

IMMIGRATION/TRANSPORTATION

For twenty years undocumented residents in California have not been allowed to apply for driver's licenses. Soon they can, and the DMV is bracing for a sudden influx of hundreds of thousands of new test takers.

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

PRISON SYSTEM

LA County is considering a new proposal to replace the downtown jail as nearly everyone agrees the aging structure is inhumane. Will a new building help address concerns about the large population of mentally ill inmates?

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The reputation of LA Clippers' owner Donald Sterling reached a new low this weekend, with allegations of racist comments made in a phone conversation. We hear from community leaders and ask why such bad behavior has been tolerated for so long?

Aired Monday, Apr. 28, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver today banned LA Clippers owner Donald Sterling for life, in response to racist comments Sterling made in a recorded conversation. We consider how the team will fare, with a banned owner balking at selling the franchise.

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

LABOR/EDUCATION

LA's teachers union has a new President. Alex Caputo-Pearl is against the growing influence of standardized testing and evaluating teachers based on student test scores. Eighty percent of the union is behind him.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Donald Sterling is a product of Los Angeles, raised in Boyle Heights. He made a real estate fortune on LA's Westside. Since he brought the Clippers home to Los Angeles 30 years ago, his so-called "plantation mentality" has been well known.

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

EDUCATION/IMMIGRATION

The state senate's considering a ballot measure to restore bilingual education, thrown out of the public schools by the voters in 1998. Since then, the voting population has changed statewide, and kids taught in two languages have been successful.

Aired Monday, May 5, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

Standards for public schools called Common Core are slowly being adopted in California. Not all grades are taking new tests, and no scores will be made public until all students take them next year; protest is beginning to build. We get a progress report.

Aired Tuesday, May 6, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY/TECHNOLOGY

Stealing smartphones is California's latest epidemic, and law enforcement says apps that allow users to track them down can lead to dangerous encounters. A proposed law would require "kill switches" so users could make them not worth stealing.

Aired Wednesday, May 7, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The City of Carson is about to make bullying anyone under 25 a misdemeanor, which could be punishable by up to a year in jail. What is bullying? How is it different from business as usual on high school campuses? We hear a debate.

Aired Thursday, May 8, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT

In 1978, when solar power meant pipes or panels up on the roof, the state legislature decreed no local ordinance or covenant could prevent such installations. But now, solar power can mean acres of photovoltaic cells three feet above the ground.

Aired Monday, May 12, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

CITY POLITICS

Los Angeles County voters have a rare opportunity: term limits have forced two veteran supervisors to step down. We hear a debate between four major candidates. Would they try to stop the \$2 billion jail plan the current board approved just last week?

Aired Tuesday, May 13, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC HEALTH/PUBLIC SAFETY

Orange County is California's first major jurisdiction to adopt Laura's Law, a 12-year old state statute providing that cops, family members or other interested parties can ask a judge to order that mentally ill people "seek treatment."

Aired Wednesday, May 14, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING/TAXES

"It's a cold day in hell. Pigs are flying somewhere." That's the reaction of a Republican Assemblyman to the prospect that Proposition 13 might finally be amended, 36 years after California voters started a property tax revolt that went nationwide.

Aired Thursday, May 15, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

FIRE/PUBLIC SAFETY/FIREFIGHTERS

It took 5000 local, state and federal firefighters to handle ten major blazes last week in Southern California, and that's just the beginning. We're not prepared for an unusually long, hot season, let alone for the consequences of climate change.

Aired Monday, May 19, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS/ECONOMY

Also, a so-called "bridge over the homeless" raises questions about making downtown Los Angeles "pedestrian friendly." Later, on *To the Point*, are families being left out of the "housing recovery?"

Aired Tuesday, May 20, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION

LA's Metro transportation system got \$2 billion in federal money today to expand the subway under Wilshire Boulevard out to Beverly Hills. Completion is scheduled for 2023. Elected officials now face a dispute over proposed increases in transit.

Aired Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Two California district attorneys have sued five drug companies for telling consumers and doctors that painkillers are safer than they really are, thus producing an epidemic of deaths by drug overdose. We talk with Tony Rackauckas of Orange County.

Aired Thursday, May 22, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC HEALTH/VETERANS SERVICES

In March, for the first time since 2003, US casualties from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan dropped to zero. But American soldiers have been dying at the rate of 22 every day — from suicide. What is the Pentagon is doing to cope with mental illness?
Aired Monday, May 26, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

The Army Corps of Engineers runs the Los Angeles River as a flood control channel. Meanwhile, speculators are buying up frontage between Griffith Park and downtown LA. Environmentalists say they're losing their voice, and residents fear gentrification.
Aired Tuesday, May 28, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING/TAXES

California's Insurance Commissioner is on next week's ballot. Whoever's elected has a lot to say about how much you pay to insure your property. Who are the candidates? Should the Commissioner's power be increased to include rates for medical insurance?
Aired Wednesday, May 28, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC HEALTH/LAW ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY

If family members suspect a relative of being dangerous, they should be able to ask a judge to take away guns or the right to buy them. That's according to a bill introduced in the State Assembly after a shooting rampage near UC Santa Barbara.
Aired Thursday, May 29, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

CITY POLITICS

In one California precinct, there are 73 candidates on the ballot for 19 different offices from the Governorship to county supervisor to local water district. The good news is that nobody has to vote for them all. We hear how California's Top Two system works.
Aired Monday, June 2, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

IMMIGRATION

Los Angeles is one of more than a dozen California counties which will no longer detain non-citizens at the request of immigration authorities who might want to deport them. Is it justice or a risk to public safety?
Aired Tuesday, June 3, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING/TAXES

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Aired Wednesday, June 4, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PRISON SYSTEM

At Pelican Bay prison in Northern California, hundreds of inmates are held in windowless cells, reportedly without normal human contact, often for more than a decade. This week, a federal judge agreed to consider a class-action lawsuit.
Aired Thursday, June 5, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION/PRISON SYSTEM/HEALTHCARE

Angry parents and neighborhood residents are fighting bitterly over a Westside Charter school. They plan a confrontation at tomorrow's meeting of the LA Unified School Board. Meanwhile, mentally ill prisoners are being denied health care in LA County jails.
Aired Monday, June 9, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION/LABOR

Teacher tenure laws deprive some students of their constitutional right to an education. The evidence "shocks the conscience," according to a Los Angeles judge, in a ruling today with national implications for teacher protection and education "reformers."
Aired Tuesday, June 10, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC HEALTH/DECRIMINALIZATION

Medical marijuana is sweeping the country; Colorado and Washington are just the first states to legalize recreational use. We talk with a California entrepreneur who plans to cash in on what's called "the Green Rush." Can money be made on "responsible use?"
Aired Wednesday, June 11, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

WORLD NEWS

Islamic jihadists are on the move in Iraq, and President Obama says he's not "ruling anything out" for what he calls "an emergency situation." we update the chaos in Iraq and the politics in Washington.

Aired Thursday, June 12, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

Hundreds of licensed cab drivers descended on LA City Hall last week to protest Internet companies using mobile phone apps to connect passengers with part-time, non-pro drivers cheaper than traditional taxis. Are they unfair competition?

Aired Monday, June 16, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

Parking tickets provided \$161 million in revenue last year for the City of Los Angeles. The average cost of a parking ticket was \$68. Is that too much -- or not enough -- to keep business and traffic flowing, and will voters get a chance to decide?

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

ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT/TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC HEALTH

Fracking for domestic crude oil means moving domestic crude oil by rail to coastal refineries, including those in Wilmington, Torrance, and El Segundo. Local officials are worried about the health effects of air pollution when tank cars are unloaded.

Aired Wednesday, June 18, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr.

IMMIGRATION/STATE POLITICS

Kevin McCarthy was chosen today as Majority Leader in Congress, and now decides what legislation gets to the floor. His district in parts of Bakersfield and the Antelope Valley is heavily Latino. Is that good news for immigration reform?

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

CITY POLITICS

Hilda Solis is now waiting in the wings to take her seat on the LA County Board of Supervisors. She won with little challenge and almost no public debate, and few people know her ideas or priorities. Warren Olney speaks with Solis in advance of her tenure.

Aired Monday, June 23, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

LA has hit a new low: this season fewer TV pilots than ever are shooting in Hollywood. Trying to lure producers back from other states and countries, lawmakers consider extending or increasing the state's \$100 million incentive program.

Aired Tuesday, June 24, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr

DEVELOPMENT

The Los Angeles City Council is moving forward with nearly \$180 million in tax subsidies for two major hotel projects in order to boost construction around downtown's Convention Center and lure developers; also, it could be a permanent tax subsidy.
Aired Wednesday, June 25, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr

CITY POLITICS

Summer in the city means the dreaded journey to Los Angeles International Airport, and citizens hoose between crowded freeways, pricey parking ... or a wallet-busting taxi ride. But today, Metro officials agreed to consider another option: A so-called "people mover" that runs from a new light-rail station to LAX.
Aired Thursday, June 26, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr

IMMIGRATION

Immigrants from Central America are pouring over the U.S.-Mexico border at an unprecedented rate, while Congress is at a standstill on comprehensive immigration reform. Today President Obama said he is taking executive action where he can.
Aired Thursday, June 26, 2014 7 p.m. 1 hr