

Programs & Issues for the second quarter of 2016 Apr-May-Jun

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 p.m. Broadcasts last until midnight unless council adjourns before that time.

1. Affordable housing
2. Labor and negotiations
3. Schools and education
4. Environment and sustainability
5. Energy and natural resources
6. Traffic and transportation
7. Police and public safety
8. Water supplies and beaches
9. Cultural landmarks, arts and history
10. Wastewater and recycling

Santa Monica City Council meetings were broadcast on the following dates:

April 12, 2016
April 26, 2016
May 10, 2016
May 24, 2016
June 28, 2016

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

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To The Point is hosted by Warren Olney and aired Monday - Friday, from 1 - 2 p.m.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
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TRADE AND ECONOMICS

NAFTA, CAFTA and the Trans Pacific Partnership are complex economic agreements. Even economists disagree about who wins, so it's a challenge for voters to know which candidate is right or wrong. Warren Olney's leads a conversation about "free trade."
To The Point Aired Friday, Apr. 1, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

New studies show an Antarctic ice sheet larger than Mexico is likely to melt much sooner than had been predicted. It could mean disaster for coastal civilization. We hear about the potential consequences.
To The Point Aired Monday, Apr. 4, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION

College is now regarded as the "new high-school," with a four-year degree considered necessary for success in America's evolving economy. So why are so many four-year graduates underemployed and ill-equipped for the high-skilled jobs that are available?
To The Point Aired Tuesday, Apr. 5, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

It's that time in the presidential nominating season when Democrats and Republicans are supposed to be unifying behind front runners. After yesterday's party primaries in Wisconsin, they're going in the other direction.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, Apr. 6, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

ECONOMY AND TAXES

From Iceland to Beijing to Moscow, government leaders have tried to shrug off embarrassment from the so-called "Panama Papers." We hear how the United States is deeply involved in a worldwide web of tax havens for hiding trillions of dollars.

To The Point Aired Thursday, Apr. 7, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

NATIONAL POLITICS

Republicans are saying "Big Government" is not working and needs to be "smaller." Democrats say Republicans are using tax cuts to weaken government so they can attack it for being ineffective. We hear about the ideological struggle.

To The Point Aired Friday, Apr. 8, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

During his final months in office, President Obama is pushing hard for new financial regulations. Wall Street and the Republicans are fighting back, while progressives complain the new rules don't go far enough. We look at the possible consequences

To The Point Aired Monday, Apr. 11, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Among its many crimes, the Islamic State is trafficking in ancient artifacts stolen from Palmyra and other ancient places. How big is the international black market? Who should have custody of cultural treasures?

To The Point Aired Tuesday, Apr. 12, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

GLOBAL ECONOMICS

"Brexit" is the term for Britain's exit from the European Union, and the Brits are getting ready to vote on it in June. Terror attacks and refugee crisis have led the International Monetary Fund to warn that Britain's departure would damage the global economy.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, Apr. 13, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders are outraged along with their supporters about Republican and Democratic Party rules for the presidential nominating process, but it was never intended to be an exercise in direct democracy.

To The Point Aired Thursday, Apr. 14, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Guest host Todd Purdum assesses the bitterly contested New York primary race between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, and their latest hot-tempered debate.

To The Point Aired Friday, Apr. 15, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

IMMIGRATION

The Supreme Court heard arguments today that could decide the fate of President Obama's most sweeping executive action on immigration. His program would delay deportations for some four million immigrants.

To The Point Aired Monday, Apr. 18, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

GLOBAL ECONOMICS

Trade agreements may be essential in the global economy, but they're a source of anxiety — even among those who seem to be "winners." The West Coast is one of the unexpected places where they're widespread anxiety.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, Apr. 19, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

NATIONAL POLITICS

Frustration with New York's closed primary and a record number of complaints about voting glitches yesterday raise questions about the health of our election system. Fair voting advocates are predicting even more cases of voters being shut out of the polls.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, Apr. 20, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

Houston is still reeling from floods which killed eight people this week. It's just one in a series of storms recently to hit the Gulf Coast and the South, where some Republican mayors are calling for their party to stop dismissing climate change science.

To The Point Aired Thursday, Apr. 21, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

This week nations from around the world gathered at the United Nations to agree on a new global drug policy. The meeting is the first since 1998. World leaders agree earlier policies failed, and that the way forward includes a softer approach to drug users.

To The Point Aired Friday, Apr. 22, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Five years later, the "Arab Spring" is more often called the "Arab Uprising." Instead of producing new democracies, rebellions have led to renewed repression in some places and chaos in others. But, we hear why it may be too soon to declare "failure."

To The Point Aired Monday, Apr. 25, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

GLOBAL ECONOMICS

President Obama was back in Europe this week, trying to restore his former popularity and shore up a troubled European Union. We hear what he had to say and how he was received. Later on the program, CIA torture victims will get their day in court.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, Apr. 26, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

In the aftermath of yesterday's primaries in five northeastern states, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are both claiming the presidential nominations have been decided. We hear what that means for Democrats and Republicans before the conventions as the primaries continue. Later on the program, who was the "real" Harriet Tubman?

To The Point Aired Wednesday, Apr. 27, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Cheating on tests for diesel engine emissions will cost Volkswagen billions of dollars. It's also helping to boost the development for alternatives to the internal combustion engine and electric cars look like the wave of the future.

To The Point Aired Thursday, Apr. 28, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Radio and TV gave presidents direct access to the American public. Now social media make controlling the message easier than ever. We hear what that means for the White House Press Corps and its role of telling American voters what they need to know.

To The Point Aired Friday, Apr. 29, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

WAR AND TECHNOLOGY

Obama says drones can eliminate specific terrorist targets with a minimum of "collateral damage;" available numbers show conventional airstrikes take out fewer "civilians." We hear what it's like to kill people by operating a computer 8000 miles away.

To The Point Aired Monday, May 2, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

If Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are the nominees of their political parties, gender will be a major issue for the first time in a presidential campaign. We hear how it's starting to play out.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, May 3, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

After yesterday's Republican primary in Indiana, it's all over for the US Senator from Texas, Ted Cruz. It's all but certain that a real estate magnate and reality TV star who's never held political office will be this year's Republican nominee for the White House.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, May 4, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Iraq appears to be reaping the negative consequences of both the Bush Administration's invasion and the Obama Administration's withdrawal. ISIS has exploited differences between Sunnis and Kurds, and the Shia are divided.

To The Point Aired Thursday, May 5, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

METROPOLITAN GROWTH

The 50 states are central to America's political system, but real power now lies in the growing metropolitan regions that cross state boundaries. We hear how cities are getting together to overcome gridlock before unsolved problems reach the crisis stage.

To The Point Aired Friday, May 6, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

NATIONAL POLITICS AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

At a time when political parties are expected to come together, Donald Trump has divided Republicans as never before. We hear about a lack of endorsements, advocacy of a Third Party, and fear of losing the White House, the House and the Senate.

To The Point Aired Monday, May 9, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The US and North Carolina have sued each over the state's new law restricting public bathroom use by transgender people. It's a conflict between civil rights and states' rights with shades of the 1960's.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, May 10, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

IMMIGRATION AND PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS

Two of Donald Trump's most hotly debated proposals are a ban on the entry of any Muslims into the country and the deportation of all undocumented workers. We get some legal surprises and some astonishing estimates of logistical challenges.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, May 11, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

CHILDCARE AND LABOR

The cost of day care is rising so fast that many new parents are quitting their jobs — only to find they can't meet basic expenses. It's a growing crisis with signs of becoming a partisan issue in this year's political campaigns.

To The Point Aired Thursday, May 12, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND GLOBAL ECONOMICS

America's long-time alliance with Saudi Arabia is fraying with a nuclear deal with Iran, Saudi aggression in Yemen and the long-time denial of human rights. Now a brash new Saudi leader is proposing major changes. We hear what the future might hold.

To The Point Aired Friday, May 13, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

WORLD SPORTS AND POLITICS

As Brazil prepares to host this summer's Olympic Games, it's transfixed by a spectacle of a different kind. A divided legislature is ousting the President of a beleaguered country about to host international athletes and the crowds who want to see them.

To The Point Aired Monday, May 16, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

CIVIL RIGHTS, TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

If a city councilman voted against a new sports arena, would he be attacked because he's "a man?" Since five women council members voted that way in Seattle, they've been subjected to online attacks, leading to fear of violence -- because of their gender.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, May 17, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Now that he looks like the nominee, Donald Trump has stopped saying the Republican process is "rigged." But, as Bernie Sanders keeps winning states without closing the delegate gap, that's what his supporters are calling the Democratic process.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, May 18, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE

Despite providing insurance to millions of people, Obamacare is no guarantee of access to healthcare itself. Doctors, hospitals — and now some insurance companies — are dropping out of the program. We hear about what's gone wrong.

To The Point Aired Thursday, May 19, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTH AND WORLD SPORTS

We update the latest developments in the Russian Olympic doping scandal, and the potential impact on this summer's games in Brazil. We hear from experts on anti-doping efforts and Olympic history, and an American athlete who might win a medal.

To The Point Aired Friday, May 20, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

President Obama has arrived in Hanoi and lifted America's long-time embargo on arms sales to Vietnam — this country's one-time enemy in a protracted war. We hear what it has to do with China.

To The Point Aired Monday, May 23, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

The US, NATO and the United Nations are focused on ISIS in Iraq and Syria, while ISIS commits familiar atrocities in Libya. US Special Forces may be sent in, but with three rival governments, there's hardly a formula for easy success.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, May 24, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

The hashtag "Never Trump" has lost its currency among traditional Republicans, and the Third Party alternative is dead in the water. Much faster than anybody predicted, some of Trump's most outspoken GOP critics are supporting the nominee.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, May 25, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Donald Trump clinched the Republican nomination today but, on the Democratic side, Bernie Sanders is not ready to concede to Hillary Clinton. We hear what the Party is doing to make peace and whether it's working.

To The Point Aired Thursday, May 26, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Barack Obama is the first sitting US President to visit Hiroshima. He spoke with emotion as he acknowledged the role America played 70 years ago in dropping nuclear bombs first on Hiroshima and then, three days later, on Nagasaki.

To The Point Aired Friday, May 27, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Five years later, the "Arab Spring" is more often called the "Arab Uprising." Instead of producing new democracies, rebellions have led to renewed repression in some places and chaos in others. Nevertheless, it may be too soon to declare "failure."

To The Point Aired Monday, May 30, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND EDUCATION

The latest battleground in America's culture wars is transgender access to school bathrooms and other facilities. We hear about sex discrimination, civil rights, boycotts and state lawsuits against the federal government.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION, POLICE, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Three shots were fired on the campus of UCLA about three hours ago; two men are dead. Police say there may have been a murder-suicide in the Engineering Building. The campus has been declared safe, but is still on lockdown.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, June 1, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

In Mexico last year, a video showing a young woman being tortured by female military police went viral, forcing a public apology from the government. But torture and killing have become almost routine since the armed forces replaced police against cartels.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, June 1, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Europe's effort to reduce the flow of refugees from Africa and the Middle East is having tragic consequences. The US is accused of not admitting enough people to help ease the burden. Are there better ways of coping with a humanitarian crisis?

To The Point Aired Thursday, June 2, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS

Voters in other states are likely to clinch Hillary Clinton's nomination next Tuesday, even before the ballots are counted in California's Democratic primary. But polls show Bernie Sanders might win in the Golden State, providing momentum for this summer.

To The Point Aired Friday, June 3, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMICS

NAFTA was supported by Ronald Reagan and signed into law by Bill Clinton, but bipartisan support for free trade is an illusion. It's an issue in both presidential campaigns, and it's a powerful wedge between Democrats today in California.

To The Point Aired Monday, June 6, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in Washington this week as US relations with the subcontinent are improving. We hear about the similarities between two democracies, their differences, and what each hopes to get from the other.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, June 7, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Hillary Clinton's had the best week of her presidential campaign so far — clinching the Democratic nomination. Donald Trump is having his worst week — denounced for "racist" remarks by his own Republican Party. We look at the end of primary season.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, June 8, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Donald Trump is a "wedge issue against his own party"-- according to one conservative writer. Some Republicans are walking away from the presumptive nominee, while others say they won't endorse him — but will vote for him. What's the difference?

To The Point Aired Thursday, June 9, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

JUSTICE SYSTEM, PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS

The six-month sentence for a star athlete convicted of sexual assault has created national outrage. In an pen letter, Vice President Biden has told the un-named victim her powerful statement about what she's endured may "save lives" in the future.

To The Point Aired Friday, June 10, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, TERRORISM

49 people are dead, along with the shooter, and at least five are in grave condition, as the White House, the FBI and all Americans try to understand Sunday's early morning events at The Pulse nightclub, a well-known gathering spot for the LGBT community.

To The Point Aired Monday, June 13, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, TERRORISM

President Obama injected himself into this year's campaign for the White House today with an angry attack on Donald Trump. He ranged from this weekend's attack on an Orlando nightclub to success in the campaign against ISIS.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, June 14, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, TERRORISM

The US already has more guns than people, but Sunday's massacre in Orlando has once again raised the issue of regulating the sale and availability of deadly weapons. We hear what's happening on Capitol Hill.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, June 15, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Supporters are cheering Bernie Sanders' determination to carry on until the Democratic convention. Skeptics say his clout has already diminished because he's waited too long. We look at the history and possible future of an unlikely presidential campaign.

To The Point Aired Thursday, June 16, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

MEDICINE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Creating synthetic humans sounds like science fiction, but genetic science has advanced so fast that the possibility is becoming a fact. We talk with the geneticist who's leading the way and hear about ethical and religious objections.

To The Point Aired Friday, June 17, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

NATIONAL POLITICS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Since the death of Antonin Scalia, Congress has left the US Supreme Court with four liberals, four conservatives and the prospect of deadlock on cases of major importance to millions of people. We look at what to expect from decisions expected this week.

To The Point Aired Monday, June 20, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

The Brexit campaign says Britain's established leaders have sold out to a distant bureaucracy and allowed immigration to get out of control. With voters about to decide if it's time to leave the European Union, there's a difference between hearts and minds.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, June 21, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Donald Trump may or may not be America's next president, but there's no doubt his outrageous campaign has struck a chord with millions of Americans. We hear different theories of how Trump Nation came to be and what it means for the future.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, June 22, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND IMMIGRATION

4 to 4 deadlock in the Supreme Court effectively ended President Obama's sweeping immigration plan to prevent the deportation of parents of citizens and residents. And today the court upheld the affirmative action program at the University of Texas, Austin.

To The Point Aired Thursday, June 23, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

Britain's historic vote to leave the European Union has already toppled Prime Minister David Cameron, rattled global markets and sent the pound sterling to its lowest point in 3 decades. And today is just Day One of the Brexit's reverberations.

To The Point Aired Friday, June 24, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

On this last decision day of the term, the US Supreme Court voted a 4-4 tie on a controversial issue, striking down a Texas abortion law. Justice Anthony Kennedy was the swing vote, handing abortion rights activists their biggest win in a generation.

To The Point Aired Monday, June 27, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Rising rents and flat-lined incomes are driving people from their homes at a record rate. But this "eviction epidemic" goes largely unnoticed. We'll talk with the author of a new book about what being kicked out by a landlord does to a family.

To The Point Aired Tuesday, June 28, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Hillary Clinton is leading Donald Trump in the polls and crushing him in fundraising. But the Donald is banking on a 'Brexit Bounce' that capitalizes on voters' globalization fears. We'll examine the general election strategies emerging for both candidates.

To The Point Aired Wednesday, June 29, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.

GLOBAL ECONOMICS

More surprises and turmoil in UK politics today raises the question: will a new Prime Minister and rearranged Parliament move forward with the BREXIT? And in the meantime, how will the EU tamp down revolt and criticism that it is undemocratic?

To The Point Aired Thursday, June 30, 2016 1 p.m. 1 hr.