

Programs & Issues for the first quarter of 2013 Jan-Feb-Mar

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. Recycling services and waste removal
2. Traffic, transportation, street revitalization
3. Water quality, supply and contracts
4. Mobile food services and facilities, regulation
5. Planning and environmental services
6. Housing and homelessness for extremely low income
7. Healthcare including mental health awareness
8. Parks and recreation, festivals and fairs
9. Environment, storm drain system
10. Schools, education and youth services

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

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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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**COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY**

Do newspapers have a future after all? The death of the newspaper industry at the hands of the Internet has long been predicted, but circulation is beginning to rise and investors are beginning to take an interest again.

Aired Tuesday, January 1, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

**CIVIL RIGHTS/PUBLIC SAFETY**

Gun control fears and crackdowns comes to California: the state legislature is not likely to make it easier to buy guns and ammo in California. As predicted at the Ontario gun show, lawmakers are making proposals to make it harder than ever.

Aired Monday, January 7, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

**HEALTHCARE**

Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of California want to raise health insurance rates by 20-26%, despite the promises of the President's Affordable Care Act. Should the insurance commissioner Dave Jones have the power to deny the increases?

Aired Tuesday, January 8, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

**HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS**

In December, four people were murdered in a Northridge home where almost 20 had been living in squalid conditions. The LA City Council is scheduled to vote on a proposal against overcrowded group homes in single-family neighborhoods.

Aired Wednesday, January 9, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **STATE BUDGET**

Governor Brown today predicted that his latest budget will lead to a surplus at the end of the next fiscal year and some Republicans are calling it good news. What would it mean for schools and programs cut during the era of deficits.

Aired Thursday, January 10, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS**

Los Angeles faces a shortage of affordable housing, and not enough is being constructed to meet demand, creating a lack of "workforce housing" which allows people to live close to their jobs. It all adds up to a real threat to economic recovery

Aired Monday, January 14, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **EDUCATION**

Has Governor Brown's new formula for education funding created winners and losers among local school districts? Prop 30, in last year's election, raised state taxes for education. Now Brown wants to change the way money is allocated to local schools.

Aired Tuesday, January 15, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

Gun violence is down in Los Angeles but still takes a heavy toll. Would today's proposals by President Obama help to reduce it more? At Scripps College in Claremont today, responders conducted drills on how to cope with a potential mass shooting.

Aired Wednesday, January 16, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **IMMIGRATION**

In Las Vegas today, President Obama endorsed the principles laid down by a bipartisan group of Senators: tougher border controls, easier verification for employment, speeded-up family reunification and a path to citizenship for 11 million illegal residents.

Aired Tuesday, January 29, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/GANGS**

The City of Compton was long a black enclave, but now it's 65 percent Latino. Recently, a black family was driven from its new home by Latino gang members. That could be part of an ugly pattern happening where populations are changing.

Aired Wednesday, January 30, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

Boy Scouts of America helped end discrimination against blacks and Jews, making it one of America's most beloved organizations. Scouts still ban boys and leaders who are gay, costing it dearly in both membership and sponsoring organizations.

Aired Thursday, January 31, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **CHILD ABUSE**

Retired Cardinal Mahoney was reprimanded and relieved of "public duties" by his successor, Archbishop José Gomez. Gomez called child abuse by priests "evil" and said covering up showed a "terrible failure." Will Mahony's work survive humiliation?

Aired Monday, February 4, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **LABOR**

We hear what Eric Garcetti and Wendy Gruel promised in private meetings of municipal union members, and why labor is more important in Los Angeles than almost any place else in the country.

Aired Tuesday, February 5, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/GANGS**

Organized gangs of deputies within the LA County Sheriff's Department, complete with tattoos and hand signs, have been told by Sheriff Lee Baca that they're going to be fired. Is this a real house-cleaning or only symbolic?

Aired Thursday, February 7, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

From Irvine to San Bernardino, from Las Vegas to San Diego, the multi-agency search for a fired LA police officer continues. We update the search and get the background. Is the LAPD still a racist institution as Dorner claims? How long can this go on?

Aired Monday, February 11, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **POLICE/FIREFIGHTERS**

On March 5 voters in Los Angeles go to the polls to elect a new mayor, and other key officials and be confronted with a ballot initiative called Proposition A. Proponents argue that without it, LA will face cutbacks in police, firefighters, paramedics, and programs.

Aired Wednesday, February 13, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **EDUCATION/LABOR**

What's been called a "game changer" for the LA Unified School Board, NY Mayor Michael Bloomberg is pumping a million dollars into reforms and to dilute the influence of the teachers' union, especially when it comes to teacher evaluations.

Aired Thursday, February 14, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **HEALTHCARE/POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

The latest mass killing has renewed multiple controversies about mobilizing science and medicine to prevent violent crime. We look at the legal and ethical issues, and the prospects for unintended consequences.

Aired Monday, February 18, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **HEALTHCARE/CIVIL RIGHTS**

Another scathing report on LA County's Department of Children and Family Services recounts 15 gruesome deaths and even a case of torture that could have been prevented if basic procedures were followed heeding repeated warnings of abuse.

Aired Wednesday, February 20, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **NATIONAL BUDGET CRISIS**

On Friday, if Congress and the President don't find an alternative, more than \$850 billion in federal budget cuts will go into effect. For California and Los Angeles, it means thousands of jobs on the chopping block, from the pre-school to medical research.

Aired Tuesday, February 26, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **EDUCATION**

The LA Unified School Board election has become Ground Zero for education reformers including New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. The teachers' union is fighting back, but can't match the \$3.2 mil being spent to ensure Deasy stays superintendent.

Aired Wednesday, February 27, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **LOCAL ELECTIONS**

The latest election is essentially over except for the voting, with a low turnout expected tomorrow. Then it's on to the May runoffs for Mayor and probably for City Attorney, City Controller and some of the City Council races as well.

Aired Monday, March 4, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **LOCAL ELECTIONS**

It's Garcetti and Greuel in the runoff for Mayor of Los Angeles, both opponents of the sales tax increase that went down to defeat. If that means more cuts in services, how will that impact their runoff election in May? What about organized labor?

Aired Tuesday, March 5, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Yesterday, Paul Tanaka suddenly resigned as LA Sheriff Lee Baca's top assistant. Tanaka has been under pressure since a commission came close to recommending that he be fired. Tuesday he was elected to a third term.

Aired Thursday, March 7, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **TERRORISM**

Suleiman abu Ghaith will be the highest figure in al Qaeda to stand trial in the US. What can he tell American intelligence agencies? Reportedly he lived in Iran for ten years.

Does he know anything at all any more about possible terrorist plots against the US?

Aired Monday, March 11, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **CULTURAL ARTS**

LA's world-class Museum of Contemporary Art is still in financial trouble, and LA County's Museum of Art has offered a \$100 million merger. Such a deal would be a bargain for LACMA, but could MOCA maintain its independence?

Aired Tuesday, March 12, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **STATE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

California's court system is the largest in the nation and one of the most underfunded.

After \$1 billion in budget cuts over five years, the downsizing is beginning to cause real pain. Is it just about money, or are judicial administrators also to blame?

Aired Tuesday, March 13, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION**

Jobs, traffic and air pollution are part of an 8-year battle over a proposed railroad yard to serve the Port of Los Angeles. The neighboring City and Port of Long Beach are against it, but LA's Harbor Commission has just approved it unanimously.

Aired Monday, March 18, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **WAR IN IRAQ**

Ten years ago today, bombs started falling on Baghdad and American troops crossed the border from Kuwait to Iraq. Marines from Southern California were there on the first day and were crucial to the war effort and even the capture of Saddam Hussein.

Aired Tuesday, March 19, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **HEALTHCARE/POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

LA County Supervisors want the state to expand what's called "Laura's Law," designed to head off trouble by forcibly medicating people who might commit violent crimes. Are the mentally ill more violent than anyone else? Does Laura's Law make things better?

Aired Wednesday, March 20, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

California voters banned same-sex marriage 5 years ago, but federal courts declared it unconstitutional. Tomorrow, the US Supreme Court will hear arguments for and against Proposition 8. What are the court's options?

Aired Monday, March 25, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

After today's arguments about Proposition 8, there's a cautious consensus that the Court might make a very narrow decision. It might even decide not to decide on same-sex marriage. What would that mean in California?

Aired Tuesday, March 26, 2013 7:00pm 1 hr.