

Programs & Issues for the second quarter of 2017 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. Labor and employment
2. Housing and affordable housing
3. Schools and education
4. Environment and energy
5. Transportation and traffic
6. Development
7. Parks, recreation, beaches
8. Police and public safety
9. Waste and water management
10. Airport

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

April 18, 2017
April 25, 2017
May 9, 2017
May 23, 2017
June 5, 2017
June 13, 2017
June 27, 2017

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.

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

President Trump welcomed Egypt's President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi to the White House today. We hear about that and the escalation of warfare as well as civilian casualties. To The Point aired Monday, Apr. 3, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Venezuela may have the world's largest oil reserves, but it's a nation in trouble, economically and politically. Is a populist promise to rescue democracy turning out to be a prelude to dictatorship? To The Point aired Tuesday, Apr. 4, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

We get a preview of the potential benefits and risks of this week's summit meeting of the Presidents of the US and China. To The Point aired Wednesday, Apr. 5, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

SUPREME COURT

Senate Democrats today blocked Judge Neil Gorsuch's appointment to the US Supreme Court, as the Republican majority has changed the rules to force a likely confirmation as soon as tomorrow.

To The Point aired Thursday, Apr. 6, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

President Trump's missile strike against Syria last night has changed his relations with Congress and the rest of the world.

To The Point aired Friday, Apr. 7, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Since President Trump's surprise retaliation against Syria's use of chemical weapons, Bashar al-Assad has used the same airport to launch conventional attacks on his own people.

To The Point aired Monday, Apr. 10, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

The President who promised an end to entanglements in the Middle East and snuggled up to Vladimir Putin has now outraged Russia with surprise missile attacks on Syria. That's raised questions about who's running the White House. We hear a variety of answers.

To The Point aired Tuesday, Apr. 11, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The pendulum swings between treatment-focused approaches to drug abuse and tough law enforcement. Now, Attorney General, Jeff Sessions wants local police freed from federal restrictions to fight another "war on drugs."

To The Point aired Wednesday, Apr. 12, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In less than 100 days, President Trump has contradicted himself on a host of foreign policy issues — Syria, NATO, China and Vladimir Putin's Russia. Is it a strength — or a weakness — for the United States when the world of power politics never knows what to expect?

To The Point aired Thursday, Apr. 13, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION

Recent video of a passenger forcibly removed from a United Airlines plane is a worst-case example of what's happened since consolidation into just four US-based carriers. Management seems to be tone-deaf to a decline in service.

To The Point aired Friday, Apr. 14, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

North Korea did not conduct a nuclear test this weekend, but it did show apparent progress in developing a missile that that could strike the United States. The Trump Administration says it has lost its "strategic patience."

To The Point aired Monday, Apr. 17, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

JOURNALISM AND POLITICS

"Fake News" may have a long history, but social media and 21st Century politics have brought it front and center. One reason for its appeal and its power is the tendency of so many people to cling to their beliefs—even when confronted with contradictory evidence.

To The Point aired Tuesday, Apr. 18, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION AND JOURNALISM

Donald Trump is using misinformation like no President has before him. It's an unprecedented challenge to the news media, and a potential threat to democracy.

To The Point aired Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

President Trump's refusal to reveal his income tax returns is just one example of a lack of transparency that could be hiding conflicts of interest. Other conflicts are already obvious from his appointments. And he's being sued for using his job to increase his profits.

To The Point aired Thursday, Apr. 20, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

Protesters are gathering all over the country for tomorrow's Earth Day March for Science. Since President Trump has proposed massive cuts in basic scientific research, will the movement be perceived as partisan politics, whether scientists themselves like it or not?

To The Point aired Friday, Apr. 21, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

LABOR

Janesville, Wisconsin is the hometown of Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan. But he couldn't prevent the closing of the General Motors factory after 100 years. We hear what's happened to what once was a model of American middle-class unity.

To The Point aired Monday, Apr. 24, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

It now appears the Trump presidency will survive its first 100 days without a government shutdown. We hear what's in store between now and Saturday.

To The Point aired Tuesday, Apr. 25, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

LABOR

US companies are allowed to hire employees from other countries with highly developed skills that can't be found here. President Trump says it's being abused as a way to find cheap foreign labor.

To The Point aired Wednesday, Apr. 26, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

For 25 years, the US has viewed North Korea's nuclear program with increasing alarm. Now President Trump says this country has lost its "strategic patience." We hear what he's actually doing and what might come next.

To The Point aired Thursday, Apr. 27, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

President Trump's first 100 days have featured a flood of high-profile executive orders. Which ones do what he says they do and which ones don't? How are Trump voters feeling now?

To The Point aired Friday, Apr. 28, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

EDUCATION AND FREE SPEECH

Many conservatives claim that American colleges and universities are bastions of liberal orthodoxy, shielding students from alternative ways of thinking. What better place for a protest than UC Berkeley? What better agent of controversy than Ann Coulter?

To The Point aired Monday, May 1, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

President Trump says there's "no reason there can't be peace" between Israel and the Palestinians, but the first step will have to be unity between the West Bank and Gaza.

To The Point aired Tuesday, May 2, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT AND JOURNALISM

The New York Times is embroiled in a public furor over a new columnist, who wrote that scientific uncertainty is reason for debate about climate change. Many conservatives are delighted. Is America's leading liberal newspaper fostering climate denial?

To The Point aired Wednesday, May 3, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

American support for human rights has often been criticized as more about words than it is about action. President Trump is creating more skeptics than ever. What are the consequences for America's role in the world?

To The Point aired Thursday, May 4, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE

Both parties are celebrating yesterday's House bill to repeal and replace Obamacare. House Republicans are cheering because they were able to pass it. Democrats are happy because they think it's so bad. We'll look at the details and the politics.

To The Point aired Friday, May 5, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ENVIRONMENT

Emmanuel Macron won yesterday's election over Marine Le Pen, but nationalist populism is alive and well—in France and elsewhere in the European Union. Also, the Trump Administration dismisses scientists from EPA review board.

To The Point aired Monday, May 8, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Intelligence officials have long since concluded that Russia interfered in last year's US election. After yesterday's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, what more do we know about the threat to future elections and how it's being handled by the Trump Administration?

To The Point aired Tuesday, May 9, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Vice President Mike Pence took the Administration's lead today in explaining why the President fired the Head of the FBI. Trump's action is being compared to the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre" that led to President Richard Nixon's resignation in 1973.

To The Point aired Wednesday, May 10, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

CIVIL RIGHTS, POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The rate of police killings of unarmed people is on the rise, but Black Lives Matter is changing tactics. A transition from street protest to civic action has been spurred by the politics of Donald Trump—and there's special attention this week to Mother's Day.

To The Point aired Thursday, May 11, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

ENVIRONMENT

The Paris Agreements won't be enough to reverse global warming, whether President Trump pulls the US out or not. Is it time to try altering the atmosphere by what's called "geoengineering?"

To The Point aired Friday, May 12, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Conservatives—and some Republicans—are criticizing the President for "the mess he made" in firing FBI Director James Comey. We'll hear about a potential successor, the possibility of "obstruction of justice" and the constitutional separation of powers.

To The Point aired Monday, May 15, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, PUBLIC SAFETY

On the eve of departure for his first trip overseas, President Trump is embroiled in another controversy. It's about reports that he shared highly classified information with two high-ranking Russians.

To The Point aired Tuesday, May 16, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

President Trump delivered today's commencement speech to the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut, referring to reports that he leaked intelligence to the Russians and tried to shut down an FBI investigation into his associates.

To The Point aired Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

Breitbart news claims that the GOP "establishment" has its knives out for President Trump, but Republicans in Congress are mostly supportive, at least in public. We look at whether that's likely to last.

To The Point aired Thursday, May 18, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

President Obama tried to clamp down on leakers, but the Trump Administration is besieged almost as never before. Are the "anonymous sources" partisans or worried professionals? Are they endangering the Republic or performing a public service?

To The Point aired Friday, May 19, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In the Middle East, President Trump is changing some policies of the Obama Administration—and reversing his own campaign attacks on Islam as a religion that "hates us." We hear about his visit to Saudi Arabia and what's at stake for the rest of his foreign excursion.

To The Point aired Monday, May 22, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

On his first foreign tour, President Trump has promised "peace" between Israel and the Palestinians. Are there any details for re-starting talks that have been stalled for the past three years?

To The Point aired Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET

President Trump's first budget request is considered dead on arrival in Congress—a familiar development in Capitol Hill. We'll hear what it reveals about the priorities of the new administration.

To The Point aired Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

At the opening of NATO's dramatic new headquarters in Brussels today, President Trump acknowledged that Article 5 — promising that "an attack on one nation is an attack on all" -- has only been invoked one time: in the aftermath of September 11. But the President failed to provide a re-commitment by America's new leader to Article 5.

To The Point aired Thursday, May 25, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE

While Democrats and Republicans argue White House relations with Russia, another question is being decided behind closed doors: who gets help buying health insurance and who doesn't? We hear how the pros and cons are being shrouded in secrecy.

To The Point aired Friday, May 26, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

The Trump White House is divided over the Pentagon's request for more troops in Afghanistan — where the US has been fighting for the past 16 years. Is there a formula -- either for "victory" or a political settlement? Is there an end in sight for America's longest war?

To The Point aired Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENT

President Trump is reportedly ready to pull the US out of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. We look at the possible consequences.

To The Point aired Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

Is President Trump taking his "America First" agenda to extremes, withdrawing the country from the international stage on trade and climate change, distancing America from its traditional allies across the Atlantic and even threatening to physically isolate the country through the building of a wall along its southern border?

To The Point aired Thursday, June 1, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Venezuela, a country whose potential for prosperity is unmatched, finds itself on the verge of civil war. What sustains the repressive government?

To The Point aired Friday, June 2, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL TERROR ATTACKS

Deadly terror attacks have rocked Britain just days before Prime Minister Theresa May and her party face the voters. President Trump's tweets and US reporting have riled British public opinion.

To The Point aired Monday, June 5, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Should the US withdraw from the United Nations' Council on Human Rights? That's a question being raised today by UN Ambassador Nikki Haley. We hear about the consequences for America's world leadership and Ambassador Haley's career.

To The Point aired Tuesday, June 6, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

President Trump is acting and talking as if there's progress on his agenda in Washington. We look at the appearance and the reality.

To The Point aired Wednesday, June 7, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

In more than two hours of testimony before a Senate committee today, former FBI Director James Comey came close to calling the President who fired him a liar. The White House denied the claim and called it insulting, but Republican Senators did not challenge Comey's truthfulness.

To The Point aired Thursday, June 8, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Some of the lawyers who took on Big Tobacco are now going after Big Pharma. It's all about the deadly epidemic of opioid use. Are the drug companies to blame? What about the users?

To The Point aired Friday, June 9, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE

As the Senate deliberates replacing Obamacare, health coverage for millions of people is at stake. There've been no public hearings, and a draft measure won't be made public. Is the House version so unpopular that that Senate is hiding a version that looks much the same?

To The Point aired Monday, June 12, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

There's much being made about the Trump administration's possible ties with Russia. But the bottom line is Russia's effort to influence American democracy. Do the President and his aides care enough to take action before voters go back to the polls?

To The Point aired Tuesday, June 13, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

U.S. POLITICS

In Virginia's Democratic primary for Governor yesterday, a candidate of the Liberal Wing was soundly defeated by a Party Regular. We'll look at the potential consequences as voices for change challenge the status quo.

To The Point aired Wednesday, June 14, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A Congressman is gunned down during baseball practice along with three other people—just one of more than 150 mass shootings this year. Will bullets striking so close to home change anything on Capitol Hill?

To The Point aired Thursday, June 15, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The tiny nation of Qatar is the latest focus of conflict and confusion in the Middle East. President Trump has joined its Arab neighbors, who call it a funder of terror. But the US is still selling the oil-rich country \$12 billion worth of jet fighters.

To The Point aired Friday, June 16, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

U.S. POLITICS AND TAXES

Kansas was the "canary in the coal mine" for an experiment in supply-side economics, but critics say "the canary is now on life support." Even with taxes on the increase again in Kansas, will the experiment be repeated?

To The Point aired Monday, June 19, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

What a difference a year makes. That's how long it's been since Britain narrowly voted to leave the European Union and go back on its own. But, on both sides of the English Channel, political realities have dramatically changed.

To The Point aired Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

U.S. POLITICS

Since their candidate lost a congressional race in Georgia last night, Democratic Party regulars are licking their wounds. But around the country, some party activists aren't just disappointed, they're planning to start something new.

To The Point aired Wednesday, June 21, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PUBLIC SAFETY, PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS

Recent strikes against Iranian-backed troops and the downing of a Syrian fighter-plane have Russia accusing the US of "complicity in terrorism." We'll update divisions in the Trump Administration over what to do.

To The Point aired Thursday, June 22, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE

All 48 Democrats are sure to vote "No" on the Senate's version of Health Care Reform. Both moderates and conservatives see devils in the details, so not all 52 Republicans are prepared to vote "Yes." We find out what it's likely to mean if they do.

To The Point aired Friday, June 23, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Robert Mueller was named Special Counsel to investigate intelligence-agency findings that Russia tried to help Donald Trump get elected. Now, the President has conceded it happened, and it appears that Special Counsel Robert Mueller is focused on money laundering and organized crime.

To The Point aired Monday, June 26, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

HEALTHCARE

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has a new argument for Republicans who aren't ready to support his version of healthcare reform. If it's not passed after the July 4 recess... they might have to work with the Democrats. We hear more about the effort.

To The Point aired Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

With all nine members now in place for the next term, the US Supreme Court is expected to decide cases that could impact the lives of many Americans. We hear what to expect from the newest Justice, Neil Gorsuch, who's already taken some very conservative stands.
To The Point aired Wednesday, June 28, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

LABOR

It's Amazon's world now. What began 23 years ago as an online bookstore become an absolute gamechanger. Retail stores and workers now face a long list of challenges. The future of retail might predict the future of America's workforce as well.
To The Point aired Thursday, June 29, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND TRANSPORTATION

The Trump Administration's travel ban is back in effect. Guest host **León Krauze** explores what's behind this modified version. What will be its future in the courts? And how will it affect America's influence in the world?
To The Point aired Friday, June 30, 2017 1 p.m. 1 hr.