

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Villalobos, David
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 10:49 AM
To: Chris Page
Cc: de la Guerra, Sheila
Subject: Display Ad for 7/1/23 - Wildfire Amendments to Seismic Safety and Safety Elements
Attachments: NPCvr.pdf; SEU Wildfire Policies 07-11-23 sbnp.pdf

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**TO: SANTA BARBARA NEWSPRESS
ATTN: CHRIS PAGE
DISPLAY ADVERTISING**

FAX: 564-5139

**FROM: HEARING SUPPORT STAFF
DAVID VILLALOBOS
(805) 568-2058**

DATE: JUNE 28, 2023

**SUBJECT: WILDFIRE AMENDMENTS TO THE SEISMIC
SAFETY AND SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

NUMBER OF PAGES: 2 (including cover sheet)

**CONFIRMATION: PLEASE CALL DAVID VILLALOBOS AT 568-2058 AS
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Please publish the attached camera ready public hearing notice as a 2 column 4 1/4" x 6.75" ad on **SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023** in the main or local section of the newspaper.

One copy of an affidavit of publication should be forwarded to Planning and Development, Attention: David Villalobos, in sufficient time to reach us before the date of **JULY 11, 2023**.

To expedite payment for this office, please mail a copy of the invoice along with one copy of proof of publication (tearsheet) directly to Planning and Development, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, [Attention: Accounting]. The invoice should include the case name, case number and Department Number 4390. Thank you!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Wildfire Amendments to the Seismic Safety and Safety
Element of the Comprehensive Plan**

**July 11, 2023
Hearing begins at 9:00 A.M.**

**County Administration Building
Board Hearing Room, 4th Floor
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara**

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Attachments: _SMTCvr.doc; SEU Wildfire Policies 07-11-23 smt.pdf

Importance: High

Sorry, I meant to copy you on this one.

From: Villalobos, David
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 10:41 AM
To: Claudia Delgado <cdelgado@syvnews.com>
Subject: Display Ad for 7/1 - Wildfire Amendments to the Seismic Safety and Safety Element
Importance: High

Good Morning Claudia,

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Thank you in advance,



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TO: SANTA MARIA TIMES
(FAX: 736-5654)
ATTN: CLAUDIA DELGADO
DISPLAY ADVERTISING

FROM: HEARING SUPPORT STAFF
DAVID VILLALOBOS
(805) 568-2058

DATE: July 24, 2023

SUBJECT: WILDFIRE AMENDMENTS TO THE SEISMIC
SAFETY AND SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE
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To: Villalobos, David
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Attachments: POP_Wildfire Amendments 7.1.pdf; SBNP20230701-A004.pdf

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Chris

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In the Superior Court of California

In and for the County of Santa Barbara

In the Matter of:

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PROOF OF PUBLICATION
(2015.5 C.C.P)

WILDFIRE AMENDMENTS TO THE SEISMIC SAFETY
AND SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSION PLAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA}

ss}.

County of Santa Barbara}

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Santa Barbara News-Press, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily in the City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, under date of June 9, 1952, 10838 Case Number 47171; that the notice herein mentioned was set in type not smaller than nonpareil and was preceded by words printed in black-face type not smaller than nonpareil, describing in general terms the purport and character of the notice intended to be given; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular issue of said Santa Barbara News-Press on the following dates, to-wit: Saturday, July 1st, 2023.

all in the year 2023 I hereby certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 5th day of July, 2023, Santa Barbara, California


Chris Page

Feds: National debt will be nearly twice as large as U.S. economy in 30 years

By CASEY HARPER
THE CENTER SQUARE

(The Center Square)—The national debt will be nearly twice as large as the U.S. economy in 30 years, the U.S. Congressional Budget Office projects.

That figure assumes no new major spending projects from Congress in that time, which is unlikely, meaning that debt levels could actually rise much more quickly. Conversely, Congress could slow that trend by cutting spending.

"By the end of 2023, federal debt held by the public equals 98 percent of GDP," the report said.

"Debt then rises in relation to GDP, it surpasses its historical high in 2028, when it reaches 107 percent of GDP, and climbs to 181 percent of GDP by 2053."

CBO found that deficits are poised to soar as well.

"In CBO's projections, the deficit equals 5.8 percent of gross

domestic product (GDP) in 2023, declines to 5.0 percent by 2027, and then grows in every year, reaching 10.0 percent of GDP in 2053," the report said. "Over the past century, that level has been exceeded only during World War II and the coronavirus pandemic."

Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, responded to the CBO projections, saying "there is still a tremendous amount of work needed to put our fiscal situation on sound footing."

Ms. MacGuineas said the fast growth of Medicare, Social Security and interest on the debt are particularly problematic.

As The Center Square previously reported, the interest payments on the national debt are projected to exceed the cost of U.S. spending on national defense within a decade.

"Though the Fiscal Responsibility Act was an important step forward, it can



The U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

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only be the start of our efforts to get the debt under control," Ms. MacGuineas said. "The FRA didn't address health care, Social Security, or tax revenue. There is no way to put our debt on a sustainable course without looking at these three parts of the budget."

Policymakers need to stop demagoguing Social Security and Medicare and start leveling with the American people about the

serious challenges these programs face.

Ms. MacGuineas said that within a decade, the trust funds for Medicare, Social Security and highway "will face insolvency."

"If allowed to occur for Social Security, that will mean a 26 percent across-the-board benefit cut for all seniors, regardless of how much they depend on the program," she said.

The CBO report said the higher

debt levels will have serious economic consequences.

"Such high and rising debt would slow economic growth, push up interest payments to foreign holders of U.S. debt, and pose significant risks to the fiscal and economic outlook; it could also cause lawmakers to feel more constrained in their policy choices," the report said.

CBO said it will also lead to higher inflation and "erode

confidence in the U.S. dollar as the dominant international reserve currency."

"There would be an elevated risk of a fiscal crisis—that is, a situation in which investors lose confidence in the U.S. government's ability to service and repay its debt, causing interest rates to increase abruptly, inflation to spiral upward, or other disruptions to occur," the report said.

Supreme Court sides with Colorado-based Christian website designer in First Amendment case

By JOE MUELLER
THE CENTER SQUARE

(The Center Square)—The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday ruled that the state of Colorado cannot force a graphic designer to make websites with messages that go against her religious beliefs, citing the First Amendment.

In 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis, Lorie Smith, a Christian graphic designer based in Colorado, asked for an exemption to the state's public-accommodation law that bars discriminatory sales. Ms. Smith wishes to create wedding

websites only for straight couples, arguing the law compels her speech against her traditional religious beliefs on marriage in violation of the First Amendment.

"The First Amendment envisions the United States as a rich and complex place where all persons are free to think and speak as they wish, not as the government demands. Because Colorado seeks to deny that promise, the judgment [of the lower court] is Reversed," said Justice Neil Gorsuch, who wrote the majority opinion in the 6-3 case.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, writing for the minority, stated the ruling exempts a business from following state law.

"Today, the Court, for the first time in its history, grants a business open to the public a constitutional right to refuse to serve members of a protected class," Justice Sotomayor wrote.

"Specifically, the Court holds that the First Amendment exempts a website design company from a state law that prohibits the company from denying wedding websites to same-sex couples if the company chooses to sell those websites to the public. The Court also holds that the company has a right to post a notice that says, 'no wedding websites' will be sold if they will be used for gay marriages."

Justice Gorsuch's opinion for the majority showed chiasm between the justices.

"It is difficult to read the dissent and conclude we are looking at the same case," Justice Gorsuch wrote. "... But none of this answers the question we face today: Can a State force someone who provides her own expressive services to abandon her conscience and speak its preferred message instead?"

The Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative legal advocacy group representing Ms. Smith, said the ruling reaffirmed the government can't force Americans to say things they don't believe in.

"Disagreement isn't

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discrimination, and the government can't mislabel speech as discrimination to censor it," ADF President and CEO Kristen Waggoner said in a statement.

"Lorie works with everyone, including clients who identify as LGBT. As the court highlighted, her decisions to create speech always turn on what message is requested, never on who requests it."

The ADF also represented Colorado cake designer Jack Phillips, in a similar case that made its way to the Supreme Court that was narrowly ruled.

The Supreme Court agreed to take up the case in February 2022 and heard arguments last December.

Elected officials and advocacy groups from across the country responded to the court's ruling.

"Sadly, the U.S. Supreme Court decided in favor of discrimination and against student loan relief today,"

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis, who is the first gay man elected as a governor, said in a statement.

"These misguided rulings come one day after the Supreme Court overturned decades of precedent and potentially stifled future educational opportunities. We are committed to building a Colorado for all where the powerful few do not control the freedoms of all Coloradans."

Gov. Polis's office added that the state's anti-discrimination law "continues to be constitutional and this ruling does not change that."

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser argued the decision "ignores the vital importance of public marketplace and encourage all kinds of businesses—not just those serving weddings—to claim a First Amendment free speech right to refuse service to certain customers."

Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey, who's lesbian, called the

decision "deeply disappointing and yet another example of the Supreme Court's callous disregard for the wellbeing of the very communities that need protecting. The courts have long recognized that laws safeguarding customers from discrimination don't infringe on the right to free speech."

The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, a free speech legal advocacy group, lauded the court's decision as "a resounding victory for freedom of expression and freedom of conscience."

"To cast the decision as a 'loss' for LGBTQ rights is a mistake that both misreads the facts and ignores the vital importance of freedom of conscience for all Americans," FIRE added. "As the Court makes clear, nothing in today's decision allows businesses like restaurants or movie theaters to refuse service to customers on the basis of protected class status."

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Feds: Natural gas production in Permian Basin region reaches new record

By BETHANY BLANKLEY
THE CENTER SQUARE CONTRIBUTOR

(The Center Square)—Gross natural gas withdrawals from the Permian Basin in west Texas and southeastern New Mexico set an annual record high last year, reaching 21 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d), according to a new report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Annual gross natural gas production in the Permian region has steadily increased over the past decade with growth last year increasing 14% above the 2021 average.

The Permian Basin is the second-largest natural gas-producing basin in the U.S., after the Appalachia Basin in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. However, Texas produces more natural gas than any other state in the U.S., accounting for 24% of total U.S. natural gas production, according to EIA data.

If Texas were its own country, it would be the world's third largest producer of natural gas and fourth largest producer of oil. In the first half of 2022, the U.S. became the world's largest liquid natural gas exporter, led by Texas, according to EIA data.

As Texas leads the U.S. in energy production, natural gas companies in the Permian Basin produce some of the cleanest natural gas in the world, according to data from the World Bank, EIA, Environmental Protection Agency and Rystad Energy.

The greater Permian Basin, which includes the Midland, Delaware and Marfa basins, covers more than 86,000 square miles—roughly 10 times the size of New Jersey. Roughly 250 miles wide and 300 miles long, it has more than 7,000 fields.

In the Appalachia Basin, "well-drilling

activity is focused on natural gas, making production less directly responsive to crude oil prices," the EIA explains. By contrast, in the Permian, natural gas comes from oil wells, referred to as associated-dissolved natural gas, which "occurs in crude oil reservoirs either as free gas (associated) or as gas in solution with crude oil (dissolved gas)."

Crude oil prices declined in 2020 resulting from several factors due to coronavirus-related lockdowns. The price per barrel and rig count dropped to record low levels but by 2022, rig counts were up to 335 in the Permian. As rig count grew, natural gas production increased.

Production will further increase with expanded pipeline infrastructure already being built in Texas. Another 4.2 Bcf/d of new pipeline capacity is planned to come online by the end of next year to bring more product to liquefied natural gas terminals on the U.S. Gulf Coast through four projects in Texas, including the Whistler Pipeline Capacity Expansion, Permian Highway Pipeline, Gulf Coast Express Pipeline and Matterhorn Express Pipeline.

"Natural gas developed by responsible Texas operators is clean, abundant and safe," Ed Longenecker, president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPORO), told The Center Square.

"Further investment in energy infrastructure and regulatory certainty via comprehensive permitting reform are essential to support

of continued growth in domestic production and energy security for our country and allies abroad."

Mr. Longenecker also said Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas legislature prioritized legislation designed to increase dispatchable

energy sources during the regular legislative session this year. Unlike the federal government, the Texas governor and legislature advanced new laws to help, not stifle, expanding natural gas production for power generation, expanding transmission to energy-producing areas, and providing economic development incentives to expand and invest in energy projects in Texas.

According to the EIA's latest Drilling Productivity Report, 2023 "is shaping up to be a record-breaking [production] year as well," Mr. Longenecker said.

"As a leading energy provider, Texas has also promoted further investments in infrastructure and related projects that support natural gas development," he said, which will "allow Texas to deliver on what they've always done: Being a global leader in natural gas production, driving further economic prosperity across Texas and energy security across the nation."

The Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the industry, also praised the governor and legislature for prioritizing funding to enhance its permitting, compliance and enforcement efforts. The commission's new \$481 million budget over the next two fiscal years will enable it to hire up to 50 new pipeline safety professionals to enhance inspections of thousands of more miles of pipelines in Texas.

"The energy industry is vital to Texas' economic prosperity and the commission's funding allows the RRC to continue its work in permitting, compliance and enforcement," it said. "The RRC consistently meets or exceeds important annual performance goals set by the Legislature that is tied to the agency's funding."