

**Programs & Issues for the first quarter of 2022 January, February, March**

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. Environment and energy
2. Public health and safety
3. Transportation and infrastructure
4. Housing and affordable housing
5. Youth, schools and education

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**Public health and safety**

The FDA authorized the sale and marketing of an electronic cigarette and also green lit three of its tobacco-flavored vape cartridges, saying the benefits for people looking to ditch regular cigarettes outweighs the risks of kids' vaping.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 (09:00)

**Education and labor**

Schools nationwide are in disarray again as the U.S. reports more than 1 million new Covid-19 infections on Monday. Many districts have delayed restarting after the holiday, but some Southern California schools are still open.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 (13:00)

**Public health and safety, transportation**

Thousands of flights worldwide were canceled this past weekend due to the Omicron variant and winter weather. Americans abroad needed to show a negative Covid test before they could head back home. And already short-staffed airlines dealt with workers testing positive.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 (08:00)

**Public health and safety**

The Supreme Court will rule on a pair of laws in Texas and Mississippi that severely curtail abortion. If upheld, dozens of Republican-led states are expected to pass similar laws, ending legal abortion in much of the country and affecting women seeking abortions.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 (08:00)

### **Transportation and supply chain**

Amid supply chain problems, truck drivers are making painfully long hauls on the road to deliver products. Some live full-time and cook in their big rigs.

Greater LA – Aired Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022

### **Environment and energy**

California has committed to generating all its power carbon-free by 2045. Right now, some 15 percent of the state's carbon-free power comes from Diablo Canyon near San Luis Obispo, which is scheduled to shut down by 2025. Some people are now advocating for it to stay open.

Greater LA – Aired Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 (13:00)

### **Public health and safety**

Artificial intelligence can predict breast cancer years before it shows up on a mammogram according to a ground-breaking new study from MIT.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 (11:00)

### **Public safety and transportation**

Today, both AT&T and Verizon flipped the technological switch to bring 5G service to millions of cellphones in select American cities. But if you live within two miles of an airport, like LAX, you're stuck with 4G because of concerns it could disrupt airplane safety equipment.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 (09:00)

### **Public health and safety**

Menopause affects 50 million women in the U.S., especially difficult when they're at the prime of their professions and personal relationships. What to do about the massive estrogen withdrawal which transforms women's bodies starting around age 51 on average.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 (14:00)

### **Public health and safety**

The United States is facing a dire blood shortage after two years of the pandemic and low blood donation numbers. In LA, the shortage has prompted trauma center closures and the Red Cross' stat that the number of donors has dropped by 10 percent since the pandemic began.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 (14:00)

### **Police and public safety**

Governor Gavin Newsom announced a plan to shut down the notorious death row at San Quentin State Prison, moving the prison's most condemned inmates to other maximum security prisons over the next two years, in an effort to create a "positive and healing environment."

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 (09:00)

### **Environment and energy**

Rooftop solar panels could get more expensive under a plan being weighed by the California Public Utilities Commission. That plan would overhaul a program that tries to incentivize people to install solar panels on their homes.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 (09:00)

### **Public health and safety**

The gas stove in your home might be a major source of pollution. Nearly 40 million homes in the United States have gas stoves, and they together emit 500,000 cars' worth of methane per year, according to a new study from the Environmental Science and Technology journal.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 (16:00)

### **Police and public safety**

The militia-backed recall election in Shasta County appears to have succeeded. Republican Board Supervisor and former police chief Leonard Moty conceded. Extremism experts say this race could give other far-right groups a template for taking over local governments.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 (11:00)

### **Public health and safety**

California's indoor mask mandate is expiring on February 15 for vaccinated residents. California is averaging nearly 30,000 new COVID cases a day — a 70% decrease compared to two weeks ago. Covid deaths are going up and the move is premature, says Dr. Abraar Karan.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 (09:00)

### **Public health and safety, supply chain**

Protests over vaccine mandates and Covid restrictions have spread to a key automotive industry artery that connects Canada and the U.S. For weeks, Canada's capital city of Ottawa has been crippled by protests from truck drivers and their supporters who oppose restrictions.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 (09:00)

### **Public health and safety**

CDC director Rochelle Walensky is urging Americans to keep wearing their masks, as the U.S. continues to average more than 230,000 new COVID cases and 2,000 deaths daily. The advice comes as officials in multiple Democratic states announced they are loosening mask requirements in the coming days, and a sub-variant of Omicron begins to emerge.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 (08:00)

### **Public health and safety**

American Olympic skier Mikaela Shiffrin skidded out in the women's slalom event at the Beijing Winter Olympics on Tuesday, telling NBC that the race made her second guess the last 15 years and citing concerns about her mental health.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 (11:00)

### **Housing and affordable housing**

Two out of three voters say Governor Gavin Newsom is doing a poor job on homelessness. Another poll shows that 94 percent of voters see homelessness as a serious or very serious problem. They want local officials to get people off the streets and get them the help they need.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 (11:00)

### **Housing and affordable housing, education**

UC Berkeley is being accused of exacerbating homelessness in its community. Save Berkeley's Neighborhood is suing the university, saying it's not providing enough housing for students and it's causing a ripple effect, creating cramped houses, higher prices, and forcing residents out.

Governor Gavin Newsom

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 (07:00)

### **Education, public health and safety**

San Francisco residents overwhelmingly voted on Tuesday to recall three school board members, including its president. The special election was driven by parents frustrated with the board's priorities during the pandemic.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 (7:00)

### **Public health and safety**

LA County says starting February 25, it will drop indoor mask rules at bars, gyms, and offices for fully vaccinated people. What will this change mean for Americans with compromised immune systems? The U.S. is still reporting more than 100,000 new COVID cases a day.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 (17:00)

### **Public health and safety**

Governor Gavin Newsom on Friday unveiled four bills: one tightens restrictions on ghost guns, another one bans the marketing of certain weapons to children. The big one lets private citizens sue anyone who makes, distributes, transports, imports into California, or sells illegal assault weapons, guns that take .50 caliber ammunition, ghost guns, or ghost gun kits.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 (08:00)

### **Economy, transportation, supply chain**

Gas prices have already been up, and the conflict in Ukraine is expected to further disrupt the global supply chain, explains Ana Swanson, New York Times reporter covering trade and international economics.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Mar. 5, 2022 (10:00)

### **Public health and safety**

Texas Republican Governor Greg Abbott last week told state officials to start classifying medical treatments for transgender kids as child abuse. The ACLU and Lambda Legal have sued, saying the state's DPS has already started investigating the parents of some trans kids.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Mar. 5, 2022 (08:00)

### **Economy, transportation**

A gallon of gas in California today averages \$5.57, according to AAA, and that's the highest in the nation. Governor Gavin Newsom on Tuesday proposed a rebate aiming to ease fuel costs, though details are scant.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Mar. 12, 2022 (08:00)

### **Public health and safety**

It's been a year since a gunman killed eight people at three Atlanta-area spas. Six were women of Asian descent, the most shocking example of a wave of anti-Asian American Pacific Islander hate that began with the Covid-19 pandemic two years ago. The violence hasn't stopped.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Mar. 19, 2022 (09:00)

### **Environment and energy, economy**

The U.S. is banning imports of Russian oil and gas and American banks are now prohibited from making any new investments in Russia's energy sector. But Bill McKibben, co-founder of the global climate organization 350.org, says the biggest way to cripple autocracies like Russia is to stop financing fossil fuels entirely.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand -- Aired Saturday, Mar. 19, 2022 (10:00)

### **Housing and affordable housing, environment and energy**

The governor signed a bill on Monday that ends a dispute between the university and a Berkeley neighborhood group, overriding a court order that would have reduced the incoming freshman class by nearly 3,000 students. The university had been told to cap its enrollment because they did not study the environmental impacts of expanding student enrollment.

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