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<b><u>Name/Type/Source of Typical &amp; Illustrative Program</u></b>	<b><u>Politics</u></b>
<p>Date: January 1, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – NEW LAWS Time: 11:00-11:35 PM Length: 2:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert Holguin reports on how more than 900 new California laws will go into effect in 2015 and how specific ones will impact residents. For instance, the newly approved Assembly Bill 60 will allow undocumented immigrants to apply for a California driver’s license while another bans large grocery store chains from giving out single-use bags.</p>
<p>Date: January 5, February 20, 24 &amp; 25, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –NFL TEAM Time: 4:30AM-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 5:00PM-6:00 PM, 6:00PM-6:30PM, 11:00PM-11:35 PM Length: 24:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Marc Cota-Robles, Carlos Granda, Elex Michaelson John Gregory, and Robert Holguin report on the ongoing fight to bring an NFL team to Los Angeles. Inglewood and Carson are both trying to get stadiums built and bring teams such the Oakland Raiders, the San Diego Chargers and the St. Louis Rams to play. However, the new stadiums would not guarantee that the NFL will approve any team to actually play here.</p>
<p>Date: January 5, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – GOV INAUGURATION Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:30 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Elex Michaelson reports on Governor Jerry Brown being sworn in for a record fourth term. Brown discusses his plans which includes finding bipartisan agreement over the issue of infrastructure and getting California to use more renewable energy by 2030.</p>
<p>Date: January 5, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – BARHAM LAWSUIT Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 1:45 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Rudabeh Shahbazi reports on how The “Keep the Barham Ramp” Association filed a lawsuit to stop the closure of the Southbound Barham Boulevard exit on the 101 freeway. The association says they worry about emergency response times and home values. The closure is planned for the end of 2015 and aims to make room for a new on-ramp to Universal Studios. Cal Trans responds that this has been in the planning process for 7 years and the residents had plenty of opportunities to make their concerns known.</p>

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<p>Date: January 6, 7 &amp; 13, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – HIGH SPEED RAIL Time: 4:30AM-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 5:00PM-6:00PM, 11:00PM-11:35PM, 6:00PM-6:30 PM Length: 14:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Marc Cota-Robles, Carlos Granda, Marc Brown and Melissa MacBride report on the proposed \$68 billion construction of a high speed rail line in California, which has caused some controversy in areas such as San Fernando Valley because they think their lives will be permanently disrupted. The project is also being met with opposition from Republicans who believe the money should be spent towards local roads. They vow to block any future funding.</p>
<p>Date: January 7, 8, 9, &amp;10, 2015. ABC7 – Eyewitness News – PARIS REAX Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM, 6:00PM-6:30 PM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:30AM-7:00AM, , 4:00-5:00PM, 8:00AM-9:30AM Length: 13:05 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert Holguin, Carlos Granda, Marc Cota-Robles, Ron Hayes, Sid Garcia and Leanne Suter report on local reaction to the terrorist attacks in France, especially from the Jewish, French and Muslim communities. They express their condolences for the families of the hostages that died and many call to Islamic leaders to take action and fight the extremists who aim to hurt them.</p>
<p>Date: January 8, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – BARBARA BOXER Time: 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00PM-5:00PM, 6:00PM-7:00PM Length: 7:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on Barbara Boxer’s announcement that she will not seek re-election in 2016. Boxer stated that her decision is due to the Senate now being led by Republicans. She says despite this, she has no plans to retire for quite a while.</p>
<p>Date: January 8, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – FOIE GRAS Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:35 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert Holguin reports that a federal judge overturned California’s ban of the sale of foie gras because it interferes with a federal law that regulates poultry. Activists say they will fight the decision to overturn the appeal and they plan to take their fight to the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.</p>
<p>Date: January 13, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – KAMALA HARRIS Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports that California Attorney General Kamala Harris officially announced that she is running for the U.S. Senate in 2016. Harris says that she wants to be a voice for Californians on issues that impact the state. So far, no Republicans have announced they are considering running for the seat.</p>

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<p>Date: January 15, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – TRUMP ANNOUNCE Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 1:40 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Darsha Philips reports on Donald Trump’s announcement that he is no longer going to build luxury homes on the driving range of his golf course in Rancho Palos Verdes. Residents of the area are happy as they did not want the planned homes to block the view from Marilyn Ryan Sunset Point Park, which is where the course lies. Trump also announced that he will donate approximately 12 acres of his golf course to the Palos Verdes Peninsula land conservancy to ensure the view will stay uninterrupted forever.</p>
<p>Date: January 16, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – GAY MARRIAGE Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Elex Michaelson reports on gay marriage in California and how even though it is now legal, many activists believe the fight for equality is not over. They want to see gay marriage be approved in all fifty states, not just the current thirty-five. The Justice Department issued a statement saying that the Obama administration would file a brief in favor of same sex marriage in the case that is currently before the US Supreme Court.</p>
<p>Date: January 19, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – BILLBOARD BATTLE Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 1:55 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Amy Powell reports on two billboard trucks that drive around Hollywood that both feature Martin Luther King Jr’s image and a quote that says Israel is one of the great outposts of democracy in the world. A pro-Israel group “Stand With Us” says it started the campaign to counter what they say are a growing number of anti-Israel billboards by a pro-Palestinian group. “Stand With Us” plans to put more billboards up for another month.</p>

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<p>Date: January 20, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – STATE OF THE UNION Time: 4:30AM-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00-5:00PM, 11:00PM-11:35PM Length: 9:50 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Christina Salvo, Jovana Lara and Elex Michaelson report on President Obama’s State of the Union address. The President called for increasing taxes on the wealthy, making community college free for many students and expanding paid leave for workers. The President’s proposals stand a slim chance of winning approval from the new Republican majority on Capitol Hill. Republicans also continue to push for the President to sign the Keystone Oil Pipeline bill, but he is vowing to veto it.</p>
<p>Date: January 20, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – ALCOHOL ADS Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert Holguin reports that the Los Angeles City Council voted 12-0 to ban alcohol-related advertising on city property. City officials say the ban will not have any impact on advertising revenue that has been generated for the city.</p>
<p>Date: January 20, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – IE OBAMA TAXES Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leticia Juarez reports on reaction from residents in Riverside over President Obama’s new tax proposals, which take aim at capital gain taxes. He also wants to add steep fees for banks that borrow heavily. Obama says that reducing taxes equals a prospering economy and he believes having the wealthy pay more will do just that. Locals say they favor lower taxes for everyone and that the economy is improving in their area.</p>
<p>Date: January 21, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – RIGHT TO DIE Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 2:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Elex Michaelson reports on a proposed California bill, “Right to Die” which would give patients the right to assisted suicide. The group “Californians Against Assisted Suicide” opposes the legislation and say that there are no assisted suicide safeguards in place that can protect the vulnerable. Advocates say if this bill does not pass in California legislature, they will consider a ballot measure.</p>

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<p>Date: January 23, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – BIDEN VISIT Time: 4:30AM-7:00AM, 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 8:35 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Qwesi McCray and Robert Holguin report on Vice President Joe Biden arriving in Southern California to visit West Los Angeles College. Biden spoke about President Obama’s proposal to make Community College free for two years for certain students. Students who toured the campus with the Vice President say that they approve of what he had to say.</p>
<p>Date: January 23, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – RIGHT TO TRY Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Melissa MacBride reports on a new bill introduced by a California lawmaker titled “Right to Try” which would help terminally ill patients get access to treatments not yet approved by the FDA. The bill would authorize a health benefit plan to provide the coverage and doctors would not be held liable for providing investigational medicines. Advocates say it would help patients get proper treatment sooner rather than later while critics say the bill would do more harm than good.</p>
<p>Date: January 26 &amp; February 11, 2015. ABC7 – Eyewitness News – GREEK THEATRE Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 4:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Sid Garcia reports on the continuing battle over who will run the Greek Theatre. An L.A. City Council committee voted against Live Nation taking over the music venue after a Council committee approved them. Live Nation has been going toe-to-toe with Nederlander, which has run the theater for over 40 years. The City Council sent the decision back to the Recreation and Parks Committee.</p>
<p>Date: January 28 &amp; 31, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – E CIGS Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM, 5:00AM-7:00AM Length: 4:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports there is a proposal in the state legislature that will define e-cigarettes as a tobacco product subject to regulation. Health officials warn that there are chemicals in the vapor, such as anti-freeze. Local vape shop owners disagree and say the liquid only contains FDA approved ingredients.</p>

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<p>Date: January 28, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – HOMELESS VETS Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 2:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Jory Rand reports on the West Los Angeles VA Campus settling a lawsuit that accused them of misusing the sprawling property. The VA campus now say they will redevelop the land to better help and house homeless veterans, but precise details of the plan have not been disclosed yet.</p>
<p>Date: February 2, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – MULHOLLAND FOUNTAIN Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 2:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on the controversy surrounding the Mulholland Fountain, which continues to run during California’s drought. The fountain uses reclaimed water but some say shutting it off would send a powerful message.</p>
<p>Date: February 3, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – SIDEWALK REPAIRS Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 1:50 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Miriam Hernandez reports on how despite Los Angeles spending \$7 million dollars to repair sidewalks, little work has been accomplished halfway through the fiscal year. A lawsuit has been filed by multiple disability rights groups who claim they have difficulty navigating the unrepaired streets.</p>
<p>Date: February 4, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –PROP 47 IMPACT Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM, 5:00PM-6:00PM. Length: 3:55 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Sid Garcia and Rob McMillan report on the effects of the newly approved Proposition 47, which allows certain drug and property convictions to be reduced from felonies to misdemeanors. Critics say that the proposition would let criminals out the door when they should be behind bars.</p>
<p>Date: February 4, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – PEPPERDINE GAYS Time: 6:00-6:30PM Length: 2:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on a discrimination lawsuit filed by two former lesbian basketball players at Pepperdine University who say the basketball coach told them that “lesbianism” is not tolerated in basketball and that he treated them differently than the other players. The University says there is no evidence to support their claims.</p>

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<p>Date: February 5, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – LITTLE LIBRARY Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 2:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Amy Powell reports on the controversy over a West Los Angeles neighborhood’s Little Library. A complaint was filed to the saying it was a code violation and the neighborhood was told they need to remove the Little Library. LA Councilmember Paul Koretz says he is working on a plan to make Little Libraries legal.</p>
<p>Date: February 5, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – OC POT LOTTERY Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Eileen Frere reports on a lottery in Santa Ana that decides who gets to operate medical marijuana dispensaries in the city. The lottery is part of Measure BB and more than 600 people have applied, all of which will be subject to background checks. The owners who end up getting chosen will be subject to pay the city 5% of all sales and the money will be given to law enforcement.</p>
<p>Date: February 5, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – HOTEL PROTEST Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM, 11:00PM-11:35PM. Length: 3:35 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports that protesters rallied against the Beverly Hills Hotel because it is owned by the Sultan of Brunei. The Sultan passed the Sharia law in his country, which approves the stoning of gays, lesbians, and women, as well as amputation for theft. The hotel held a pre-Grammy event which certain celebrities chose to boycott.</p>
<p>Date: February 5, 9 &amp; 10 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – WATER SUPPLY Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM, 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 7:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Rudabeh Shahbazi and Carlos Granda report on upcoming water restrictions as California enters its fourth year of critical drought. The Metropolitan Water District says that there could be mandatory water cutbacks around 5-10% that could begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>
<p>Date: February 6, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – CARSON CRUDE OIL Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:05 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Sid Garcia reports that environmental advocates are asking officials to reconsider giving go ahead to a Phillips 66 oil refinery expansion in Carson. Residents are upset because they believe the project will increase air pollution. Phillips 66 says it has met all guidelines by the South Coast Air Quality Control District.</p>

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<p>Date: February 9, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – IE SOLAR PLANT Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:55 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leticia Juarez reports on a solar energy farm opening at Desert Center in the Mojave Desert. It is officially the largest solar project in the world to come on line and is 36 acres long. The California Energy Commission says the goal is to get California to use at least 33% renewable energy by 2020.</p>
<p>Date: February 10, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – WORST BOTTLENECKS Time: 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 4:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Marc Cota-Robles reports on how five of the worst traffic bottlenecks in the country are in LA or Orange County. Locals express their frustration with commuting on Southern California freeways and some say they do anything they can to avoid it.</p>
<p>Date: February 11, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – COLLEGE PARKING Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 2:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert Holguin reports that neighboring residents are upset over Mount San Antonio College’s plans to build a new parking structure. They believe it will create added air pollution and congestion. The five-story structure would be within 120 feet of residential homes.</p>
<p>Date: February 12, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 1:50 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on the race for City Council seat 6 between Nury Martinez and Cindy Montanez. They discuss issues facing their district, such as sidewalk repairs, better service in their community, and a growing crime rate.</p>
<p>Date: February 12 &amp; 13, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – BAD WATER Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM, 11:00PM-11:35PM, 4:30AM-7:00AM Length: 8:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Jory Rand and John Gregory report on a Gardena community meeting with the Golden State Water Company about slimy black water coming out of their spouts. The company says they plan to flush out the pipes and that the water is safe to drink, but the community says otherwise and plans to contract independent testers.</p>

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<p>Date: February 13 &amp; 14, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – ISLAM TWEET Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM, 4:00-5:30PM Length: 3:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert McMillan reports on a tweet issued by Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez responding to the murder of Kayla Mueller and asking followers to “stand up against Islam.” The local Muslim communities believe this tweet could instigate hate crimes against them and wish the tweet specified extremists rather than all Muslims. Melendez says it was not her intention to offend the Muslim community and that she only condemns ISIS, Al Quada and the Taliban.</p>
<p>Date: February 15, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – COVERED CALIFORNIA Time: 7:00AM-8:00AM, 9:00-11:00AM, 4:00PM-5:30 PM, 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 8:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Darsha Philips reports that the Dignity Health Hospital in Downtown L.A. hosted an event during the last day of healthcare enrollment deadline. They helped citizens who were hitting technical problems on the Covered California and Affordable Healthcare website. They also helped people figure out which financial assistance plan was right for them.</p>
<p>Date: February 16, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – JEWISH CONCERNS Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:40 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on concerns from the local Jewish community following the attack on the Jewish grocery store in Paris. Some are concerned that similar attacks will happen here in California. In response to the Prime Minister of Israel asking all Jewish Europeans to move to Israel, many here say that would just make things worse. Local residents say that governments should work on making all Jewish citizens feel welcome no matter where they live.</p>
<p>Date: February 16, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – DRONES Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Rudabeh Shahbazi examines a FAA proposal regarding regulations on commercial drone use. The proposal would require the operator pass a written test, the drone weigh less than 55 pounds, can only fly during the day and it cannot fly higher than 500 feet. The new rules could take a year or two to go into effect.</p>

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<p>Date: February 24, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on the fourteen candidates in Los Angeles’ District 4 who are running to replace LA City Councilman Tom LaBonge. LaBonge discusses how every candidate has a great political background and how difficult it will be to choose someone.</p>
<p>Date: February 26, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – NET NEUTRALITY Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on a new ruling by the FCC that changes the Internet from an “information service” to a “telecommunications service” which means the Internet can now be regulated by the FCC. Opponents say this is micromanaging and would eventually raise consumer costs and will lead to multiple legal cases. Supporters say that it keeps the internet as an open platform for free speech. The proposal still has to pass Congress before it can go into effect.</p>
<p>Date: February 27, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – DHS FUNDING Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leanne Suter reports on a partial shutdown for The Department of Homeland Security due to a total lack of funding by Congress. If funding is not extended they will be forced to furlough nearly thirty thousand employees. Around two-hundred thousand essential workers such as TSA and Border Patrol agents will not get paid until new funding is approved.</p>
<p>Date: February 27, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – ARROYO SECO PARKWAY Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:35 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert Holguin reports on a new proposal by local residents that they feel addresses problems with the Arroyo Seco Parkway on-ramps and off-ramps. The plan asks for Caltrans to reserve the right lanes on both sides of the freeway exclusively for drivers exiting or entering the parkway. The creators of the proposal believe this would result on fewer crashes and make it easier for emergency vehicles to reach collisions. Caltrans says they are exploring the solutions and may release a report sometime within a couple of months.</p>

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<p>Date: February 27, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on the four candidates that are running for the council seat in District 8. The candidates agree with residents that say they feel ignored by businesses and the city itself and are looking for multiple changes. Voter turnout is expected to be low and the candidates say that just a few votes will make all the difference in this race.</p>
<p>Date: February 27, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – LAX CONSTRUCTION Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Miriam Hernandez reports on the \$250 million project coming to Los Angeles International Airport that will refurbish the entire terminal. One of the biggest elements of the project will include extending four of the runways, which may increase noise complaints from neighboring communities. The construction will last a total of three years.</p>
<p>Date: March 3, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – VOTER TURNOUT Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on the low voter turn-out predictions for election day for city council seats in Los Angeles. The California Forward Action Fund says they are looking at ways to increase voter participation. Some locals are frustrated because they say citizens are not given enough time to get to know their candidates and therefore feel hesitant to vote.</p>
<p>Date: March 3 &amp; 4, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – ELECTION RESULTS Time: 11:00PM-11:35PM, 4:30AM-7:00AM Length: 4:55 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Marc Brown, Michelle Tuzee, Philip Palmer and Leslie Sykes report on the changes following the election voting in Los Angeles. With two amendments approved, both LA and LAUSD elections will be held in even numbered years beginning in 2020 in an effort to boost voter turnout. Nury Martinez won in the 6<sup>th</sup> District City Council race and Jose Huizar won for the 14<sup>th</sup> District. Paul Krekorian won re-election for the Second Council seat, Marqueece Harris Dawson won in the 8<sup>th</sup> District, and Herb Wesson won for the 10th Council District. There will be a runoff for the City Council seat in the 4th District between Carolyn Ramsey and David Ryu.</p>

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<p>Date: March 3, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –OC 405 TOLL Time: 11:00AM-12:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Marc Cota-Robles reports on a \$1.3 billion plan that intends to widen the 405 freeway from the 73 toll road to the 605 interchange, but Caltrans wants to turn those extra lanes into express lanes. Those express lanes would be a combination of carpool and toll lanes. Caltrans says their portion of the plan won't touch Measure M Board funding, and they feel that their proposal will help with traffic congestion. Those who oppose Caltrans say that the residents should not be asked to pay for more than they originally voted for.</p>
<p>Date: March 4, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –DWP BUILDING Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on the DWP claim that they need to import more expensive water due to the drought. The DWP commissioners authorized an increase of \$2.50 a month per customer and consumers say there needs to be more done for the conservation effort. The DWP say if customers use less water than they will lower the rates accordingly.</p>
<p>Date: March 4, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –TURKISH STATUE Time: 11:00PM-11:35PM Length: 2:05 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leanne Suter reports on a controversial vote in Carson that rejected a gift of a sculpture dedicated to the first president of Turkey. Those who wanted the sculpture say they are disappointed as they want something in the city that celebrates Turkish heritage. Those who were opposed to it say the president was a vicious dictator who was responsible for Armenian genocide.</p>
<p>Date: March 6 &amp; 24, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –SANTA MONICA AIRPORT Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 4:40 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Darsha Philips and Leanne Suter report on a debate over safety regulations at Santa Monica airport following the crash of Harrison Ford's vintage plane. Residents say the number of crashes has increased over the years, but experts say this is not true. Residents hope to turn the airport into a park, but the FAA maintains the city must keep the airport open. Until all pending federal lawsuits against the airport subside, no decisions can be made.</p>

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<p>Date: March 6, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – 710 FREEWAY Time: 6:00PM-7:00PM Length: 2:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News Date</p>	<p>Rudabeh Shahbazi reports on a new report put out by Metro Board of Directors and Caltrans, which details the five remaining options for dealing with the 710 freeway’s abrupt ending in the San Gabriel Valley. The report states that any major modifications would take years to complete and would be extremely costly. Their cheapest option would cost more than 100 million dollars and take two years to complete. There will be a 120 day public comment period before a final option is chosen by the Metro Board of Directors.</p>
<p>Date: March 6 &amp; 7, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –SAME SEX MARRIAGE Time: 11:00PM-11:35PM, 5:00AM-7:00AM Length: 4:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Elex Michaelson reports that the couple named in the Supreme Court case under review on same sex marriage is in Los Angeles raising money to underwrite their legal costs and to send the message that Southern California supports their fight. The final decision is expected to be made in June.</p>
<p>Date: March 7 &amp; 9 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – OC FLAG BAN Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM, 6:00PM-6:30PM, 4:30AM-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM Length: 13:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leanne Suter Greg Lee, Sid Garcia and Eileen Frere report on how the UC Irvine Student Council voted to ban the American flag from the lobby in the area of their offices. They claim their aim was to create a culturally inclusive space for all students. The UCI Student Executive Council vetoed the ban, saying that they disagreed fundamentally. Many students on campus expressed their disagreement of the ban and how their disbelief to how it got passed in the first place.</p>
<p>Date: March 9, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –BURBANK MCMANSIONS Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:35 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Miriam Hernandez reports that Burbank is considering a temporary moratorium on so-called “McMansions” and are reconsidering the current design limits on homes. Many homes in the area are being torn down and replaced with larger houses that average around \$1.6 million. Residents are concerned it will make the price value of the other homes between them dive drastically. The city plans to hold a meeting to address the concerns.</p>

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<p>Date: March 12 &amp; 13, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –OBAMA KIMMEL Time: 4:30AM-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 5:00PM-6:00PM, 6:00PM-6:30PM, 11:00PM-11:35PM Length: 16:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Marc Cota-Robles, Elex Michaelson, and Qwesi McCray report on President Barack Obama’s latest visit to Los Angeles. President Obama taped a segment on The Jimmy Kimmel Show where he addressed the shooting of two police officers in Ferguson. After the show, the President attended a fundraiser held by the Democratic National Committee in Santa Monica.</p>
<p>Date: March 12 &amp; 14, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –HYPERLOOP Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM, 5:00AM-7:00AM Length: 3:55 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Rob Hayes reports that Hyperloop Transportation Technologies announced plans to build a 5-mile long 200 mph train Hyperloop in Quay Valley, California. starting in 2016. Their goal is to expand from there and build a track that would go between Los Angeles and San Francisco. That estimated completion date would be in 2028 and cost \$68 billion, which they say is actually both cheaper and more eco-friendly than the high speed rail.</p>
<p>Date: March 17 &amp; 19, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –DROUGHT RELIEF Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM, 6:00PM-6:30PM, 4:30AM-7:00AM, 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 13:45 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Qwesi McCray, Carlos Granda, Robert Holguin and Leticia Juarez report on how amid California’s fourth year of drought, state water officials have introduced a billion dollar plan to accelerate direct water assistance to communities. The legislation will take at least a year before there is any noticeable improvement in water supplies. They’ve also expanded water restrictions across the state.</p>
<p>Date: March 18, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –STREET TRASH Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert Holguin reports on a new campaign for cleaner streets in Los Angeles that specifically targets those who illegally dump old furniture like mattresses and sofas. For three years the program for getting rid of this kind of trash did not receive funding and there was confusion about which department should handle the trash. The new plan was presented to LA City Council.</p>

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<p>Date: March 19, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –FAST FOOD BAN Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 2:40 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Miriam Hernandez reports on how results from a law passed in 2008 that limited fast food restaurants in South Los Angeles has done nothing to curb rising obesity rates. Policymakers say that the moratorium was not about fast food restrictions but more about land use choices so that there would be more options for consumers. A study by the Rand Corporation says that the problem in South Los Angeles lies in the consumption of snack foods rather than restaurants.</p>
<p>Date: March 19, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –TAINTED WINE Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Sid Garcia reports on a class action lawsuit targeting 28 different wineries that are producing wine tainted with high levels of inorganic arsenic. The claim says that the wineries violate Proposition 65, which states that businesses in California have to label the chemicals in their products that could cause cancer. They also hope to get the cheap wines removed from the shelves.</p>
<p>Date: March 19, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –RECOUNT VOTE Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 2:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leanne Suter reports on the election in San Gabriel for a City Council seat that ended in a tie and lead to a manual recount. The city does not have a runoff vote in its election ordinance and the state election code requires the seat to be awarded by a random selection process if a recount fails to break the tie. The recount decided that Juli Costanzo won by two votes.</p>
<p>Date: March 19, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –CICLAVIA FLAP Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 2:30 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leo Stallworth reports on the controversy surrounding the latest Ciclavia event, which will close down a 5 ½ mile route from North Hollywood to Studio City. Only foot and bicycle traffic was allowed, which worried local businesses because they feared a loss in profits. Others say they plan on changing their business plans for the day to make the best of the situation.</p>

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<p>Date: March 19, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –HOLLYWOOD HIGH RISE Time: 11:00PM-11:35PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Melissa MacBride reports on the latest in an ongoing legal battle between the Sunset Gordon high-rise apartment building and the City of Los Angeles. Because the Department of Building and Safety ordered a new environmental review, the building cannot renew their occupancy permit and needs all residents to vacate by April 19<sup>th</sup>. A dozen or so renters have hired an attorney to see if they can get some of their money back.</p>
<p>Date: March 21, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –BIKE HELMETS Time: 11:00PM-11:35 Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Melissa MacBride reports on a growing effort to make bicycling without a helmet illegal. State Senator Carol Liu introduced SB 192, which would fine cyclists \$25 for not wearing a helmet and would require them to wear reflective clothing at night. The LA County Bicycle Association says the bill would not help prevent collisions and should focus on bike lane improvements. A committee will likely vote on the bill within the next two months.</p>
<p>Date: March 23, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –OC E-CIGS Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 1:50 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Miriam Hernandez reports that California’s State Department of Health has officially declared electronic cigarettes a public health risk. Health officials say that the e-cigarettes may contain fewer carcinogens than tobacco, but more research needs to be done. They are releasing an anti-e-cigarette campaign that plans to have billboards, ads at gas stations and commercials within movie theaters through the end of June.</p>
<p>Date: March 23, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –NATIONAL SERVICE Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 2:40 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Jovana Lara reports on a three-year campaign created by Jimmy Kimmel and Chelsea Clinton that encourages young Americans to spend a year serving their communities through programs like AmeriCorps. The “Serve a Year” campaign hopes to tackle issues such as hunger, poverty and homelessness. They hope that the campaign will inspire youth to make serving a year in national service as common as getting a high school education.</p>

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<p>Date: March 24, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –MOVAL BIRDS BRIDGE Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 2:35 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Rob McMillan explains how the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 is preventing emergency repair work from being done on the Theodore Overpass in Moreno Valley due to birds nesting there. The overpass got damaged when a big rig traveling on the Westbound 60 freeway hit it a couple of months earlier and caused visible damage. Caltrans cannot legally disturb the nest that is nestled underneath the bridge, so the project has to be put on hold until the birds fly away permanently.</p>
<p>Date: March 24, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –GAS PRICES Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 2:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Ric Romero reports on how Consumer Watchdog is meeting with lawmakers because they claim oil companies are overcharging Californians at the pump. They say that California has spent 47 billion extra dollars over ten years, which oil companies say is due to our higher taxes and more expensive fuel formula. Consumer Watchdog is asking lawmakers to require gas refineries to have more accountability and transparency.</p>
<p>Date: March 24, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –FIREFIGHTER CELL TOWERS Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on radiation concerns surrounding the construction of giant cell towers needed to make Los Angeles County’s emergency communication systems work. The towers are intended to be put near fire and sheriff stations. Dozens of firefighters have come to the Board of Supervisors to complain. The county says the radiation would be no worse than what’s given off by cordless phones. The Board says that there are too many unanswered questions and have agreed to halt construction for now.</p>

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<p>Date: March 25, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –SEISMIC RETROFIT Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:05 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports on Los Angeles’ preparations for the next big earthquake, which seismologists say will happen within the next 20 years. This has prompted the creation of Assembly Bill 428, which aims to have all soft story buildings retrofitted within 5 years and larger apartment buildings within 25 years. The bill would also provide a five-year 30% tax credit to property owners, which would help them afford all vital upgrades.</p>
<p>Date: March 26, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –OC GAY INITIATIVE Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 2:05 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Greg Lee reports on a proposed anti-gay initiative on California’s November ballot, which would allow anyone engaging in gay sex to be killed. Huntington Beach lawyer Matt McLaughlin submitted the “Sodomite Suppression Act” and California Attorney General Kamala Harris is asking permission from the state Supreme Court to stop the measure before it goes any further. If she does not get that option, she has to allow McLaughlin to try getting the required signatures needed to qualify for the November 2016 ballot.</p>
<p>Date: March 26, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –WORKERS COMP AUDIT Time: 6:00PM-6:30PM Length: 3:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Elex Michaelson reports that an audit of the City of Los Angeles has revealed potential abuse of the Worker’s Compensation system by members of the police and fire departments. Those agencies workers compensation claims totaled around \$800 million over the span of 4 years. Police and fire say that those numbers may be taken out of context.</p>
<p>Date: March 30, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –IE WATER BASIN Time: 4:00PM-5:00PM Length: 1:55 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leticia Juarez reports on the Midge Fly problem occurring at the city of Ontario’s water basin. Residents don’t think enough is being done to manage the insects. The Inland Empire Utilities Agency plans to release water into an expanded retention pond, which locals fear will make the problem worse. The county disagrees and say they are taking measures to treat the fly population.</p>

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<p>Date: March 30, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –IE WATER WELLS Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Rob McMillan reports on how the Fontana Water Company is being sued by other agencies who claim it has been pumping more than its fair share of water from an underground source. The agencies claim the Fontana Water Company did this to keep their rates low for consumers. A judge has issued an injunction that the pumping stations will remain closed until the case is goes to trial.</p>
<p>Date: March 30, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –GRIFFITH ROAD Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leanne Suter reports on how Mt. Hollywood Drive is re-opening to cars during a three week trial period created by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The goal is to ease congestion since thousands of visitors go to Griffith Park to see the Hollywood Sign. Many local bikers and hikers are unhappy as the increase in cars make it more dangerous for pedestrians. The drive will be open until April 12<sup>th</sup> after which the Recreation and Parks Department will determine its fate.</p>
<p>Date: March 31, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –CESAR CHAVEZ Time: 4:30AM--7:00AM. Length: 6:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Marc Cota-Robles reports on a march and rally in Downtown Los Angeles organized by labor activists aiming to shed light on the rights of LA Produce Market workers. The organizers said that they wanted to expose an “underground economy” in the produce industry and to show their support for unionizing the workers. They also marched for comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship and to support the LA “Raise the Wage” coalition.</p>
<p>Date: March 31, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –UC UBER Time: 5:00AM-6:00AM, 6:00AM-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM Length: 6:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Qwesi McCray reports that John Wayne Airport is now allowing all ridesharing services from Uber, such as Uber X and Uber XL, to be used. They are also allowing users of the Wingz app to be issued permits for driving to the airport. Uber and Wingz must also pay a \$2.25 pick-up fee per ride. Shuttle and taxi drivers are wary of the change, but do not think the change will affect them much.</p>

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<p>Date: March 31, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –STREET VENDORS Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert Holguin reports on LAPD’s efforts to crack down on illegal street vendors. Some of the vendors counter this by saying they’re being increasingly harassed by the LAPD and demand a moratorium on the enforcement of existing laws that prohibit certain types of street vending. The City Health Department is backing the LAPD by saying they’re often trying to safeguard the public from what are often unsanitary conditions. The LA City Council is currently drafting changes to the law that would relax current restrictions.</p>
<p>Date: March 31, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –MINIMUM WAGE Time: 5:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:05 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Carlos Granda reports a hearing at Van Nuys City Hall discussing a proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour in the City of Los Angeles. Mayor Eric Garcetti backs the proposal, saying that it will bring in more money to the economy. Businesses disagree and say it will cost jobs when businesses are forced to shut down. The Board of Supervisors approved a proposal to study what would happen if the raised the minimum wage in unincorporated areas of the county.</p>
<p>Date: March 31, 2015 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – PARKING PROBLEMS Time: 6:00PM-6:00PM Length: 2:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Elex Michaelson reports that Attorney David Sackman is suing the City of Los Angeles because it is illegal to leave a vehicle parked for more than 72 hours. More than 4,500 cars are towed every year and he says this rule is a violation of due process.</p>