

KCRW-FM Santa Monica

Programs & Issues for the fourth quarter of 2022 October, November, December

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. Public health and safety
2. Police, fire and emergency preparedness
3. Environment and energy
4. Schools, college and education
5. Housing and affordable housing

The following programs were produced and broadcast in the public interest:

KCRW PROGRAMS/ISSUES LIST – 4th QUARTER 2022 OCT-NOV-DEC

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	DATE
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Environment and energy, transportation

Gas prices in the state are at an all-time high. To provide relief, California is sending taxpayers up to \$1,050 in gas rebates and is switching to a cheaper, winter blend of gasoline. Meanwhile, OPEC and Russia announced plans that could push worldwide gas prices even higher.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022 (09:00)

Police and public safety

Should rideshare companies report sexual assault allegations against drivers to the police? Santa Clara County prosecutors say they should and are pushing the companies to do so. But Uber and Lyft are refusing and say involving police should be up to the victims.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022 (08:00)

Housing and affordable housing

The median home price in the U.S. fell nearly a percentage point in August — the biggest drop since 2009. But interest rates are rising faster — above 6 percent now, according to Freddie Mac. The affordable starter home is still a mirage for most young people like Lucas Vangeison.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Monday, Oct. 10, 2022 (13:00)

Education

Math scores for fourth and eighth graders have faced their steepest decline ever recorded, and reading scores also dropped, though not as severely. It's another example of the setbacks and learning loss kids experienced during the pandemic.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Monday, Oct. 24, 2022 (12:00)

Public health and safety

More than 100,000 Americans died of a drug overdose in 2021, according to the CDC. Beth Macy wrote about the origins of the opioid crisis in 2018 with “Dopesick,” and now has a follow-up, “Raising Lazarus: Hope, Justice, and the Future of America’s Overdose Crisis.”

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022 (15:00)

Public health and safety

Orange County health officials on Monday declared a state of emergency over a serious rise in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), which disproportionately affects kids. The elderly can experience it, too. It comes on top of the flu season and lingering COVID pandemic.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022 (10:00)

Public health and safety

The pink tax is seen in the pricing of different products advertised towards men and women. Overall, says one reporter, women’s products are priced about 7% percent higher than men’s products based on a 2015 study by the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 (09:00)

Public health and safety

During this year’s midterms, voters in California enshrined the right to an abortion in their state constitutions. A professor at UC Davis School of Law says constitutionalizing abortion “creates a great insurance policy that essentially it will be harder to change that status quo.”

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 (09:00)

Environment and energy, transportation

California is banning the sale of new gasoline-powered cars starting in 2035, and David Ferris has been exploring what the future might hold for gas stations. He begins with an example of a chain which has 400 stations in 11 states, epitomizing the problems gas stations face now.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022 (10:00)

Education

Several of the country’s top law schools are pulling out of U.S. News and World Report’s rankings of colleges and universities, which many refer to when deciding where to apply. So far, in California, Stanford, UCLA, and UC Berkeley have withdrawn.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022 (09:00)

Public health and safety

Chillier temperatures reduce the body’s ability to fight off viruses according to a new an associate professor at Harvard Medical School who is one of the lead authors of study

published in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 (08:00)

Labor and education, economy

University of California postdocs and researchers returned to work this week after nearly a month of being on strike, though tens of thousands of their colleagues are still on the picket line. It's part of a growing movement among white-collar workers to unionize.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022 (07:00)

Environment and energy

Scientists at the National Ignition Facility in Livermore say they've achieved a fusion energy breakthrough by using lasers to harness the power of the sun. The scientific achievement is decades in the making and could be a way to produce clean energy.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Dec. 13 2022 (08:00)

Public health and safety

Fentanyl overdose is now the leading cause of death for Americans between ages 18-49. The worst addiction crisis in American history is getting worse. So why hasn't the government gone all-out on Fentanyl makers and distributors?

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 (15:00)