



President Trump signs the “Big Beautiful Bill” on Fourth of July. Courtesy of the White House Facebook page.

# Pres. Trump Signs ‘Big Beautiful Bill’ Into Law; Gov. Newsom Calls Spending Bill ‘Betrayal’ of California Families

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Speaking at the White House, President Donald Trump signed his “Big Beautiful” spending plan into law on the Fourth of July.

“Our country has had so much to celebrate this Independence Day as we enter our 249th year, America is winning, winning, winning like never before,” said Trump before putting his signature on the legislation.

“It is the most popular bill ever signed in the history of our country,” according to Trump, predicting that the American economy will be a “rocket ship.”

“It includes the largest tax cut in American history. The largest spending cut — \$1.7 trillion — and yet you won’t even notice it. It’s just waste, fraud and abuse.”

Gov. Gavin Newsom sharply criticized the Republican-led tax and spending law, calling it

a “tragedy for the American people.”

“This bill is a tragedy for the American people, and a complete moral failure” said Newsom in a statement on July 3. “With this measure, Donald J. Trump’s legacy is now forever cemented: he has created a more unequal, more indebted, and more dangerous America. Shame on him.”

The bill would cut \$28.4 billion from federal Medicaid support to California, putting health coverage at risk for millions and threatening the financial stability of hospitals and health clinics statewide. Newsom’s office estimates that 686,000 California jobs could be lost due to the rollback of clean energy tax credits.

The Governor also warned the bill would hit middle-class families by raising childcare costs, limiting access to financial aid for college, and cutting food assistance for 3 million Americans. More than 17 million people nationwide could lose health coverage by 2034 as a result of Medicaid and premium subsidy cuts.

“This measure cements Trump’s legacy,” said Newsom. “He has created a more unequal, more indebted, and more dangerous America.”

## Gov. Newsom’s 4th of July Message ...

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from the fight to protect freedom.”

“We will protect the rights of all who call this country home, and we will never again allow this country and its people to be subject to a king or autocrat,” he said.

During the holiday weekend, the South Carolina Democratic Party (SCDP) announced that Newsom will be joining Palmetto State party leaders on July 8 and July 9 for a tour of parts of rural South Carolina.

“Governor Newsom leads the largest economy in America and the fourth largest in the world, and he’s coming to meet folks in towns that have been hollowed out by decades of Republican control,” said SCDP Chair Christale Spain in a statement.

“This is about building partnerships, uplifting communities, and showing rural voters that they aren’t forgotten,” Spain added.

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Before the ruling, college athletes could only earn income through third-party NIL deals. These arrangements, often facilitated by donor-funded collectives, enabled top players to receive compensation without direct school involvement.

Under the new settlement, those payments must now be routed through official school channels, and endorsement deals involving boosters will be subject to review for legitimacy.

NCAA President Charlie Baker said the agreement brings clarity to athlete compensation and allows schools to regain control over the process. However, major questions remain unresolved — chief among them

whether student athletes should be considered employees and given the right to unionize.

Bradford argued that positioning schools as the gatekeepers of athlete pay not only alters the educational environment but also deepens inequalities between institutions.

“Before, a local athlete could stay in their community, attend a nearby university, and still earn compensation,” he said. “Now, big-name schools with deeper pockets can lure them away with financial incentives. Why stay close to home when you can go with the highest bidder?”

Bradford warned that the new system risks undermining fairness and educational integrity in college sports.

“This makes student athletes more beholden to their universities than ever before,” he said.

### PASTORAL VACANCY

Greater El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, located at 813 Williams Dr., (Parchester Village), Richmond, 94806, we are currently seeking a new Pastor. If the Lord leads you to inquire of or apply for this position, please visit our Website at geb.church and follow the instructions. The Deadline is Monday, August 4, 2025. Any questions/concerns please feel free to contact Sis. Evelyn Roquemore at 510-381-6074.



### NOTICE AND DIGEST

**ORDINANCE: (1) AMENDING OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE 10.48.010 TO INCREASE FINES FOR PARKING CITATIONS CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION; (2) ADOPTING A FINE OF \$40 FOR CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE 22500(N) IN SUPPORT OF DAYLIGHTING; (3) AMENDING OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE 10.48.010 CONSISTENT WITH OAKLAND ORDINANCE 12607; (4) AMENDING OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE 10.48.010 TO RESOLVE INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE 10.48.010, THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE AND (5) ADOPTING APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS**

This Ordinance authorizes the City Administrator to amend the Oakland Municipal Code to increase parking fines by approximately ten percent to account for inflation. It also adds a new \$40 citation for violations of California Vehicle Code section 22500(N), which prohibits parking within 20 feet of an intersection. In addition, this Ordinance makes multiple changes to the parking citations section of the Municipal Code to ensure consistency with previously adopted ordinances and the California Vehicle Code.

#### Notice of Publication

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**ASHA REED, City Clerk**



### NOTICE AND DIGEST AN ORDINANCE

**1) AMENDING THE OAKLAND PLANNING CODE (TITLE 17) SECTION 17.103.080, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, TO UPDATE REGULATIONS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUS) TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW AND UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF THE VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN THE OAKLAND PLANNING CODE (TITLE 17) CHAPTER 17.88 TO ALIGN WITH THE VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES MAP ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL; AND**

**2) MAKING APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS.**

This Ordinance amends the Oakland Planning Code (Title 17) to: (a) bring the City’s ADU regulations into full compliance with state law and (b) updates the definition of the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

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### NOTICE AND DIGEST

**AN ORDINANCE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION: (1) MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO THE OAKLAND TITLE 17 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE (THE PLANNING CODE) TO EFFECTUATE THE OBJECTIVE DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS AND STREAMLINE SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.136, DESIGN REVIEW AND DEMOLITION FINDINGS;**

**(2) AMENDING THE PLANNING CODE TO INCORPORATE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REVISIONS TO DOWNTOWN SEA LEVEL RISE COMBINING ZONE CHANGES CONSISTENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN OAKLAND SPECIFIC PLAN;**

**(3) AMENDING THE CITY OF OAKLAND MASTER FEE SCHEDULE (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 13799 C.M.S., AS AMENDED) TO ADD A FEE FOR MINISTERIAL DESIGN REVIEW; AND**

**(4) MAKING APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS.**

This Ordinance makes omnibus amendments to the Oakland Planning Code (Title 17) to effectuate the objective design review process and streamline services, including but not limited to amendments to Chapter 17.136, Design Review and Demolition findings. In addition, amending the Planning Code to incorporate various conforming changes including but not limited to revisions to Downtown Sea Level Rise Combining Zone changes consistent with the Downtown Oakland Specific Plan. This Ordinance also amends the City’s Master Fee Schedule to add a fee for Ministerial Design Review. Finally, this Ordinance adopts various findings including findings related to exemptions under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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### NOTICE AND DIGEST

**ORDINANCE (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE NON-PROFIT TRYBE, INC. FOR THE STORAGE OF EMERGENCY FOOD AND SUPPLIES AND FOR COMPATIBLE COMMUNITY SERVICES ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 615 HIGH STREET FOR A LICENSE FEE OF \$0 FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS WITH THREE ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND; (2) MAKING FINDINGS THAT THE BELOW MARKET LICENSE FEE IS IN THE CITY’S BEST INTEREST; AND (3) MAKING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS**

This Ordinance would authorize a license agreement with the non-profit organization Trybe, Inc. on City-owned property located at 615 High Street at the below-market rate of \$0 per month, for a term of two years, with three one-year extension options, in return for in-kind services, and makes California Environmental Quality Act findings.

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