



“THEY already have us in tents,” says Gwendolyn Shine, right, of Skid Row. “We’re not criminals,” agrees Keith Aaron Robinson, middle.

GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

Trump pledges a hard line on camps

But L.A.’s mayor hopes she can work with him on humane solutions to the homelessness crisis.

By NOAH BIERMAN

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump has promised to arrest thousands of homeless people sleeping on American streets and move them to large tent cities on “inexpensive land,” one of several planks of his agenda that would upend a national strategy that focuses on finding people housing on a voluntary basis.

“We will use every tool, lever and authority to get the homeless off our streets,” Trump said in a video announcing his policy last year. “There is nothing compassionate about letting these individuals live in filth and squalor, rather than getting them the help that they need.”

Homeless advocates, who have fought for decades to remove the stigma around people who lack a place to live, are bracing for a multipronged battle against policies they deem inhumane.

But Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, who is trying to combat one of the nation’s largest homelessness crises, said she is eager to work with the incoming administration and believes she and Trump can find common ground in housing the city’s estimated 46,000 homeless people.

“I’m certainly going to begin that way,” Bass, a Demo- [See Homeless, A5]

L.A. backs ‘haven city’ law

Measure bars use of local resources for immigration actions but doesn’t prevent federal enforcement.

By DAKOTA SMITH

Facing President-elect Donald Trump’s promised mass deportation of immigrants in the country illegally, the Los Angeles City Council on Tuesday tentatively backed a “sanctuary city” law that forbids city employees and resources from being involved in federal immigration enforcement.

The law would not stop the federal government from carrying out mass deportations in Los Angeles. Still, it is intended to signal that City Hall is standing with its large immigrant population in a deep blue city already well-known for resisting Trump.

Also on Tuesday, the Los Angeles school board affirmed the nation’s second-largest school system as a sanctuary for immigrants and the LGBTQ+ community.

Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, who represents the central San Fernando Valley, said Tuesday that the city is “hardening our defenses” in the face of Trump’s election.

“We know there is a target on our back from this president-elect,” Blumenfield said.

The law, which passed unanimously, will be revised by the city attorney’s office after the council approved minor amendments. The council will then vote on the revised version.

Trump has promised to deport a vast number of immigrants in the U.S. illegally, [See Sanctuary, A10]

Why state minimum-wage increase failed

Californians typically lean to the left — but not on Prop. 32



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

POINTING to the \$20 minimum wage at big fast-food chains, foes of the measure asserted that consumers would eat the cost of broad pay raises.

By ANDREA CHANG, DON LEE AND CAROLINE PETROW-COHEN

Californians, who have historically supported efforts to raise the minimum wage, were not swayed this time around.

After two weeks of postelection uncertainty, Proposition 32, the initiative to increase the state’s minimum wage to \$18 an hour, was defeated by a narrow margin.

The result was “a pretty poignant sign of the times in a state like California,” said John Kabateck, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, which had urged voters to reject the measure. “It is certainly sending a message that Californians across the political spectrum are fed up with higher costs and greater uncertainty on Main Street.”

Proposition 32 was defeated after falling just short, with 49.2% voting to pass it. The Associated Press called the race on Tuesday evening.

The outcome was the latest indication [See Proposition 32, A7]

Comcast to spin off MSNBC, CNBC and other cable channels

The media giant is creating a new firm, comprising nearly all of NBCUniversal’s pay-TV networks.

By MEG JAMES

Comcast Corp. is cleaving off a huge chunk of its television portfolio to create a new company composed of its cable channels, including MSNBC, CNBC and USA Network.

The Philadelphia-based cable giant unveiled its plan to create a new publicly traded company as well as a new corporate structure for NBCUniversal on Wednesday. The new company — currently dubbed SpinCo, although that will change — will offer news, entertainment and sports channels

reaching about 70 million U.S. homes and have the financial heft to acquire other channels, Comcast said in its announcement of the move.

“With significant financial resources from day one, SpinCo will be ideally positioned for success and highly attractive to investors, content creators, distributors and potential partners,” Comcast Chair Brian Roberts said in the statement.

The \$7-billion spin-off comes as traditional media companies grapple with the diminishing value of what was once an economic pillar of the entertainment business. For years, NBCUniversal’s cable channels — including USA, Bravo, Syfy, Golf Channel and E! — provided the company’s most reliable profits.

But as consumers shift to on-demand streaming platforms [See Comcast, A7]



LEA SUZUKI San Francisco Chronicle

PEDESTRIANS USE umbrellas Wednesday in San Francisco. Much of the state will get at least some precipitation by early next week, according to forecasts.

Bomb cyclone kicks off rainy season, but don’t count on a wet winter yet

By GRACE TOOHEY

The first major atmospheric river storm to hit the West Coast this season is kicking off the rainy season with a bang, as the system rapidly strengthened — to

the tune of a bomb cyclone — before pummeling Northern California and southern Oregon with dangerous winds and heavy rains that could cause disruptions for several days.

Supercharged by that dramatic bombogenesis and

warm Pacific temperatures, which together pumped up the system’s winds and moisture, the storm could cause life-threatening flooding and damaging high surf north of the Bay Area, with prolonged, heavy rainfall, [See Rain, A10]

LAUSD bolsters sanctuary policies

In defiant reaction to Trump’s election, board passes migrant and LGBTQ+ protections. CALIFORNIA B1

Pioneering trans performer dies

Sir Lady Java, 82, broke ground as a star of L.A.’s nightclub scene. CALIFORNIA, B1

Rookie dazzles for the Lakers

Sharpshooter Knecht is quickly earning respect of teammates for his scoring. SPORTS, B10

UC workers start two-day strike

Action affects service and patient care staff at all medical facilities and campuses. BUSINESS, A6

Weather

Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 75/47. B6

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