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THIS WEEK

A LITE WEEK IN GENERAL

NO BOS MEETING

COASTAL COMMISSION

MESSSES WITH THE COUNTY ON ADUs

**ROLLS OVER TO SEVERELY RESTRICT VACATION RENTALS IN
LOS OSOS**

PLANNING COMMISSION LITE
ANOTHER INDOOR CANNABIS FACILITY IN NIPOMO

LAST WEEK

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

SLOCOG

**PROPOSED FEDERAL AND STATE LEG PROGRAMS REVEALED WHAT'S
IMPORTANT TO YOUR LOCAL OFFICIALS IN TRANSPORTATION**

EMERGENT ISSUES

**COVID OMICRON INFECTION RATE HAS BROKEN
WE WILL SEE WHAT COMES NEXT**

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European Command

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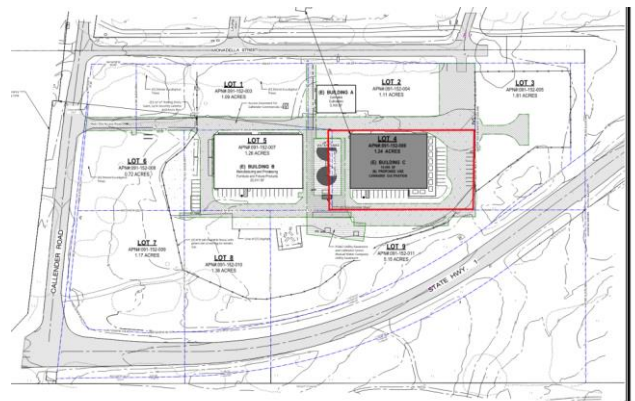
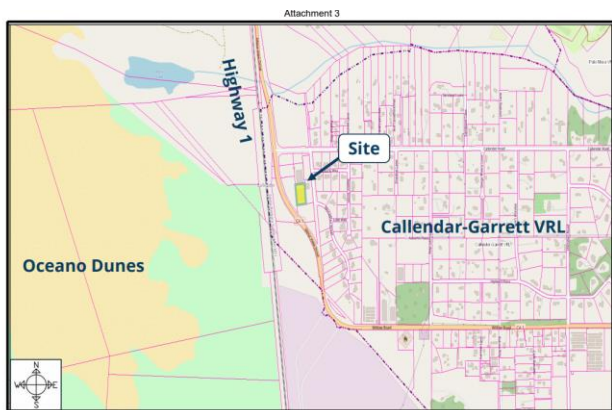
ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 9:00 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 (Not Scheduled)

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Planning Commission Meeting of Thursday, February 10, 2022 (Scheduled)

Item 5 - Hearing to consider a request by Crown Genetics, LLC for a Development Plan / Coastal Development Permit (C-CNBS2021-00001) to establish up to 7,397 square feet of indoor cannabis cultivation canopy, 1,716 square feet of ancillary processing, and ancillary transport within an existing 19,509 square foot building. A modification from the location standard set forth in County Code Section 23.08.418.d.1 is requested to reduce the 1000-foot standard from a sensitive receptor (recreational park) to 577 feet. A modification from fencing standards set forth in Section 23.08.418.d.6 is requested to waive the standard requiring fencing fully enclose all cannabis activities and allow for the project building to provide the functional equivalence of security fencing and screening. The proposed project will be contained in a closed building. There does not appear to be any opposition at this time.



Item F16d - Public hearing and potential action on request by San Luis Obispo County to amend the LCP's¹ Land Use and Implementation Plans to update provisions related to accessory dwelling units and, if the Commission does not take a final action, possible action to extend the deadline for final Commission action on the amendment. The State Legislature, in a belated attempt, to provide more housing passed a statute requiring cities and counties to allow for additional dwelling units (ADUs on existing lots). The County submitted its revised zoning ordinance, which incorporates the provisions, to the Coastal Commission to receive approval for conformity with the Coastal Act.

Statutes Clash:

The Coastal Commission says, "Not so fast." First, the Commission report states:

The changes proposed are mostly straightforward and should help to facilitate the development of ADUs. And since the LCP's existing tools to address core coastal resource issues (e.g., related to ESHA, wetlands, riparian corridors, public views, natural landforms, coastal hazards, etc.) remain in effect, the LCP as proposed to be amended should serve to ensure ADUs are appropriately sited and designed in most cases.

But then avers:

First, the proposed amendment would allow ADUs on rural agricultural lands where they are not currently allowed by the LCP, even though primary residential development is tightly controlled by the LCP so as not to impair agricultural use and productivity. Additionally, the proposed amendment provides an exception to allow both guesthouses and ADUs/JADUs in Agricultural and Rural Land use categories, while in all other land use categories ADUs/JADUs and guesthouses are not allowed on the same parcel. While well intentioned, the end result would be to encourage additional residential units in more rural and agricultural areas as opposed to more developed parts of the County where such units can be adequately served. If not better controlled, this would lead to non-agricultural development that would likely adversely impact agriculture.

Why would it be bad for agriculture? The farmer or rancher could use the extra income from the rental.

And then adds:

Second, as proposed, the amendment does not differentiate between areas with significant service constraints and those where infill development can likely be accommodated without significant coastal resource impacts. In particular, the lack of a sustainable water supply in Cambria and Los Osos is well known to the Commission and the County. There, even existing water extractions to serve existing development has led to coastal resource degradation (e.g., groundwater overdraft, seawater intrusion, fishery impacts, ESHA degradation, etc.), and both

¹ LCP – Local Coastal Plan

communities continue to be designated a Level of Severity (LOS) III under the LCP in terms of water supply.

As such, suggested modifications are included to not allow for ADUs in Los Osos and Cambria for the time being.

And slams the door with:

And finally, the proposed amendment broadly eliminates off-street parking requirements for ADUs, but doesn't differentiate between areas where this is unlikely to lead to significant public coastal access impacts versus where it is. In particular, the County's coastline is home to a number of very popular visitor destinations where on-street parking along the shoreline is a key part of the available parking supply for many visitors, and is often the only available way to access the coast.

And

County and Commission staff are in agreement on the suggested modification language. Both staffs have also coordinated with State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff on the proposed amendment, and HCD staff has not registered any objections to the amendment as modified. Staff thus recommends that the Commission approve the proposed amendment with suggested modifications.

Accordingly, no ADUs will be permitted in the coastal sections of the County if the County accepts the Commission's direction. Do you suppose this is OK with Supervisor Gibson? - You betcha. Put them in Templeton, Nipomo, and anywhere else where the coastal elites don't live. Ditto for vacation rentals – the item immediately below.

Item F16e - Public hearing and potential action on request by San Luis Obispo County to amend LCP provisions for vacation rentals in the unincorporated community of Los Osos. Originally, the Commission staff was opposed to the very restrictive maximum 55 vacation unit limit. Suddenly it changed its position to agree with the County's very restrictive limit. Many letters from Los Osos residents supporting the limits were received and cited by the Commission Staff for its change of position. Supervisor Gibson also advised the staff of his support for the restrictions.

The proposed amendment's 55-unit cap and 500-foot buffer requirements raise some concerns with respect to conformance with LUP requirements to maximize public recreational access and prioritize visitor accommodations. The proposed LCP amendment is one of the more limiting versions of such caps and buffers that the Commission has considered (and is significantly more limiting than the rules that apply).

Staff had previously scheduled this proposed amendment for an October 2021 Commission hearing, but postponed that hearing in light of significant comments received after the staff report was distributed that made staff reconsider its recommendation (which was then for the amendment to be approved as submitted) in light of same.

Staff has since reevaluated the issues and worked with County staff on solutions to identified problems, including two suggested modifications with which County staff is in agreement, all of which is described herein. LCP-3-SLO-21-0027-1 Part F (Los Osos Vacation Rentals) to other areas of the County).

In evaluating these concerns, including in light of comments received from interested parties, a number of issues were identified. Some of these are specific to Los Osos, but many of them are also generically issues under the LCP because the LCP structure for vacation rentals, including as it relates to the individual communities with additional standards, is the same.

In the end, the staff cited water restrictions as a key reason not to allow more than 58 vacation rentals.

A minimum of one water conservation sign shall be posted in each restroom and kitchen of the dwelling. Water conservation signs shall encourage occupants to reduce water usage by stating (a) the importance of conserving water in Los Osos and (b) ways in which occupants can reduce the amount of water used during the stay. Water conservation signs shall be created and posted utilizing Countyapproved language.

This seems to me a token way for the Commission staff to get around its own supposed concern about water supply.

On the one hand, the purpose of the Commission is maximizing access to coastal resources. But on the other, and in reality, they back the NIMBY position.

LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, February 1, 2022 (Completed)

In General: This was a very short agenda with no items of significant policy concern other than discussion of the redistricting lawsuit, which took place in Executive Session outside of public view. The regular part of the meeting took only 36 minutes. Intel suggests that some Dems don't think the law suit going anywhere. Gibson is campaigning in Atascadero.

San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Meeting of Wednesday, February 2, 2022 (Completed)

In General: The agenda contained many items related to applying for and complying with the conditions of the large mélange of Federal and State transportation programs.

Item F-4: 2022 State and Federal Legislative Programs. This is largely a plea for increased funding from Federal and State sources. The documents are extensive. The PowerPoint slides below summarize the overall requests:

Governor's FY 22-23 State Budget

Opportunities and challenges:


- 1) \$45.7B GF surplus, \$20B flexible
- 2) \$40B from Feds, \$25B/5yrs for highways: Strings?
- 3) \$10B for ZEV infrastructure/purchases
- 4) Halting gas tax inflationary adjustment (\$532M hit)

2/2/2022 Item F-4

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2022 SLOCOG State Legislative Platform

SLOCOG's State Legislative Priorities: 

- 1) More stimulus please
- 2) Leveraging regional partners
- 3) Keeping Multi-modal options an option- even w/ COVID challenges
- 4) Pollution solution = ZEV investments
- 5) Full Steam Ahead: Expand Coast Rail
- 6) Getting our Brown Act Together

Central Coast Coalition (CCC)



Mission:

Raise awareness of U.S. 101 Corridor as a major economic asset & encourage ongoing investments on the corridor.

Members:

- SLOCOG
- Santa Barbara Co. Assoc. of Gov't. (SBCAG)
- Council of San Benito Co. Gov't. (San Benito COG)
- Transportation Agency for Monterey Co. (TAMC)
- Santa Cruz Co. Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC)
- Association of Monterey Bay Area Gov't. (AMBAG)
- Caltrans District 5, ex-officio

2022 CCC Legislative Platform



The CCC legislative priorities are focused on:

- 1) The Voters Have Spoken, Lifeline \$ Please
- 2) More stimulus funding please
- 3) Multi-modal Investments = More Rail
- 4) Meet air quality goals = transit, rail, ZEVs
- 5) A Voice for The Coast
- 6) Getting our (Brown) act together

2022 SLOCOG Federal Legislative Platform

SLOCOG's Federal legislative priorities are focused on:



- 1) Building with Biden
- 2) Speaking with one voice
- 3) Expanding Passenger Rail Opportunities
- 4) System Sustainability-ZEV tax credits

ISSUES

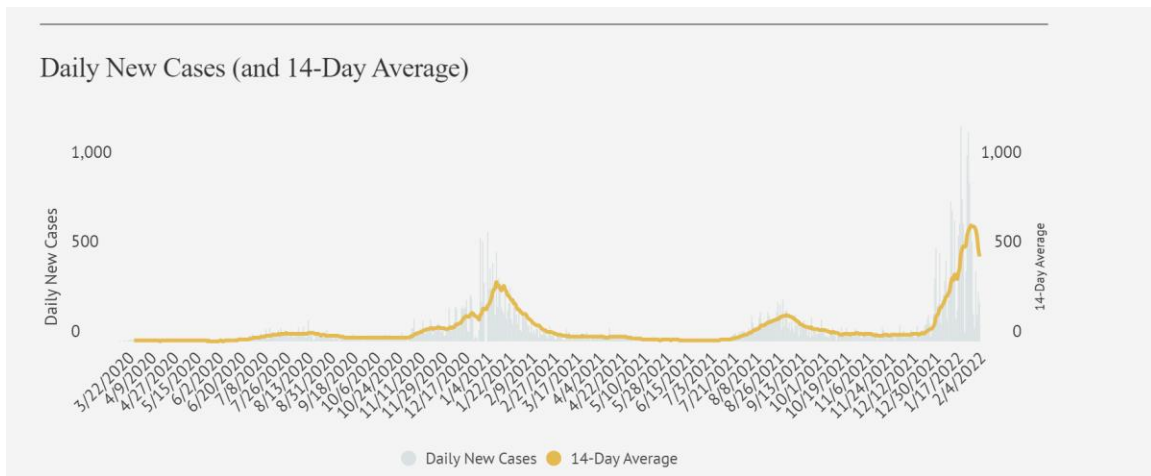
EMERGENT

Item 1 - COVID

Omicron version has peaked. Hopefully it will continue downward and burn itself out.

– It appears that the

Last Week



36 (6 ICU)** SLO County Residents with COVID-19 in Hospital

Item 2 - Defense Condition (DEFCON) For US European Command (USEUCOM):² You may need your radiological gas mask versus your COVID mask. See the excerpted sample chronology on the next page as the forces and incidents build. Watch out for maskirovka.³



February 5, 2022 - Number Of Russian #Battalion Tactical Groups Near Ukraine Increased From 60 To 83 In Two Weeks. National Security Correspondent Jennifer Griffin has reported that Putin has in place 70% of necessary forces needed for a Ukraine invasion, and battalion tactical groups have increased from 60 to 83 in two weeks with 14 more in transit. Read more Taken from Defcon Level Warning System: <https://www.defconlevel.com/current-level.php>

February 5, 2022 - United States and NATO fighter jets, which included British and Norwegian aircraft intercepted Russian planes over the North Atlantic on Thursday according to the North

² Level 5 is a state of peace and is a good thing, while Level 1 is a state of war or imminent nuclear threat and a very bad thing. Taken from Defcon Level Warning System: <https://www.defconlevel.com/about.php> Data provided by Defcon Level Warning System Private U.S. Intelligence Gathering Informative Organization. 2-5-2022 | 12:44 am UTC Sourced from Defcon Level Warning System: <https://www.defconlevel.com/european-command-news.php>

³ The 1978 *Soviet Military Encyclopedia* defines deception similarly, placing additional stress on strategic levels, and explicitly including political, economic and diplomatic measures besides the military ones. Strategic *maskirovka* is carried out at national and theater levels to mislead the enemy as to political and military capabilities, intentions and timing of actions. In these spheres, as war is but an extension of politics, it includes political, economic and diplomatic measures as well as military.

Atlantic Treaty Organization. Read more Taken from Defcon Level Warning System: <https://www.defconlevel.com/current-level.php>

February 4, 2022 - Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov put out a statement over Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Twitter account saying that Russian President Vladimir Putin has reiterated Russia's position on security guarantees in Europe and that China's President has 'reaffirmed' support for Russia's stand on the issue. Read more Taken from Defcon Level Warning System: <https://www.defconlevel.com/european-command-news.php> **NOTE: A classic maskirovka would be to get the US and NATO focused on Ukraine and then China moves on Taiwan and Russia grabs and fortifies Syria in a quick stealthy strike. Or maybe Putin just wants to absorb the Donbas region of Ukraine where pro- Russian Rebels have been attempting to join Russia. If the US and its allies agree, he will pull back just as he did when Obama agreed to let them take Crimea in 2014.**

February 4, 2022 - Multiple oil transport and storage facilities in Europe have been hit with cyber-attacks. Oil tanking in Germany, SEA-Invest in Belgium and Evos in the Netherlands have all had cyberattacks carried out against them, including 'dozens of terminals with oil storage and transport' across the world having been affected over the weekend according to BBC News. Read more Taken from Defcon Level Warning System: <https://www.defconlevel.com/european-command-news.php>

February 4, 2022 - The Russian President has met face to face with Chinese President during the kickoff of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games, where Russia backed China's stance on Taiwan, and China backed Russia's stance on 'security guarantees' from the United States and NATO. Read more Taken from Defcon Level Warning System: <https://www.defconlevel.com/european-command-news.php>

February 4, 2022 - Russia stated on Thursday that it would be "absolutely justified" in responding to the Pentagon's deployment of 3,000 troops to Poland, Romania and Germany. Meanwhile the leader of Belarus stated "I will do everything so that Ukraine becomes ours. She is our Ukraine".` Read more Taken from Defcon Level Warning System: <https://www.defconlevel.com/european-command-news.php>

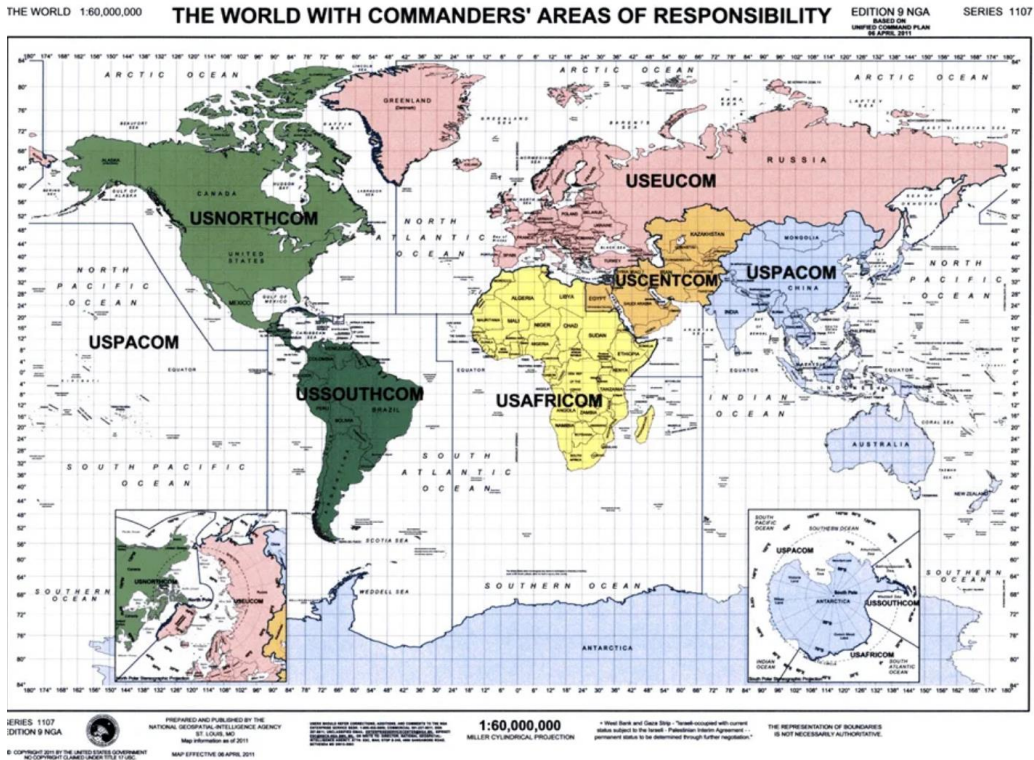
In an American political maskirovka, do Biden and the Democrats actually want a war to distract everyone from their failures and undermining of our society? How many of our 19 year olds are they willing to sacrifice to defend a country which is surrounded by Russia already when we can't even defend our own border, kick the reds out of Cuba, Venezuela, and San Francisco?



ON THE BRINK

Putin has been accused of trying to 'provoke' Ukraine as fears loom of a Russian invasion





Reflect on this:

Don't under estimate Russian patriotism and Putin's popularity. Here is one video celebrating Mother Russia. Note the fusion of Orthodox Christian, Islamic, Communist, Czarist Imperial, modern, military, classical European culture, and historical symbolism all woven into a 4 minute video. <https://youtu.be/VJcnuZB4Xt4>

Instead of cancelling their culture and heritage, they promote it. We tear down statues of our patriots and saints. In 1918, when some of the Bolshevik leaders wanted to burn the churches, art, palaces, statues, and other symbols of Imperial Russia, Lenin said "preserve it all". Any vandals were shot. If you watched the video, you understand.

Unlike the American left, they are proud of their heritage. Send us as powerful a video celebrating America if you know of one:

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COLAB IN DEPTH

IN FIGHTING THE TROUBLESOME, LOCAL DAY-TO-DAY ASSAULTS ON OUR FREEDOM AND PROPERTY, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE LARGER UNDERLYING IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC CAUSES

CALIFORNIA DREAMING

Will the trash crisis on Union Pacific's train tracks finally force the Golden State to crack down on lawlessness?

BY KATYA SEDGWICK



In the last decade, California made a reputation for itself as the site of multiple “supply chain disturbances,” some of which took shape of mysteriously disappearing packages. Porch pirates became notorious, but while a thief stealing cardboard boxes from a driveway could at least be caught on camera or spotted by neighbors, what happened to Amazon orders that were never marked “out for delivery” remained obscure.

Package theft is just one part of the general culture of lawlessness in which California, and the country, has plunged headfirst. In 2014, California electorate passed Proposition 47, which dramatically reduced criminal penalties, and in 2016 the voters approved Proposition 57, which allowed early parole of criminals, many of them violent. Additional criminals were released from California prisons for fear of Covid-19 in early 2020.

District attorneys backed by the billionaire George Soros prevailed in down-ballot low-turnout elections in several American cities. They opted to go against class enemies such as small landlords and startups instead of enforcing the still existing criminal laws. All of that took place as Black Lives Matter continued to demoralize cops around the country.

It is no surprise, then, that criminal enterprises are mushrooming across the country, engulfing previously untouched spheres, and moving their pawns accordingly. As Daniel Greenfield [explained](#):

The same drug rings exploiting children to run drugs began using them to steal cars.

Organized gangs employed young recruits to shoplift from stores when it became clear that even the most brazen daylight robberies would not be prosecuted in major urban areas.

Especially if the perpetrators were teens. And the younger the teens, the better.

It's not that the drug trade suddenly became unprofitable. But it is firmly in the hands of cartels. Gangs have easily identified other sources of income in a regime that all but eliminated criminal penalties.

Disgruntled citizens, armed with cell phones and dashboard cams, have been recording the decline of our cities for the world to see: discarded syringes, two-story makeshift plywood structures, stolen bicycles, garbage everywhere, all became a familiar sight on social media.

What happened on January 13, however, was no DIY production. Slick images of a Union Pacific locomotive chugging along amidst piles of debris against the background of Los Angeles skyline at sunset popped up on screens. Along came the story, picked up by major corporate outlets, including the left-leaning ones, of the wave of California train robberies.

Thieves have been raiding the trains outside of L.A., looking through contents of Amazon and UPS boxes and picking up expensive goodies. In the process, they left discarded packages and low resale value items, such as photo albums and EpiPens, on the tracks. As many as 90 containers a day are compromised by the robbers. Trains get derailed by trash. News outlets were made to notice.

Union Pacific hired a cleanup crew and beefed up security. Unfortunately, with the Soros-backed District Attorney George Gascon in charge of prosecution in Los Angeles County, these measures are meaningless. In the letter sent to Gascon in December 2021, Union Pacific explained:

We find ourselves coming back to the same results with the Los Angeles County criminal justice system. Criminals are caught and arrested, turned over to local authorities for booking, arraigned before local courts, charges are reduced to a misdemeanor or petty offense, and the criminal is released after paying a nominal fine.

This is a familiar complaint in any municipality that recently succumbed to the prosecutorial whims of shady district attorneys like San Francisco's Chesa Boudin. For instance, in April 2020, Boudin, the son of domestic terrorists, assured the parole release of Troy McAlister, the man he previously represented as a public defendant. Twice that year, the parolee was taken into custody for various offenses only to be promptly let go. On New Year's Eve, he allegedly got high and committed a burglary. Fleeing the scene of the crime in a stolen vehicle, police said McAlister ran a red light, killing two women, one of them a 27-year-old Japanese citizen Hanako Abe. Even the suspect's mother [believes](#) he should have never been released.

It's not only the railroads and [upscale boutiques](#) that are hurting; and it's not "just property," as a socialist mantra would have it. Ordinary people living in increasingly lawless cities feel neglected by the state. The San Francisco community has rallied behind Abe's family. In June, the city will vote on the recall of Boudin and, if I had to bet, he will be removed—and then replaced with someone not very different.

As ordinary people have adjusted to rampant criminality, San Francisco-based corporations have behaved in a most cowardly manner, choosing to virtue signal over serving their presumed

missions. Corporate America embraced BLM in the wake of George Floyd riots, and big money rarely speaks out against the chaos imposed from above. Some wholeheartedly support it. For instance, in 2018 Salesforce aggressively campaigned for San Francisco's Proposition C, which levied a tax on businesses to eliminate homelessness. The measure was approved by the voters, but the city's mayor recently declared a state of emergency, in effect admitting that the so-called "homelessness crisis" is not an economic issue but a law enforcement one.

At a time when the inbred corporate culture bows down to every diversity, equity, and inclusion dictate and guards their elite status with woke jargon, it is nice to see that there exists a corporation that has stuck to its frequently misunderstood mission, to deliver goods to customers. As Union Pacific put it in their letter to Gascón:

While we understand the well-intended social justice goals of the policy, we need our justice system to support our partnership efforts with local law enforcement, hold these criminals accountable, and most importantly, help protect our employees and the critical local and national rail network.

The story refuses to die. California Governor Gavin Newsom felt obliged to schedule his own photo shoot on train tracks outside L.A. He was the picture of fury itself, saying:

The images looked like a Third World country. What you saw here in the last week is just not acceptable. So, I took off the suit and tie and said I'm coming because I couldn't take it. I can't turn on the news anymore. What the hell is going on?

What's going on is a railroad company threatening to leave the largest city in one of the largest states because of the state's inability to secure an environment in which it can do business. It is capital going on strike. The governor should know: California, the state with ever-expanding budgets and a Democrat supermajority, failed in executing the one essential function of the government—maintaining secure roads and transport.

Union Pacific's interest in restoring law and order perfectly coincides with that of the ordinary people. We, too, would like to return to normal so that we can enter Walgreens without dodging shoplifters. Our nation doesn't need Union Pacific, or any other corporation, to maintain a social justice regime. We need Union Pacific to deliver packages, and the environment conducive to that mission—law, order, stability—is the one from which we would all benefit.

I find it refreshing that there is a corporation in the United States willing to command resources to defend its own purpose. I pray they won't disappoint.

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The recent UN climate summit in Glasgow was predictably branded as our “last chance” to tackle the “climate catastrophe” and “save humanity”. Like many others, US climate envoy John Kerry warned us that we have only nine years left to avert most of “catastrophic” global warming.

Almost every climate summit has been branded as the last chance. Setting artificial deadlines to get attention is one of the most common environmental tactics. We have continually been told for the past half century that time has just about run out. This message is spectacularly wrong and leads to panic and poor policies.

Three years ago Britain’s Prince Charles announced we had just 18 months left to fix climate change. This wasn’t his first attempt at deadline-setting. Ten years earlier he told an audience that he had “calculated that we have just 96 months left to save the world”.

In 2004 a major UK newspaper told us that without drastic action climate change would destroy civilization by 2020. It stated that major European cities would be sunk beneath rising seas, Britain would be plunged into a “Siberian” climate, and mega-droughts and famines would lead to widespread rioting and nuclear war.

In 1989, the head of the UN Environment Programme declared that we had just three years to “win — or lose — the climate struggle”. In 1982 the UN was predicting planetary “devastation as complete, as irreversible as any nuclear holocaust” by the year 2000. At the first UN

environment summit in Stockholm in 1972, the organiser and later first UN Environment Programme director warned that the world had just 10 years to avoid catastrophe.

In 1972 the world was also rocked by the first global environmental scare, the so-called Limits to Growth report. The authors predicted that most natural resources would run out within a few decades, while pollution would overpower humanity. At the time, the future was described by Time magazine as a desolate world with few gaunt survivors tilling freeway centre strips, hoping to raise a subsistence crop. Life magazine expected “urban dwellers will have to wear gas masks to survive air pollution” by the mid-1980s.

They were all wrong because they overlooked the greatest resource of all: human ingenuity. We don't just use up resources; we innovate smarter ways of making resources more available. At the same time, technology solves many of the most persistent pollution problems, as did the catalytic converter. This is why air pollution in rich countries has been declining for decades.

Nonetheless, after 50 years of stunningly incorrect predictions, climate campaigners, journalists and politicians still hawk an immediate apocalypse, to great acclaim, by ignoring adaptation. Headlines that rising sea levels could drown 187-million people by the end of the century are foolish. They imagine that hundreds of millions of people will remain stationary while the waters lap over their calves, hips, chests and mouths. More seriously, it absurdly assumes that no nation will build any sea defenses. In the real world, ever-wealthier nations will adapt and protect their citizens better, leading to less flooding, while surprisingly spending an ever-lower share of their GDP on flood and protection costs.

Likewise, when activists tell you climate change will make children face twice as much fire, they rely on computer models that only include temperature and ignore humans. Real societies adapt and reduce fire because fires are costly. That is why global fire statistics show less burned area over the past 120 years and why a future with adaptation sees less, not more fire.

These unsubstantiated scares have real-world consequences. An academic study of young people worldwide found that most suffer from “eco-anxiety”. Two-thirds are scared and sad, while almost half say their worries affect their daily lives. It is irresponsible to scare youths when the UN Climate Panel finds that even if we do nothing to mitigate climate change the impact by the end of the century will be a reduction of an average income *increase* from 450% to 438%. A problem, but hardly the end of the world.

Moreover, panic is a terrible policy adviser. Activist politicians in the rich world are tinkering around the edges of addressing climate change, showering subsidies over expensive vanity projects such as electric cars, solar and wind, while the UN finds that it can't identify an actual impact on emissions from the last decade of climate promulgations. Despite their grandiose statements of saving the world, 78% of rich countries' energy still comes from fossil fuels. And as the Glasgow climate summit has shown (for the 26th time), developing nations — whose emissions over the rest of this century matter most — cannot afford to similarly spend trillions on ineffective climate policies as they help their populations escape poverty.

Fifty years of panic clearly haven't solved climate change. We need a smarter approach that doesn't scare everyone and focuses on realistic solutions such as adaptation and innovation.

Adaptation won't make all of the cost of climate change vanish, but it will reduce it dramatically. And by funding the innovation needed to eventually make clean energy cheaper than fossil fuels, we can allow everyone — including developing countries — to sustainably go green.

• *Lomborg is president of the Copenhagen Consensus and visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. His latest book is "False Alarm: How Climate Change Panic Costs Us Trillions, Hurts the Poor, and Fails to Fix the Planet". The article first appeared in many world publications on February 3, 2022 and was republished in the Hoover Daily Report of February 3, 2022*



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NATIONAL RADIO AND TV COMMENTATOR HIGH HEWITT AT COLAB DINNER



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

General Member: \$100 – \$249 \$ _____ Voting Member: \$250 - \$5,000 \$ _____

Sustaining Member: \$5,000 + \$ _____

(Sustaining Membership includes a table of 10 at the Annual Fundraiser Dinner)

General members will receive all COLAB updates and newsletters. Voting privileges are limited to Voting Members and Sustainable Members with one vote per membership.

MEMBER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

How Did You Hear About COLAB?

Radio Internet Public Hearing Friend

COLAB Member(s) /Sponsor(s): _____

NON MEMBER DONATION/CONTRIBUTION OPTION:

For those who choose not to join as a member but would like to support COLAB via a contribution/donation. I would like to contribute \$ _____ to COLAB and my check or credit card information is enclosed/provided.

Donations/Contributions do not require membership though it is encouraged in order to provide updates and information.

Memberships and donation will be kept confidential if that is your preference.

Confidential Donation/Contribution/Membership

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Check Visa MasterCard Discover Amex NOT accepted.

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Card Number: _____ Exp Date: ____/____ Billing Zip Code: _____ CVV: _____

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