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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Board approves funding for drones

LAPD plans to use 24 devices as first response across the city with help from \$2.1M donation

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The Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners on Tuesday approved using a \$2.1 million donation to purchase 24 drones and equipment to bolster LAPD's plans to use them as first responders at times following a successful pilot program.

The board's 5-0 vote sent the proposal along to the mayor and the City Council for consideration.

The funds, combined with \$1.8 million in public funds, would go toward a three-year contract with Skydio for the purchase of the drones and docking stations as well as installation at eight stations and four

public or private facilities.

The department plans to put two drone docking stations each at its Northeast, Hollywood, Olympic, Wilshire, West Los Angeles, Topanga and Devonshire stations, a LAPD report says.

Three docking stations would be at LAPD's headquarters.

One dock would be at Palisades Village, and two each would be at The Grove, Vine-

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The LAPD is planning to acquire 24 drones for deployment from police stations and facilities across the city of Los Angeles.

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MILAN CORTINA GAMES

Chloe Kim soars to top in halfpipe qualifying



Chloe Kim of Team United States competes in the Women's Snowboard Halfpipe Qualification on Day 5 of the Milan Cortina Winter Olympics at Livigno Snow Park on Wednesday in Livigno, Italy. **DAVID RAMOS — GETTY IMAGES**

U.S. star on track to become first snowboarder to win 3 consecutive Olympic gold medals in tonight's final

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MILAN — On a morning when a ray of sun squeezed through the clouds above the Italian Alps as if to provide her a spotlight, Chloe Kim once again reminded us that the biggest difference between her and those of us who have never dared to fly is not the enormous gap in physical abilities but in our wildest dreams.

In the most anticipated qualifying round in Olympic snowboarding history, Kim, a month after tearing the labrum in her left shoulder, less than two weeks after she was able to get back on a board, yet again delivered a gravity- and imagination-defying performance few could even conceive of.



The United States' Chloe Kim reacts to her score during the women's snowboarding halfpipe qualifications. Kim, a native of Torrance, posted the top qualifying score on Wednesday. **LINDSEY WASSON — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Kim, 25, posted the top qualifying score in the Milan Cortina Winter Olympics halfpipe at the Livigno Snow Park Wednesday morning, proving that even

injured she remains head — and shoulders — above the world's best snowboarders and keeping her on track

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Supes not widening pause on evictions

Motion to help renters facing ICE raids fails amid threat of lawsuits from property owners

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Esmerelda, who did not give her last name, is a lot like others who are living in fear of being arrested by roaming federal immigration agents. She told her story during an emotional meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

"The raids continue and they keep us terrorized. A lot of us are not able to go out to work without fear," she said.

Story after story emerged, detailing how the immigrant community since raids began in Los Angeles County in June are often not reporting to work for fear of being detained and possibly sent to out-of-state detention centers.

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LOS ANGELES

City restarts plan to block private detention centers

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The Los Angeles City Council approved a motion on Wednesday to restart the process to potentially ban the development of private detention centers citywide.

Councilmember Tim McOsker reintroduced the motion, about six years after the City Council initially discussed it; at the time, the motion was aimed specifically at centers for unaccompanied minors, but the current one is broader. The precautionary move was, in part, a proactive step to guard against detention centers that are going up to house

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Wasserman

LA28 board backs Casey Wasserman's job after Epstein files stir scrutiny

By Beth Harris
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Casey Wasserman's job as chairman of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics organizing committee is safe after the LA28 board's executive committee met Wednesday to discuss his appearance in recently released government files on Jeffrey Epstein.

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