

# NORMS DEFIED TO KEEP ESSAYLI IN PLACE

Justice Department maneuvers to extend his time as L.A.’s top federal prosecutor.

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The White House moved Tuesday to keep interim U.S. Atty. Bill Essayli in power as Los Angeles’ top federal prosecutor, marking the Trump administration’s latest maneuver to defy norms and keep controversial appointees in positions across the country.

Essayli — a former Riverside County assemblyman, staunch conservative and Trump ally — was to be named acting U.S. attorney for the Central District of California on Tuesday evening, according to Matthew Nies, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice.

The maneuver — which echoes steps the Trump administration took to keep its chosen prosecutors in power in New York, New Jersey and Nevada in recent weeks — allows Essayli to stay in office while sidestepping normal confirmation processes in the U.S. Senate.

Essayli was appointed to his post by U.S. Atty. Gen. Pam Bondi in early April. Interim appointees must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate within 120 days. But Trump never moved to formally nominate Essayli for confirmation by the U.S. Senate, where he would have faced fierce opposition from California Sens. Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff, both Democrats.

That left Essayli’s fate in the hands of a local federal judicial panel, which declined to name anyone to the post on Tuesday, according to a report from Fox News. Court records do not reflect any action taken by local judges.

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**POLICE** work outside the Manhattan building that houses the headquarters of the NFL. A shooter killed four people before turning his firearm on himself.

# Ex-L.A. school athlete is named as N.Y. gunman

Shane Tamura said he had brain trauma from football and may have been targeting NFL.

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Investigators are looking into whether a Las Vegas man who went on a deadly shooting rampage in Manhattan on Monday was targeting the National Football League after it emerged that the gunman was a Los Angeles high school football player with a documented mental health history.

New York Mayor Eric Ad-

ams said Tuesday that the shooter, identified by law enforcement officials as 27-year-old Shane Tamura, appeared to have a grievance with the NFL but ended up on the wrong floor of a skyscraper that houses the sporting league’s headquarters.

“He seemed to have blamed the NFL,” the mayor told the WPIX-TV news station. “The NFL headquarters was located in the building, and he mistakenly went up the wrong elevator bank.”

Law enforcement officials have said that Tamura, who appears to be the son of a former Los Angeles Police Department officer,

marched into a 44-story office tower on Park Avenue around 6:25 p.m. Monday carrying an M4 assault rifle in his right hand. He immediately opened fire in the lobby, shooting first a New York Police Department officer, then a woman who took cover behind a pillar and a guard behind the security desk.

After spraying more gunfire across the lobby, the gunman got into an elevator and went to the 33rd floor, which houses the Rudin Management real estate firm. He then walked around the floor, firing more rounds and shooting and killing another person, before walking

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# EPA to revoke greenhouse gas emissions rule

Move to roll back policy could make it harder for state to achieve climate goals.

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In a stunning move, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday proposed to repeal its landmark 2009 finding that greenhouse gas emissions endanger public health.

The proposal would also revoke the standards the agency has set for greenhouse gas emissions from all motor vehicles.

The so-called endangerment finding is a formal determination affirming that planet-warming greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane pose a threat to human health and the environment. It forms the legal and scientific basis for regulating these emissions under the Clean Air Act and is derived from decades of expert research and analysis.

If it is reversed, many standards that rely on it could crumble — leaving the auto industry and other polluting sectors free to emit greenhouse gases without limits. But experts and state regulators say it could also represent a golden opportunity for California to set a national example, as the move may open the door for stronger regulations at the state level.

“Here in California, we recognize the science, we recognize the need for urgency, and we plan to continue doing the important work that will protect the public,” Liane Randolph, chair of the California Air Resources Board, told The Times.

The plan marks the latest in a string of actions by the Trump administration to reverse years of climate-change policy — including the EPA’s proposed repeal of power plant emissions standards in June, and its recent assault on California’s ability to set strict tailpipe emission standards.

A 2007 Supreme Court case, *Massachusetts vs. EPA*, affirmed that greenhouse gases qualify as air

pollutants under the Clean Air Act and that the EPA has the authority to regulate them. The finding became the legal foundation for regulating carbon emissions from vehicles, power plants and other polluting sectors and led to the formation of the endangerment finding two years later.

A chorus of advocates and experts on Tuesday condemned the administration’s plans to reverse this finding as dangerous and shortsighted. Independent researchers around the world have long concluded that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases released by the burning of fossil fuels are dangerously warming the planet and con-

[See EPA, A11]

# U.S. says UCLA violated Jewish rights

Bondi says the school will pay ‘heavy price’ for a pro-Palestinian campus encampment.

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The Department of Justice said Tuesday that UCLA violated the civil rights of Jewish and Israeli students who reported harassment and intimidation during a spring 2024 pro-Palestinian campus encampment, heightening the political tensions between the University of California and the Trump administration.

In a letter addressed to UC President Michael V. Drake, Department of Justice officials said, “Jewish and Israeli students at UCLA were subjected to severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive harassment that created a hostile environment by members of the encampment.”

The letter faulted UCLA for not taking down the encampment until after it was attacked by a pro-Israel group. In addition, the department found UCLA was “inadequate” in its response to complaints from Jewish and Israeli students last spring, violating the Equal Protection Clause and Title VI.

A department statement that said UCLA acted with “deliberate indifference” toward Jewish students and Atty. Gen. Pam Bondi said the Trump administration will make UCLA pay a “heavy price.”

“This disgusting breach of civil rights against students will not stand: DOJ will force UCLA to pay a heavy price for putting Jewish Americans at risk and continue our ongoing investigations into other campuses in the UC system,” Bondi said.

The letter, signed by U.S. Assistant Atty. Gen. Harmet K. Dhillion and Deputy Assistant Atty. Gen. Gregory W. Brown, gave UCLA a deadline of Aug. 5 to enter into a voluntary settlement to “ensure that the hostile environment is eliminated and reasonable steps are taken to prevent its recurrence.”

If UCLA refuses, the officials said, the Trump administration would file a federal lawsuit on Sept. 2.

University of California and UCLA representatives did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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# Poll: Israel war loses U.S. public support

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WASHINGTON — Support for Israel’s military action in Gaza has declined substantially among U.S. adults, with only about one-third approving, according to a new Gallup poll — a drop from the beginning of the war with Hamas, when about half of Americans approved of Israel’s operation.

The polling also found that about half of U.S. adults now have an unfavorable view of Israel’s prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, the most negative rating he has received since he was first included in Gallup polling in 1997. The poll was conducted July 7-21 while reports of starvation in Gaza

led to international criticism of Israel’s decision to restrict food aid but before President Trump expressed concern over the worsening humanitarian situation.

The findings underscore the Israeli government’s dramatic loss of support within the U.S. But not everyone is shifting — instead, the war has become more politically polarizing. The rising disapproval is driven by Democrats and independents, who are much less likely to approve of Israel’s actions than they were in November 2023, weeks after Hamas’ Oct. 7 surprise attack and after Israel expanded its ground offensive in Gaza.

Republicans, on the other hand, remain largely supportive of Israel’s mili-

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**IN** North Hollywood, Jose Quinonez walks his bike near a homeless encampment.

# Key path to housing cut off

State budget reductions hit L.A. County temporary subsidy program that lends homeless people a hand

By ANDREW KHOURI

When people walked into the Downtown Women’s Center in Skid Row seeking help, the organization often turned to a lifeline.

The center enrolled people in a temporary housing subsidy designed to help homeless individuals pay rent for a limited time while they get back on their feet.

Lately, that’s not an option.

In April, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, citing budget cuts, directed the center and other

service providers across the county to stop accepting new participants into the so-called time-limited subsidies, or TLS, a crucial program little known outside the world of homeless services.

“We are constantly asked ‘When’s that going to open up again?’” said Downtown Women’s Center Chief Executive Amy Turk. “And we’re like, ‘We don’t know.’”

The change is likely to ripple throughout the L.A. County homeless service system, according to providers and LAHSA. With one pathway to housing cut off,

people are likely to stay longer in shelters. With fewer spots at shelters, people are likely to stay longer on the street.

“It’s going to bottleneck,” said Sasha Morozov, regional director for the homeless service provider known as PATH. She called that likelihood “heartbreaking” given the time and investment the region has made to house people. “We’ve worked so hard.”

Service providers and LAHSA have said they view time-limited subsidies as crucial and have pointed to

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## State joins Planned Parenthood suit

California and others sue the Trump administration over a measure to defund clinics. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## Gates’ rare path to Hall of Fame

Chargers icon achieved glory without playing in college, Sam Farmer writes. **SPORTS, B10**

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Adam Lambert will be Jesus and Cynthia Erivo will be Jesus at the Bowl. **ENTERTAINMENT, E1**

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