



Hundreds protest ICE outside Super Bowl

Local police say no arrests were made

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SANTA CLARA, CA – They came, they marched, they chanted – all under a close watch. But it wasn’t ICE agents who patrolled the streets on Super Bowl Sunday, as many had anticipated.

Hundreds of people on Feb. 8 took over a main thoroughfare less than 2 miles from Levi’s Stadium, the site of Super Bowl 60 between the Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots, railing against President Donald

Trump’s mass deportation efforts using Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol.

Their voices got louder, echoing off nearby buildings while they chanted “no ICE, no KKK, no racist USA,” “dare to struggle, dare to win,” and “it’s our right to resist, it’s our right to rebel.”

The protest capped a weeklong slew of rallies, marches and demonstrations in the area, all culminating in the biggest turnout on game day.

“We deserve to be seen and heard,” said Lyla Salinas, 22, an organizer with CSO San Jose, one of the protest’s nearly two dozen sponsors. “We need to show our presence on one of the world’s

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Ariel Ranker, an organizer with the nonprofit 50501 San Jose, participates in an “ICE Out of the Super Bowl” protest in Santa Clara on Feb. 8.

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John Dotsy, right, resident of the Tradewinds Apartments on Preble Avenue, speaks with girlfriend Dena Piquette-Garcia, left, on concerns over plans to convert garage and carport spaces into accessory dwelling units on Feb. 2.

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Residents push back on garage conversion plans

Structures morphing into accessory dwelling units

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Residents of a Ventura apartment complex are raising alarm over some garages being converted into accessory dwelling units, or ADUs.

John Dotsy, 55, who has lived at Tradewinds Apartments on Preble Avenue near the 101 Freeway and the Pacific View Mall for nearly a decade, said he has been getting nonstop notifications from the owners since last year to give up his garage for the ADU conversion.

ADUs located within a half-mile walking distance of public transit are exempt from parking requirements, according to the state’s ADU laws. Dotsy says those laws have made it next to impossible to stop the change.

“We’re already limited on parking now and if you bring in 10 more families, where are we all going to park?” he said at his complex on Feb. 2. “You’re taking everybody out of their garages and you’re trying to bring in more people, it’s just disgusting.”

Dotsy and other affected residents



Tradewinds Apartments on Preble Avenue in Ventura have plans to convert garage and carport spaces into accessory dwelling units.

spoke about their concerns in public comment at a Ventura City Council meeting on Jan. 13.

While residents are upset about the conversions, city officials say their hands are tied because state law favors ADUs.

City Manager Bill Ayub said it is “a very permissive environment for landowners to add ADUs independent of the city’s control.”

The city’s community development

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Experts: TrumpRx has limited reach

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President Donald Trump’s new prescription drug website, TrumpRx.gov, is focused largely on the significant discounts the administration has negotiated for users of the popular GLP-1 weight-loss drugs, limiting its savings for all consumers, experts said.

Trump unveiled the website – which is a central pillar of his efforts to lower drug prices in the United States – at a White House event on Feb. 5.

While 16 of the largest global drug-makers struck “most-favored nation” deals with the Trump administration to cut drug prices for Americans in exchange for exemptions from U.S. tariffs and promised to list drugs on the site, only five companies had done so as of Feb. 7.

Trump has touted the website, saying his administration was delivering massive, immediate savings to millions of Americans.

The website discounts are on fewer than 45 drugs – more than 30 of them

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Kaiser strike enters its third week

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A Kaiser Permanente strike that has brought picket lines, rescheduled appointments, closed pharmacies and waits for medication enters into its third week.

An estimated 31,000 nurses and other health care professionals in United Nurses Associations of California/Union of Health Care Professionals launched the strike on Jan. 26 in California and Hawaii. It revolves around disputes in staffing, wages and Kaiser bargaining strategies that have brought unfair labor practice com-

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