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ABC OWNED TELEVISION STATIONS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, PRESENT 'CALIFORNIA DREAMING: THE FUTURE OF THE GOLDEN STATE,' A MULTIPLATFORM FIVE-DAY SERIES SET TO PREMIERE FEB. 1-5 WITH A SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY TO AIR FEB. 6

The Weeklong Series Will Air in the Newscasts of <u>ABC7/KABC-TV Los</u>

Angeles, <u>ABC7/KGO-TV San Francisco</u>, and <u>ABC30/KFSN-TV Fresno</u> with an Extended Version Special Available Via Streaming Across Its Connected TV

Apps and Hulu



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While California is grappling with income inequality, wildfires and earthquakes, some say the state is not the home they remember. "California Dreaming: The Future of the Golden State" is a five-part series from ABC Owned Television Stations, in partnership with National Geographic, that will look at the future of what the California dream means

and the people working to find solutions to keep the dream alive. "California Dreaming" premieres Monday, Feb. 1, through Friday, Feb. 5, culminating in a 30-minute special that airs Saturday, Feb. 6. The special is a collaboration between the three owned ABC stations in California and will air in the newscast on ABC7/KABC-TV Los Angeles, ABC7/KGO-TV San Francisco, and ABC30/KFSN-TV Fresno. The series and an extended version will also be available to stream across the stations' connected TV apps and Hulu.

Viewers tuning in to their local ABC newscast will hear the stories of former Californians who left the Golden State and those who chose to stay. While each episode explores housing, the cost of living, wildfires and earthquakes, it also shares real-time solutions. The series spotlights in-depth interviews with elected officials, local leaders, experts, who give insight into the progress to resolve these issues and highlight the inescapable beauty, allure and one-of-a-kind opportunities that California offers.

Episodes include the following:

Episode 1 - State of the State: While many friends, neighbors and co-workers are moving out, most are staying put. Experts share what is being done to slow down the migration.

Episode 2 - Wildfires: 2020 saw record-breaking heat and acres burned by wildfires. ABC's meteorologists explain how extreme weather conditions have contributed to the increase of wildfires. Coupled with hundreds of millions of dead trees caused by drought periods, priming California's forest, and grasslands for the next inferno. However, there's hope. Experts and local officials discuss the work that is underway to help lessen the effects of wildfires, and t ir ideas could save the West Coast.

Episode 3 - Cost of Living: We share the same beautiful state but live in completely different worlds: the wealthy and those who struggle financially. With the world's fifth largest economy, what can we do to bridge California's economic divide? It is not only a question for the experts. Everyday people share their journey of how they are tackling challenges they never imagined - and succeeding.

Episode 4 - Earthquakes: "THE BIG ONE." Californians have been warned about it for decades. With the disruption faced in 2020, have we forgotten about California's most destructive environmental threat? There's hope. Viewers will see the newest technology helping Californians prepare.

Episode 5 - The California Dream: California is one of the most culturally diverse and progressive states in the United States. Californians have always shown resilience, no matter what comes our way. Maybe it's the sound of the surf or the dependable sunshine that inspires Californians to rise together day after day. Meet the people making waves and discover the places that still make the California dream come true for everyone.

All linear times for the series air in the newscast of KABC-TV Los Angeles (4:00 p.m. PST), KGO-TV San Francisco (6:00 p.m. PST) and KFSN-TV Fresno (6:00 p.m. PST).

The 30-minute documentary airs **Saturday**, **Feb. 6**, on KABC-TV Los Angeles **(9:00 p.m. PST)**, KGO-TV San Francisco **(9:00 p.m. PST)** and KFSN-TV Fresno **(9:00 p.m. PST)**, with an encore on all three stations on **Saturday**, **Feb. 13 (9:00 p.m. PST)**.

An extended version of the documentary is available on the stations' connected TV apps <u>ABC7 Los Angeles</u>, <u>ABC7 San Francisco</u>, <u>ABC30 Fresno</u>. Viewers can download the Apps on Roku, AppleTV, Amazon FireTV, AndroidTV and HULU to watch the series.

About ABC Owned Television Stations

Walt Disney Television's eight owned ABC stations are multiplatform leaders in local news and information. Collectively No. 1 across all U.S. television, reaching 23% of households and more than 34 million Total Viewers and 62 million digital visitors a month, the eight stations are comprised of WABC-TV New York, KABC-TV Los Angeles, WLS-TV Chicago, WPVI-TV Philadelphia, KGO-TV San Francisco, KTRK-TV Houston, WTVD-TV Raleigh-Durham and KFSN-TV Fresno. The stations also deliver locally sourced storytelling to more than 14 million viewers across America through its digital-first national lifestyle brand and broadcast channel, Localish. Most recently, the stations received four Broadcast & Cable awards in the major market category for 2020: Best News Coverage, Best Digital Multiplatform or Website, Best

Investigative Reporting Station Group and Best Public Affairs Programming, illustrating the group's strength and ever-increasing growth and reach in the multiplatform space.

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