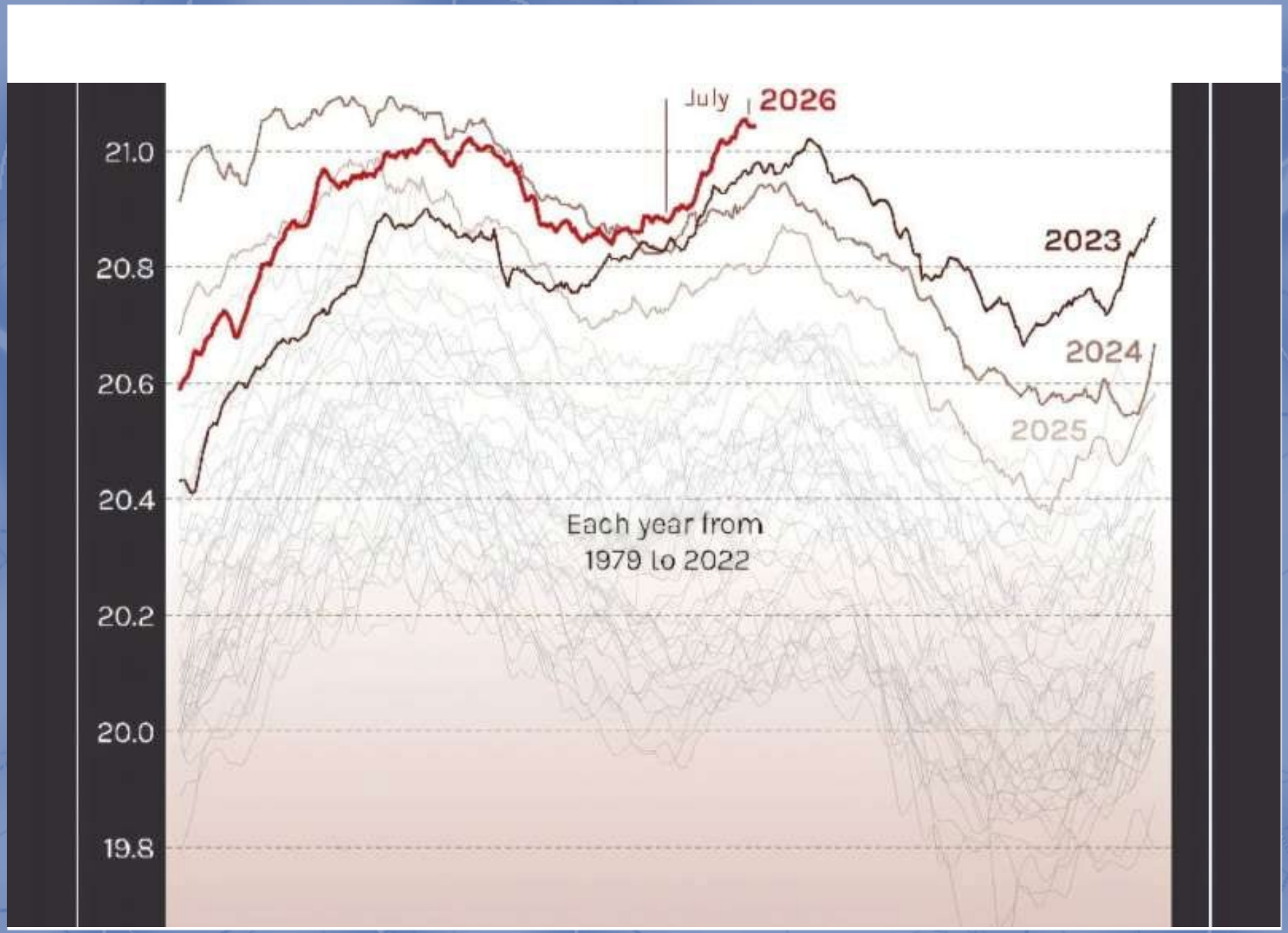


Climate Change Committee
10/22/2026

(Allen J. Schaben Los Angeles Times)


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Pat

- **Compile a list of city managers for the 10 cities in Ventura County and their websites to facilitate outreach about available grants and fire risk reduction.**

Susan

- **Finalize a date for the Desalter tour, considering August 25th or 27th, and confirm the tour time.**

Wayne

- **Email Heather Allen (county sustainability group) to ask about greenhouse gas emissions progress and request fixes for broken links on the web page.**
- **Distribute the link to the Oak Park Unified School District Board Policy on green operations (BP 3510/3511) to all meeting attendees.**

Last Meeting Review

Wayne

- **Email Heather Allen to inquire about the status of the county's greenhouse gas emissions and address broken links on the webpage.**
- **Share the link to the Climate Action Plan team's candidate questions document after the meeting.**
- **Take a closer look at Proposition 45 (CEQA reform) and report back to the group.**

All

- **Look at Proposition 45 (CEQA reform).**

Proposition 45: CEQA

Prop 45 would:

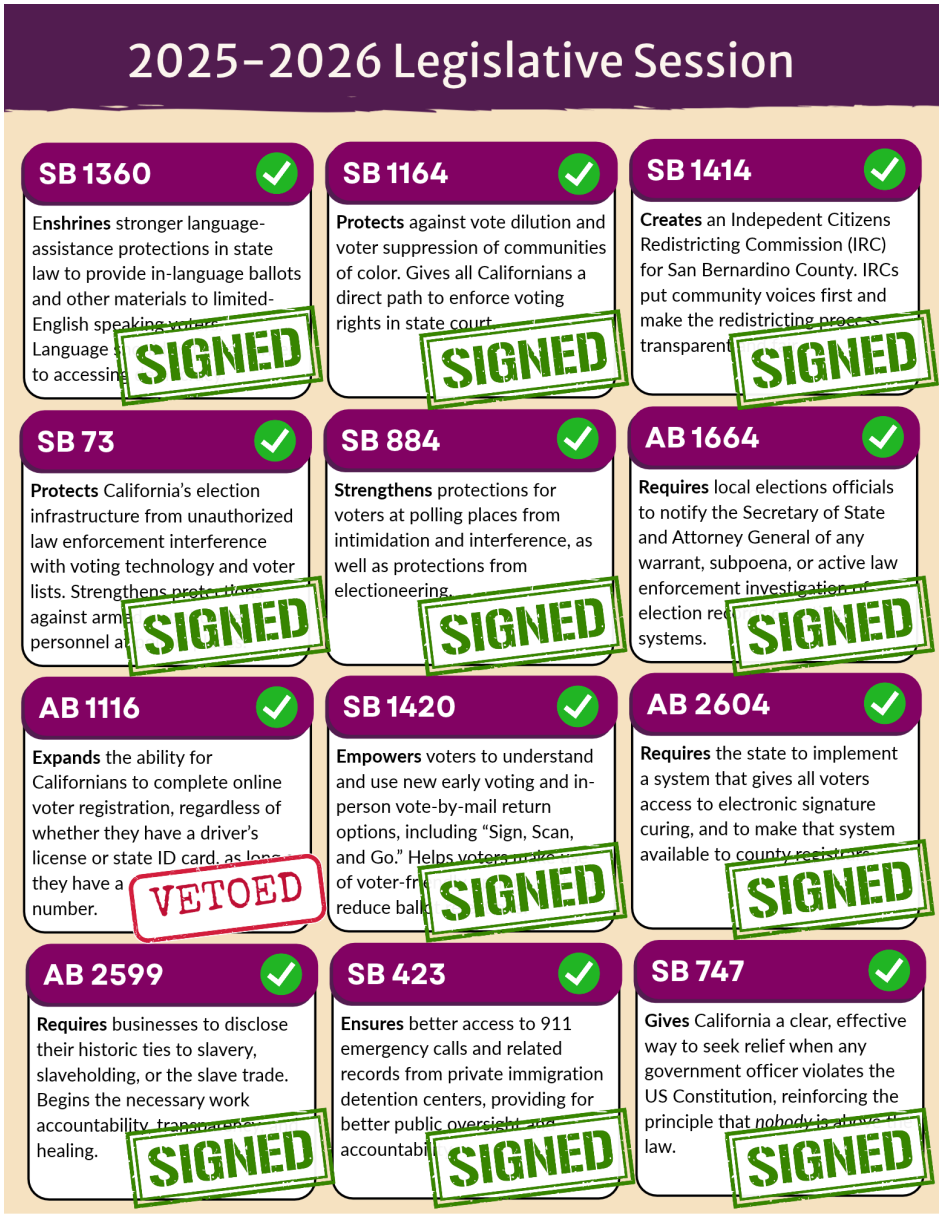
- **Establish new timelines for environmental review and permit decisions.**
- **Limit the number of project alternatives that must be analyzed during environmental review.**
- **Require agencies to apply the environmental standards in effect when a project application is submitted, rather than those adopted later.**
- **Limit the information courts may consider when reviewing certain challenges.**
- **Restrict courts' ability to stop an entire project when only part of the environmental review is found to be deficient.**
- **Create deadlines for courts to resolve legal challenges.**

Proposition 45: CEQA

From the LWV California:

Prop 45 is a long, very detailed statute that would significantly modify CEQA for specified "essential projects" to enforce strict timelines, constrain public participation with unreasonable timelines, eliminate key environmental analyses, and more. It addresses potentially very large-scale infrastructure projects, and their subsidiary components with the same time constraints as smaller "essential projects," increasing the probability of rushed studies, incomplete analyses, lack of feasible alternatives, poor interagency coordination, less public participation, and decisions that are done in haste to meet the required timelines without considering the full consequences of the proposed "essential project."

Climate Bills sent to Gov Newsom



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SB 222, (Wiener) The Heat Pump Access Act, is the first bill in the nation to streamline heat pump permitting statewide to make it faster, easier, and more affordable for California households to install heat pumps for clean cooling and heating.

AB 2313, (Berman) The Home Energy Choice Act, will offer California homeowners the choice to electrify their homes with a voluntary incentive, instead of automatically having their gas hookup replaced.

SB 868, (Wiener) The Plug and Play Solar Act, will exempt portable solar devices, or "balcony solar," from interconnection requirements and fees to expand access to Californians, especially renters and apartment dwellers.

AB 1738, (Carrillo) The Remote Virtual Inspection Act, will require cities and counties to offer homeowners and contractors the option of a remote inspection for common, straightforward residential upgrades like heat pumps and solar while preserving strict safety standards.

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SB 886 (Padilla) Data Centers: The League was one of a few supporters who joined the push at the end of the session to get this passed - and it paid off. Despite very strong opposition from PG&E and others, it was signed into law with six other bills designed to protect ratepayers and the environment from the impacts of data centers. Governor Newsom signs most comprehensive data center laws in the nation, providing communities more control on water, electricity, and land use.

SB 327 (McNerney) Public utilities: review of accounts: electrical and gas corporations: rates: political influence activities. Prohibits each electrical corporation or gas corporation from recovering from ratepayers the direct or indirect costs of activities related to opposing the municipalization of electrical or gas utility service.

AB 1684 (Ward) Common interest developments: cooling systems. Disallows homeowners' associations (HOAs) from prohibiting cooling systems for owners/tenants.

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AB2494. Forest Management. This bill would have changed the statutory mission for California's Demonstration State Forests. We did not recommend supporting the bill. It did pass, but the Governor vetoed it. He basically had the same concerns the NRC did - it limits the ability for forest managers and scientists to conduct necessary research. Read his veto message

SB222. Permitting/Climate Change/Electrification. We supported this bill to streamline the permitting of residential heat pump installations across the state. Signed into law.

AB 35 - We supported this bill which created an urgency clause to streamline the use of Proposition 4 funds for environmental projects, including those in the Tijuana River Valley. Signed into law.

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SB 58 - We supported this bill which requires CARB and OEHHA to develop a hydrogen-sulfide response framework and update health-based exposure guidance for hydrogen sulfide with special consideration for communities near the Tijuana River Valley. Signed into law.

SB1046 - We supported this bill which requires Cal/OSHA to develop workplace protections for employees at high risk of prolonged exposure to transboundary pollution, including consideration of hydrogen-sulfide exposure limits. Signed into law.

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SJR 13. This resolution urged the federal government, during its 2026 review of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), to obtain measurable commitments to address discharge of untreated sewage & industrial effluent into transboundary waters. Because it contained an automatic non renewal clause, we recommended to the Leg Committee to support only if that clause was removed. The resolution passed and was delivered to the feds. US pulled out of USMCA due to its own concerns about the existing trade agreement.

Comments on Performance Evaluation of the California Coastal Management Program. Members of the NRC and the Water Team drafted comments for submission to NOAA regarding its evaluation of the California Coastal Management Program. Because NOAA is a federal agency, these comments had to be approved by the LWV and LWVC before submission. They're attached for everyone's review.

To Check on Bills

Leginfo : https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/

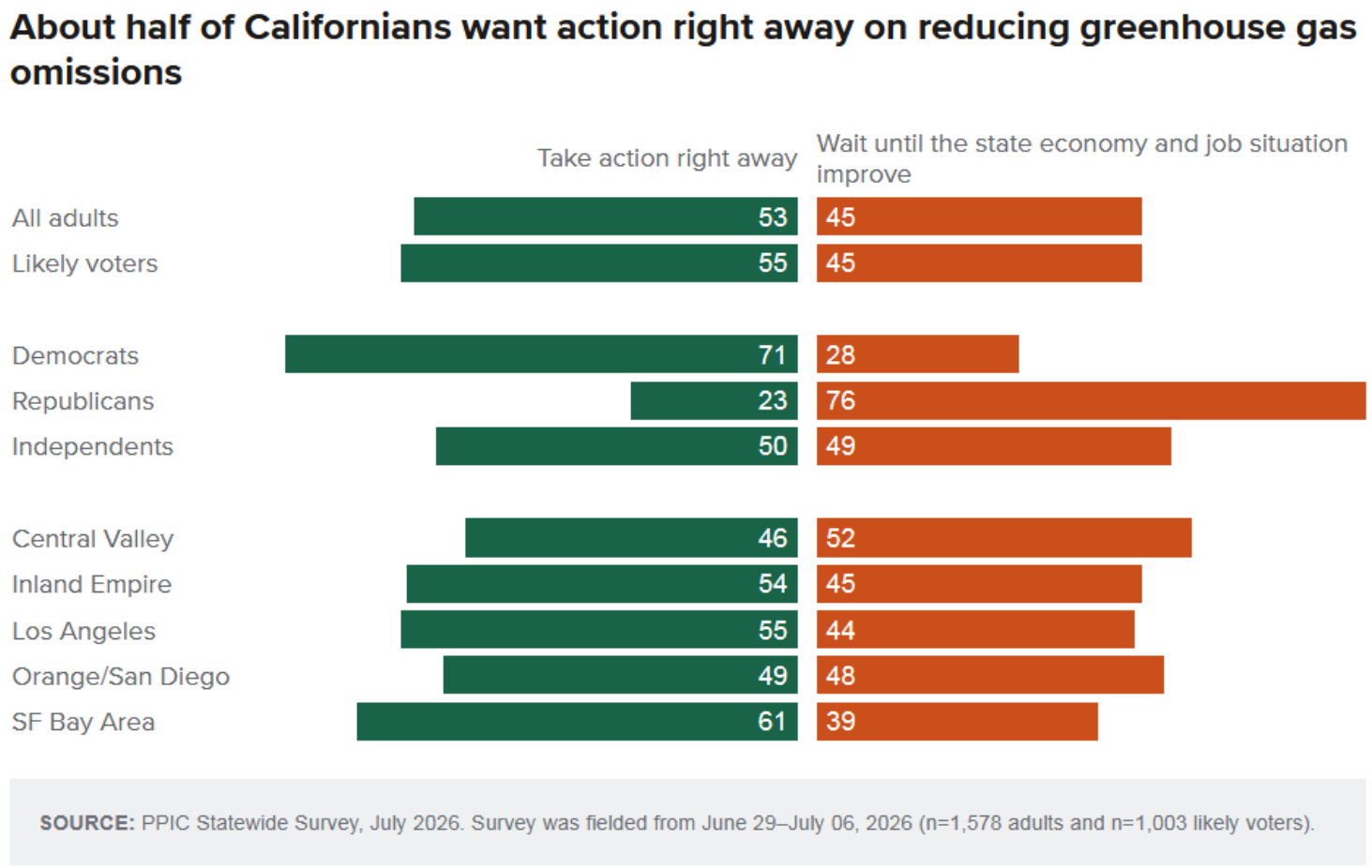
Governor’s website for news: https://www.gov.ca.gov/

In the News

El Nino LA Times article

Public Policy Institute of California - Environmental survey

https://www.ppic.org/publication/ppic-statewide-survey-californians-and-the-environment-july-2026/



Incentives

STATE LOAN PROGRAM



Offered by GoGreen Financing (Statewide)

0% loans for heat pumps in California

If you're replacing a water heater or HVAC system with a heat pump, you may be able to finance it interest-free. California's GoGreen Home program is offering 0% APR on loans of up to 10 years, or 2% for terms up to 15 years. Projects can run up to $30,000, and the loans carry no property liens or hidden fees.

To get started: LINK

To qualify, you need:

- **A household income of $150,000 or less**
- **A qualifying zip code**
- **A GoGreen-participating contractor**

Check your eligibility on the Switch Is On Incentive Finder.

Event Planning?

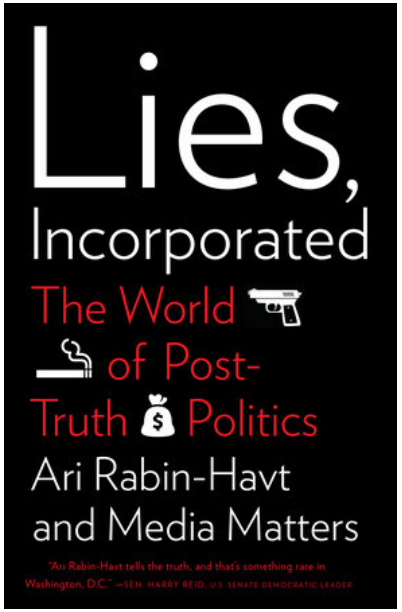
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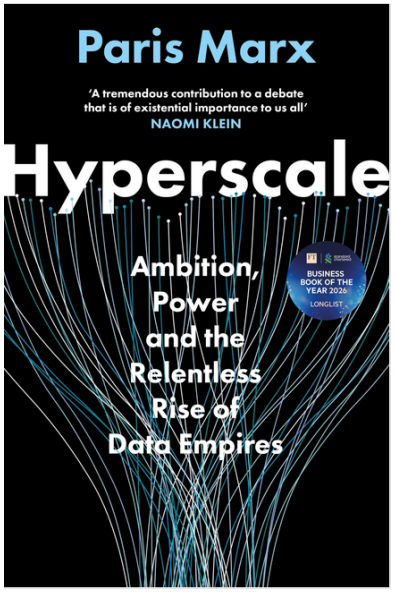
- **Desalination Plant – Camarillo Pick a date**
- **Tour of Harrison Waste facilities**
- **Tour of Agromin**
- **Tour of Port Hueneme**
- **Other ideas?**

Books

Lies, Incorporated – The World of Post-Truth Politics

by Ari Rabin-Havt and Media Matters





Hyperscale – The Ambition and Excess of Big Tech's Data Empires

by Paris Marx

Here is an interview on Democracy Now! LINK

Next meeting Thursday, November 19, 2026