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Where Kamala Harris Calls Home

The California senator and VP nominee owns property in L.A.'s Brentwood neighborhood, as well as San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

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A quick Google search for Sen. Kamala Harris's house turns up shots of a three-bedroom house in a quiet enclave near downtown Sacramento, Calif.

The senator doesn't live there. Instead, it is home to David DeLuz, a director of the California School Boards Association, and his wife Kamala DeLuz, whose maiden name, it turns out, was Harris.

Mr. DeLuz says the couple frequently receives letters from the public meant for the senator, which they rarely open for fear of "someone sending ricin or something," a worry that might grow now that Sen. Harris has been selected as Joe Biden's running mate in the presidential race.



The first Black woman to be nominated for vice president by a major party, Kamala Harris owns properties in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Calif. and Washington, D.C.

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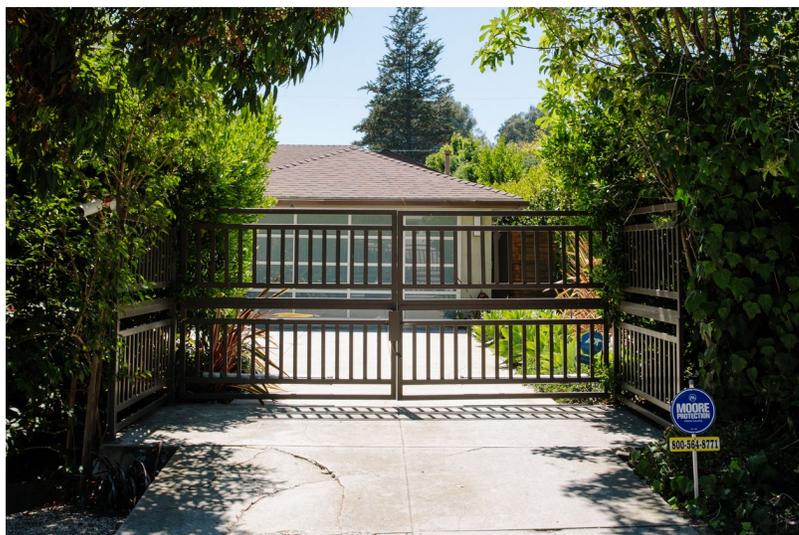
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When they did accidentally open one recently, it was a “a guy writing on behalf of him and his brother asking for pictures of the senator—and asking her to pass another stimulus bill,” Mr. DeLuz laughed. The couple saves up the correspondence and sends it to Sen. Harris’s office every few months.

In reality, Sen. Harris, the first Black woman to be nominated for vice president by a major party, and her husband, attorney Doug Emhoff, live in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles. She also owns apartments in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., records show. Zillow values the three homes at close to \$8 million combined.

Mr. Emhoff purchased the four-bedroom Brentwood house in 2012 for \$2.7 million, about two years before the couple married, records show. He financed the purchase with a loan from Wells Fargo. The home has since been transferred to a trust that bears both of the couple's initials.

The style of the property is difficult to determine as it is largely hidden from the street by foliage and is blurred out on Google Maps Street View feature, which allows users to submit a request to have a home, a car or themselves obscured for privacy. It was built in the 1950s and is about 3,500 square feet, according to Zillow. Houses along the street appear to vary architecturally, from Mediterranean-style with terra-cotta roofs to classic clapboard homes.



Sen. Harris and her husband Doug Emhoff own a home in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles valued at roughly \$5 million.

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The property is a roughly 10 minute drive from Will Rogers State Historic Park, a popular destination for hikers overlooking Pacific Palisades, and it is a similar distance from the Getty Center museum. **Mary Beth Woods of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, an**

agent with a \$2.895 million listing on Sen. Harris's street, said the area attracts families for its proximity to a local charter school known for its high scores. On the downside, the street gets a lot of traffic, she said.

Zillow estimates the property's value at around \$5 million, although homes in the surrounding hills are asking as much as \$30 million. Records show that Sen. Harris's next-door neighbors include movie producer Mickey Liddell, whose recent films include "Jackie," a biopic about Jackie Kennedy starring Natalie Portman. "She is a lovely person and a great neighbor! So proud of her," Mr. Liddell said.

Sen. Harris said last October that her home had to be evacuated because of the threat of the Getty Fire, which ultimately destroyed many homes in the area. She had been out of town campaigning for the Democratic nomination for president at the time. Her home survived.

In Washington, D.C., Sen. Harris owns a two-bedroom condo at the Westlight condo complex in the district's West End. Local agent Daniel Heider of TTR Sotheby's International Realty, who has sold units in the building, said it attracts athletes, real-estate types and foreign families, some of whom have used the building as a "high-end dorm for their well-heeled children" attending George Washington University.



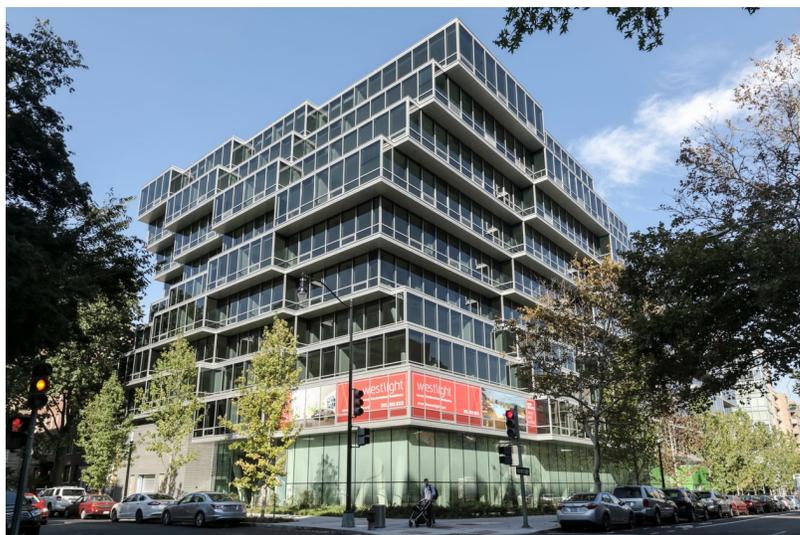
Thanks in large part to its location in major cities, Sen. Harris's real-estate portfolio exceeds Joe Biden's in terms of value.

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"It's so convenient, right on the dividing line of Georgetown and Dupont Circle and Foggy Bottom," Mr. Heider said. "She won't be moving too far if she gets the White House."

Sen. Harris paid about \$1.775 million for her roughly 1,700-square-foot unit there in 2017, records show. Zillow now values the unit at about \$1.98 million. The building was designed by Enrique Norten of TEN Arquitectos in Mexico City and has a cantilevered glass facade, a green wall of living plants, a heated rooftop swimming pool and a fitness center. Mr. Heider said the concierge at the building runs errands for residents, picking up everything from prescriptions to coffee.

In San Francisco, Sen. Harris bought her apartment in the SOMA neighborhood for \$489,000 in 2004, records show. That same year, she began serving as California's first Black district attorney. The property is about a mile's walk from the San Francisco Superior Court House.



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The loft-style apartment is close to 1,000 square feet in a modern condo building, according to Zillow, and is also located close to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the Yerba Buena Gardens. The listings site values the loft at nearly \$890,000.

In contrast to her home in D.C., her neighborhood in San Francisco would “not be considered super luxurious” and is relatively affordable by San Francisco standards, said local agent Nina Hatvany of Compass.

“It’s inexpensive, functional and cool,” Ms. Hatvany said.

Thanks in large part to its location in major cities, Sen. Harris’s real-estate portfolio exceeds Mr. Biden’s in terms of value. Mr. Biden owns roughly \$5 million worth of real estate, according to a recent Wall Street Journal analysis: an estate in Wilmington,

Delaware's "château country" next to a man-made lake built by the du Pont family and a beach house in Rehoboth Beach. Last year, the Bidens rented a large Georgian-style home in the D.C. area that once belonged to former Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

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