

A Look at All of Kamala Harris's Homes

One Observatory Circle, the official residence of the vice president, will be the latest addition to her real estate portfolio.

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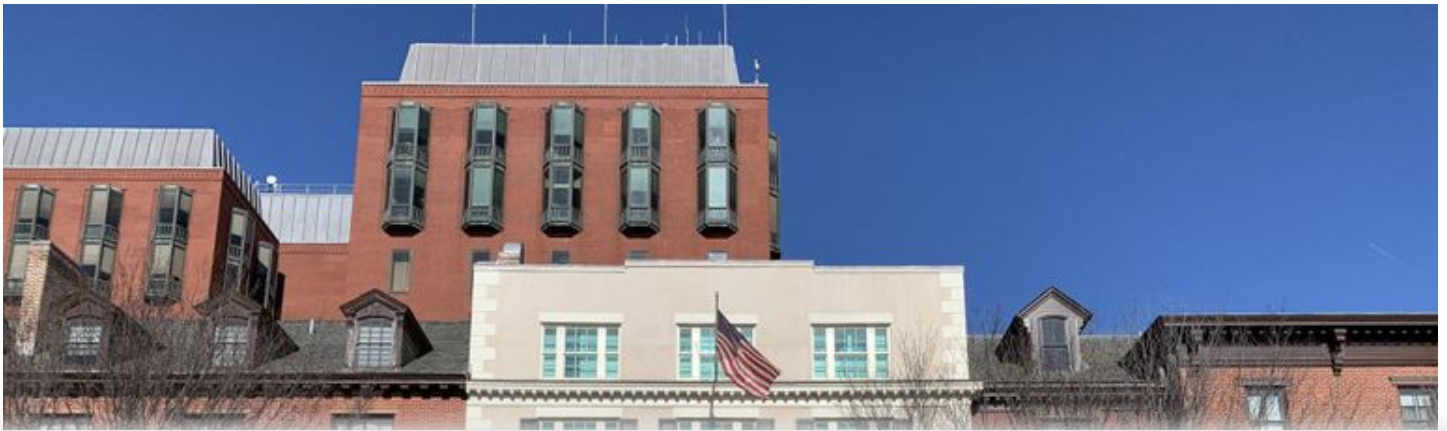
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President Joe Biden might be a self-professed real estate enthusiast but Vice President Kamala Harris has a mini empire of her own.

She spent nearly her entire life in California, save for moving to Quebec for middle and high schools and attending college at Howard University in D.C. She was born in Oakland, grew up in Berkeley, got her law degree at the University of California, Hastings College of Law, and was the district attorney of San Francisco and then the attorney general of California for two terms before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 2017. So it's no surprise that the Vice President has laid claim to a couple of notable pieces of real estate in her home state. Here is what we know about her houses—two in California, one in D.C.—which are worth about \$8 million. Plus, a look at her new vice presidential digs at the Naval Observatory.

Blair House, Washington D.C.



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Blair House, also known as the President's Guest House, is where Vice President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff are currently residing while their official residence undergoes maintenance.

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Currently, Vice President Harris and **Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff** are staying in temporary digs, Blair House, while the official vice president's residence at the Naval Observatory undergoes maintenance. Located just across the street from the Eisenhower Executive Office Building—where the VP's office is—and just steps from the White House, Blair House is a grand 19th-century row house that consists of four buildings and has 119 rooms, 14 bedrooms, and 35 bathrooms. At 70,000 square feet, it's larger than the White House. Also known as the President's Guest House—Joe Biden stayed there the night before his inauguration and Harry Truman lived there while the White House was renovated from 1948-52—it's been called the "world's most exclusive hotel" for all the foreign dignitaries and president's guests who have stayed there during official visits, including Queen Elizabeth, Margaret Thatcher, Vladimir Putin, and Justin Trudeau.

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Even though Harris and Emhoff own a condo in D.C. (see below), the security measures necessary to secure the

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Vice President's Residence, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington D.C.



The Vice President's residence at Number One Observatory Circle.

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Historically, VPs lived in their own homes, but as it became increasingly difficult and expensive to secure private houses, there came a need to establish an official residence for the vice president. In 1974, the house at Number One Observatory Circle was authorized by Congress to be refurbished and transformed into the official home—three years later, Walter Mondale became the first veep to move in.

The house is located on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Observatory, one of America's oldest scientific agencies, and was originally built in the late 19th century for the USNO's superintendent (in 1923, the chief of naval operations took the home for himself because he liked it so much). Designed in the Queen Anne style (characterized by asymmetrical floor plans, round turret rooms, and extensive wraparound verandas), the three-story home is sprawled out over 9,150 square feet on 12 acres of land. There is plenty of space for entertaining dignitaries—during his 8 years as VP, George H.W. Bush hosted 900 parties at the residence—but unlike the White House, Number One Observatory Circle isn't open for public tours.

All former vice presidents have put their own personal touch to the property and Harris will likely do the same.

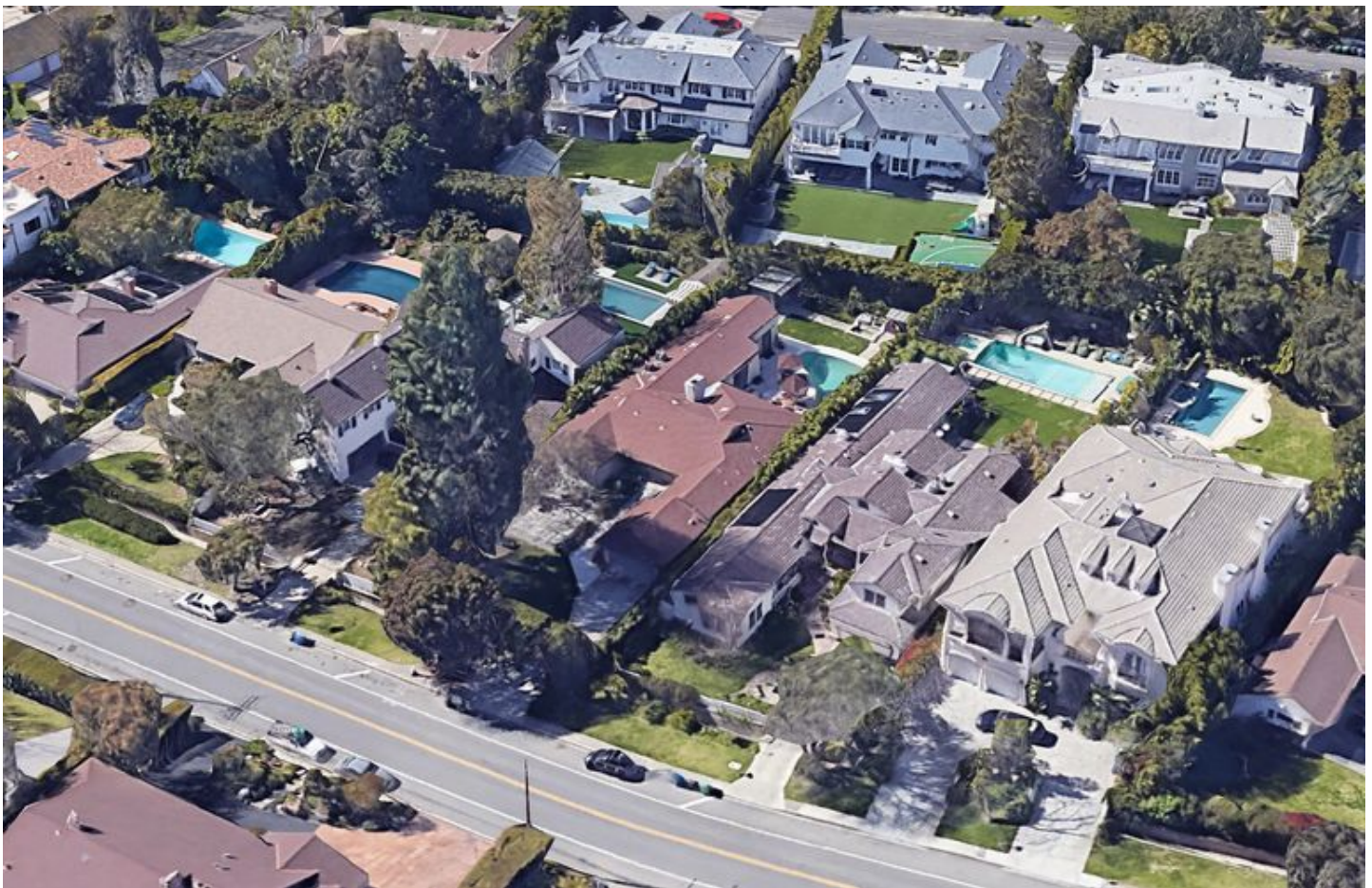
Bush installed a horseshoe pit and jogging track on the grounds. Dan Quayle added a swimming pool and the

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believed to have built an underground bunker after 9/11.

Los Angeles, California



Kamala Harris and husband Douglas Emhoff's home (the orange-roofed house shown in the center) in the upscale Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles.

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In 2012 Harris's **lawyer husband Emhoff** bought this 3,500-square-foot house in the posh Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles, where celebrities like Gwyneth Paltrow and LeBron James own multimillion-dollar mansions. Two years later he married Harris and soon after transferred the home to a joint trust bearing both their initials. The property has four bedrooms and a pool, and is located ten minutes from the Getty Center. It had to be evacuated last fall due to the Getty Fire, which burned 745 acres in the area, but Harris's home didn't suffer any damages. **According to Zillow**, the house is now worth \$5 million.

Washington D.C.



The Westlight Condominium in Washington D.C.

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In 2017, the year she was elected to the Senate, Harris paid \$1.775 million for a two-bedroom, 1,700-square-foot apartment in the nation's capital. The 71-unit LEED-certified **Westlight** complex has a prime location in Washington's West End, with Georgetown on one side, Dupont Circle on the other, and the White House just a mile away. It's also amenity-rich, with a rooftop pool, fitness center, housekeeping, and a 24-hour concierge.

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San Francisco, California



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In 2004, when she became San Francisco's first Black attorney general, Harris bought a condo in town for \$489,000. Its value has nearly doubled since then, according to a Zillow estimate. The 1,000-square-foot loft is located in the city's SoMa (South of Market) neighborhood, home to SF MoMA and the headquarters of several tech companies, including Uber, Airbnb, and Salesforce.

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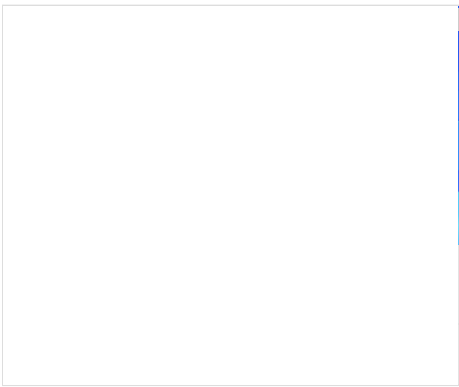
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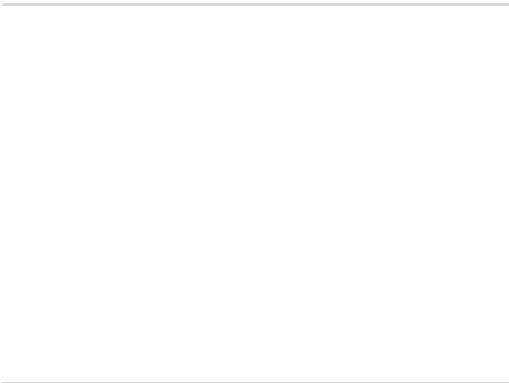
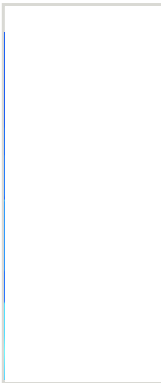


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