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MARS WRIGHT, 29, an L.A. artist and streetwear designer, is relieved he has already undergone surgeries for his gender transition.

## Trump poses a threat to California's transgender protections, experts say

Once in office, he could block access to care. State legislators vow to push back.

BY EMILY ALPERT REYES

When Mars Wright saw that Donald Trump had been elected again as president, the 29-year-old Los Angeles artist and streetwear designer felt relieved he had already undergone surgeries for his gender transition.

Wright, a transgender man, has chronicled his medical journey online, flexing and dancing to show how his body transformed after a masculinization procedure he nicknamed "Dorito chip" for the way it altered his shape. His surgery was covered under an L.A. Care plan he obtained through Covered California, the marketplace set up under the Affordable Care Act for Californians to purchase insurance.

"I'm privileged to be here,"

Wright said of living in California. "And I think about how people are going to have to come here ... to be able to have medical transition."

California leaders have sought to protect access to such procedures for transgender people. Health plans licensed by the state must provide transgender enrollees with medically necessary gender-affirming care. Doctors who provide such care in California are legally shielded from laws criminalizing it in other states.

But experts and advocates said that even in California, access to gender-affirming care could be undermined by federal action as Trump takes office for a second time, pledging to stop "left-wing gender insanity" and calling gender transition for minors a form of child abuse. State lawmakers have

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PEOPLE protest against a transgender notification policy outside an Orange Unified School District board meeting in 2023.

## WILL MUSK BOOST THE EV SECTOR?

Tesla's chief has Trump's attention but could be looking out only for himself.

BY RUSS MITCHELL

President-elect Donald Trump's full-throated support for oil and gas drilling might be expected to send a chill through the electric vehicle industry were it not for a wild card in his fledgling administration: Tesla Chief Executive Elon Musk.

Trump has long railed against EV mandates and subsidies. Then came August, when Musk endorsed Trump and began pouring millions of dollars into the Trump campaign. Not long after, Trump said he was now in favor of some market share for EVs.

"I have to be, you know, because Elon endorsed me very strongly," Trump said at a rally in Atlanta.

Clean transportation advocates are hopeful that Musk will continue to influence Trump's position on EVs.

"If there's a silver lining" to Trump's victory, said Ramses Madou, chair of the Open Mobility Foundation, "it's that Elon Musk can dial back on Trump's anti-EV-ness."

Here are some of the issues facing supporters of electric cars and trucks, and how Musk might influence them:

### Buyer incentives

Reuters and other news organizations reported Friday that Trump plans to end the \$7,500 consumer tax credit for EVs — a move that Musk supports.

After building his company on the back of federally financed buyer incentives,

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### RAMS HANG ON

The Rams' Colby Parkinson, right, exults after his touchdown catch in the third quarter of the team's 28-22 win over the Patriots. **SPORTS, D1**

### U.S. lifts ban on Kyiv's arms use

In a major policy shift, President Biden says Ukraine may now fire U.S.-supplied missiles into Russia. **NATION, A5**

### Why voters split on prison labor

Effort to end practice fails in Golden State, but Nevada approves a ban. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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## Family ties may shape peace in Lebanon

Daughter of Trump married the son of a billionaire who has ear of president-elect.

BY NABIH BULOS

KFARAKKA, Lebanon — In normal times, you'd rarely hear of Kfarakka, a hamlet nestled in the lush green mountains of north Lebanon whose primary claim to fame is that it's the country's top olive oil producer.

These are not normal times.

Hoping for an end to the devastating war with Israel, many Lebanese have turned to this village of some 3,500 people and its most famous son, a Lebanese American billionaire named Massad Boulous who has a direct family line to President-elect Donald Trump and is being talked about as a likely pick for his envoy to Lebanon.

Boulos' son Michael is married to Trump's daughter Tiffany, and during the U.S. election campaign Bou-

los served as Trump's unofficial representative to Arab and Muslim American communities.

His job was to help them forget the ban on visitors from certain Muslim-majority countries during Trump's first presidency and — capitalizing on disenchantment with the Biden administration for backing Israel in the wars in Gaza and Lebanon — persuade them that Trump can deliver peace in the Middle East.

"Trump will be a strong president," Boulous said in an

October interview with Saudi broadcaster Al-Arabiya. "He's the only president who can achieve peace [in Lebanon] and a permanent solution to the Palestinian problem."

He promised that if Trump won, he would work to end the wars immediately, even before he took office.

It's unclear what role the charm offensive may have played, but in Dearborn, Mich. — where more than half the population is of Arab descent, the largest share

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## 30 years in prison, then the case fell apart

Man convicted in '93 gang slaying was implicated by a witness who recanted

BY KERI BLAKINGER

Humberto Duran closed his eyes and told his mother what he'd told her so many times before: He was going to die in prison. After all these years, he was sure of it. "No," she said, from across the visiting room table. "Have faith."

After spending his whole adult life behind bars, by 2010 Duran had finally lost hope. Since entering California prisons, he'd been shot, stabbed and beaten. He had

to get a permanent catheter, developed a seizure disorder and began using a wheelchair.

He'd survived riots, fights and years in solitary confinement. He was no longer the feisty teen he'd been in 1993, when he was arrested on suspicion of an East Los Angeles gang murder he insisted he did not commit.

"Time is going by," he remembered telling his mother that day in the prison visiting room.

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HUMBERTO DURAN, 50, was sentenced to life in prison in 1995. His lawyers say officials "framed" him.



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