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Will the Wall Come Tumbling Down? An Updated Look at Church and State in Los Angeles and Elsewhere

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The 200+ year experiment of separating Church and State in the United States has been a resounding success by most measures. The political model has been emulated since that time in most all modern democracies and adopted by most UN member nations as a universal human right. And yet, as a front line worker for decades on behalf of the preservation and promotion of the First Amendment, the challenges seem only to have grown exponentially in the US in recent years. With presidential candidates and US Supreme Court judges denouncing the principle, religious groups regularly granted special privileges and shielded by law from accountability, and an array of powerful and well-funded organizations actively seeking to use the power of government to promote their religious ideologies, we may now be facing the strongest challenges to church/state separation in the US today in all of that history.

Retired attorney Michael Risman of Santa Monica has been active with Americans United for the 25 years. He currently chairs the Santa Monica working group of the AU Greater Los Angeles chapter. Mr. Risman will cover recent local church-state issues and events in the Los Angeles area and how they tie into the larger national issues followed by Americans United's national office.

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