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"Los Angeles is welcoming more visitors to our city and passengers through our airport than ever before"

- Mayor Eric Garcetti on LA setting records for tourism, LAX and port cargo in 2016

Media Highlights

Stuart Waldman Discusses Banning Developer Contributions to LA Politicians,

[McIntyre in the Morning AM790KABC](#), January 13

LA Leaders Call For Ban On Campaign Finance From Developers, [LA Daily News](#), January 11

LA Politicians Propose Banning Campaign Contributions From Developers, [LA Times](#), January 10

The Valley Industry & Commerce Association's

2017 Legislative Priorities

As we head into the new year, VICA is proud to release our top legislative priorities in 2017.

1. VICA will push to reform and streamline the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. VICA will oppose any attempts to implement a building moratorium such as Measure S which will inevitably hamper critical development projects in Los Angeles.
3. VICA will call for reinstatement of the flexible work week that allows individual employees to request deviation from the 8-hour, five-day state mandate.
4. VICA will lead the effort for business tax reform in the City of Los Angeles, including implementation of the Business Tax Advisory Council's recommended plan to halve rates within five years and eliminate the onerous tax altogether within 15 years.
5. VICA will support a 21st Century transportation system that successfully utilizes multiple modes of transportation for a seamless system.
6. VICA will call on Congress to reauthorize the Build America Bonds program to stimulate greater investment in our transportation sector, facing a rapidly dissolving Highway Trust Fund.
7. VICA will support the installation of high-capacity Metro rails along major Valley corridors, including Van Nuys Boulevard and along Metro's Orange Line.
8. VICA will encourage the allocation of additional staffing for the Los Angeles City Planning Department to expedite the review and permitting processes developers face.
9. VICA will ensure that the inclusion of an environmental justice component in the city's General Plan will not hamper the ability to build much-needed housing in Los Angeles.
10. VICA will support the California WaterFix, a critical infrastructure project to provide reliable, clean and safe water for California.

Please contact the VICA office for more information on 2017 legislative priorities.

Last Chance to RSVP!

Members

VICA Thanks Our Renewing Members

Premier Partner



(2005)

Silver Member



(2002)

Bronze Member



(1994)

Gregory N. Lippe
Accountancy Corp.

The Musella Group

Traders Loan and Jewelry

VICA Welcomes Our New Members

Bronze Member



Bieber Lighting

Northridge Hospital
Medical Center

Calendar

The Week Ahead

Government Affairs

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CONNECTION

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Therese McMillan Metro, Chief Planning Officer - Countywide Planning and Development Wednesday, January 18, 2017

8:30 - 10 a.m.

VICA Office

16600 Sherman Way, Suite 170, Van Nuys

Join VICA for a Newsmaker Connection with Therese McMillan as she discusses Measure M and provides details on the projects that were included in the ballot

measure.

Presenting Sponsor: **State Farm Insurance**

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VICA Newsmaker Connections offer members the opportunity to ask questions and receive immediate responses from community leaders. The event is free for all VICA members. Email armando@vica.com to RSVP!

VICA Seeking Legislative Affairs Manager

VICA is looking for someone who can serve as an advocate for VICA on the federal, state, county and city levels of government through VICA's advocacy efforts. If you or someone you know is a qualified candidate, click below to learn more about the requirements for the position and information on how to apply.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Raising Fees on Fuel Vehicles Hurts Local Residents and Businesses



VICA members are encouraged to contact legislators in Sacramento regarding AB 33, a quick-fix bill that fines residents and business owners that rely on fuel vehicles. While some Californians could switch to alternative fuel vehicles, businesses and residents across the state rely on vehicles that run on all fuel types. We encourage legislators to consider the effects of these fees before developing

the program.

Click [here](#) to send a letter.

Committee Meeting
(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)
Tuesday, Jan. 17
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Providence Tarzana Medical Center
18321 Clark St,
Tarzana
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Newsmaker Connection with Therese McMillan
Wednesday, Jan. 18
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Healthcare Committee Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 19
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Valley Presbyterian Hospital
15107 Vanowen St,
Van Nuys
Click [here](#) to RSVP

New Member Breakfast
Friday, Jan. 20
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Save The Date

Ambassador Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 25
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Sacramento Advocacy Day
Wednesday, Jan. 25
Sacramento, CA
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Rapid Recovery Seminar: Business Earthquake Recovery
Wednesday, Feb. 1
8 to 9 a.m.
Fire Station 87
Community Room
10124 Balboa Blvd,
Granada Hills
Click [here](#) for more information

Register Today for VICA's 2017 State Officeholders Dinner!



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017
5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at The Globe Theatre
Universal Studios Hollywood

Confirmed Speakers (As of 1/13/17)

Senators	Assemblymembers	Statewide Offices
Ben Allen	Raul Bocanegra*	Board of Equalization Chairwoman Fiona Ma
Ed Hernandez	Phillip Chen	Board of Equalization Member Jerome Horton
President pro Tempore Kevin de León	Matt Dababneh	
Henry Stern	Laura Friedman	
	Chris Holden	
	Marc Levine	
	Monique Limón*	
	Adrin Nazarian	
	Sharon Quirk-Silva	*Denotes newly confirmed speakers
	Miguel Santiago	

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VICA Welcomes 2017 Executive Committee

Hot Issues

Development

On Tuesday, project directors of George Lucas' Museum of Narrative Art announced that it will be

built in Los Angeles. The \$1 billion Exposition Park museum will be funded by George Lucas.

Transportation

Starting next week, LADOT will be running electrified bus service on LADOT DASH Route A. Initially one electric bus will be in circulation. The fleet will gradually increase to four by mid-2017.

Budget

Interest groups respond quickly after Governor Jerry Brown urged caution in the preliminary budget proposal he unveiled on Tuesday, which projects the state to run a \$1.6 billion deficit by next summer.

Education

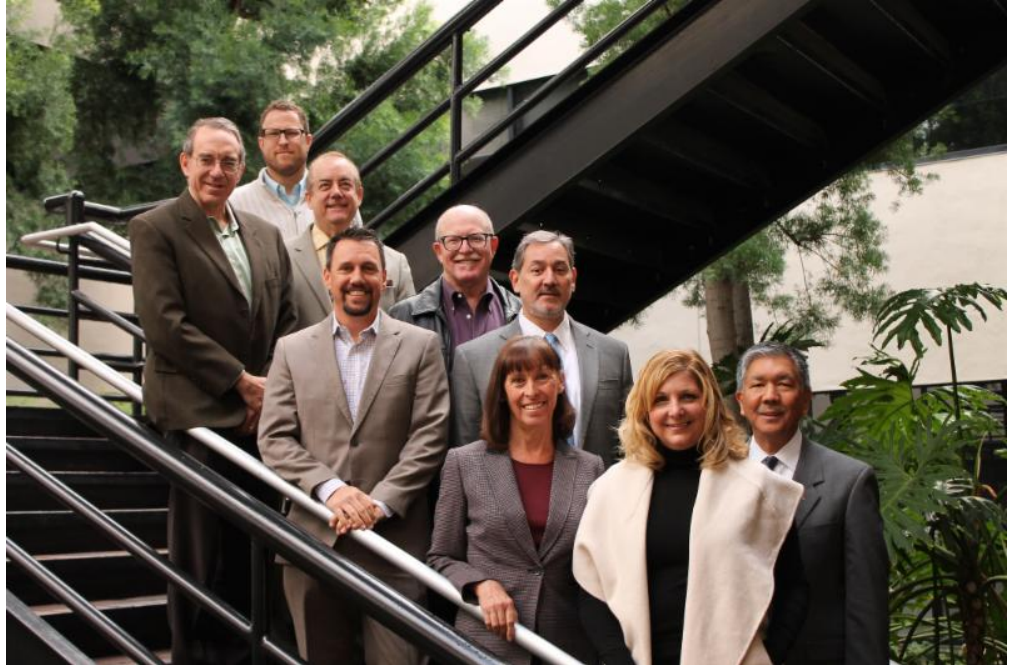
Preschoolers from low-income families waiting for a preschool seat may not get it in 2017 if Governor Brown's proposal passes. The budget zeros out about \$226 million that was slated for early childhood expansion.

Environment

On Thursday, a group of California legislators introduced legislation to ensure that California's cap-and-trade emissions control program extends past 2020.

Employment

Your business could incur significant fines for not posting the most current California and federal employment notices. Please remember that all California employers must post the new minimum wage notice, which became effective on January 1, 2017.



On Friday, VICA held its first Executive Committee meeting of the new year to discuss goals and priorities. VICA welcomes all of our executive members as we look forward to the leadership they will provide in 2017.

Chairman: Kevin Tamaki (AT&T)

1st Vice Chair: Lisa Gritzner (American Airlines)

Secretary: Ross Pendergraft (Leavitt Insurance Services of L.A., Inc.)

Treasurer: Alex Kasendorf (Alpert, Barr & Grant, APLC)

Immediate Past Chair: Coby King (High Point Strategies)

Vice Chair: David Adelman (Greenberg & Bass, LLP)

Vice Chair: Pam Berg (MP Printing & Mailing)

Vice Chair: David Goldberg (Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac, LLP)

Vice Chair: Jeff McConnell (Englander Knabe & Allen)

Vice Chair: Steve Nissen (Comcast NBCUniversal)

Vice Chair: Brad Rosenheim (Rosenheim & Associates)

Committee Report

Transportation Committee (1/10)

Hosted by The Garland

- The Committee heard from Pauletta Tonilas (Chief Communications Officer, **Metro**) on next steps for Metro's long-range transportation plan.
- Jeanet Owens (Senior Executive Officer, **Metro**) discussed ongoing regional rail projects throughout Los Angeles.
- The Committee recommended to support AB 1 and SB 1, a plan to fund transportation infrastructure throughout California.
- The Committee discussed federal transportation priorities.

Member Messages:

Get Your Message in VICA Weekly!

VICA members can promote their business, events and news in VICA Weekly. Member messages are available for \$50 per week or \$175 for four weeks. Messages are text-based and may not contain more than 70 words. A logo may be added for an additional \$5 per week. For more information or to schedule your member message, contact Helene@vica.com or call (818) 817-0545.

ABOUT VICA

Presenting the business perspective on behalf of employers in the San Fernando Valley cities of Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, San Fernando and Santa Clarita.

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