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"If Measure S passes, if you think the housing crisis is bad now, it's going to get worse."

- Mayor Eric Garcetti at the NO on Measure S press conference

Media Highlights

Crowd Opposes Reopening Aliso Canyon Gas Field, [KPBS](#), February 2

Porter Ranch Residents Speak at Public Meeting Over Aliso Canyon Gas Field Reopening, [Southern California Public Radio](#), February 2

A Faster Metro Orange Line Through the San Fernando Valley, [MassTransit](#), January 28

Members

VICA Thanks Our Renewing Members

Platinum Member

California State University
Northridge

VICA Supports Critical Transportation Investment Bills

The VICA Board voted to support AB 1 and SB 1, two state transportation funding packages which are similar in many ways. Local businesses and consumers rely on a fully operating, diverse transportation system to connect to goods and service providers. VICA has supported previous versions of these bills due the need to reinvest in our crumbling transportation infrastructure. The funding raised will place California at a competitive advantage against other states that don't have funding plans for transportation infrastructure. These bills also reward cities and counties, like Los Angeles, that have passed transportation funding ballot measures. For more information and for a sample letter to email to your state legislators, email elizabeth@vica.com

Last Chance to Register!

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KAISER PERMANENTE

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

Confirmed Speakers (As of 2/02/17)

Senators

Ben Allen

Ed Hernandez

Assemblymembers

Travis Allen

Raul Bocanegra

Statewide Offices

Board of Equalization
Chairwoman Fiona Ma

Board of Equalization

(1992)



(2004)

Bronze Member



(2008)

Association of Independent Commercial Producers

Grandparents as Parents

IATSE - Local 44

UCLA Extension

VICA Welcomes New Members

Coast to Coast Collective

Irvine & Associates

Los Angeles Rams

Calendar

The Week Ahead

Sacramento Advocacy Day

Tuesday, Feb. 7
Sacramento, CA
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Aviation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 8
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Aerolease Associates
7943 Woodley Ave,
Van Nuys
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Energy, Environment & Utilities Committee Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 9
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Sponsored by
Metropolitan Water District
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170
Click [here](#) to RSVP

VICA's 2017 State Officeholders Dinner

Friday, Feb. 10
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

President pro Tempore
Kevin de León

Henry Stern

Matt Dababneh

Laura Friedman

Chris Holden

Marc Levine

Monique Limón

Adrin Nazarian

Sharon Quirk-Silva

Miguel Santiago

Member Jerome Horton

Click [here](#) to RSVP for VICA's 2017 State Officeholders Dinner.

VICA shows support for safe reopening of Aliso Canyon

VICA President Stuart Waldman spoke in support of the safe reopening of the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility on Wednesday. From both a business and air quality perspective, keeping key parts of our energy infrastructure such as Aliso Canyon on-line is critical. A reliable energy supply is the foundation of our economy, and natural gas is a critical and affordable component of the energy supply. The public hearing was disrupted by raucous environmental groups and residents who would not allow any speakers in support of reopening the critical facility. The hearing was cut short due to the disorder.

Click [here](#) to read more.

Vote 'Yes' on Measure M: Cannabis Regulation, Taxation and Enforcement Act

VICA supports Measure M, a ballot measure in the City of Los Angeles. This measure will provide effective regulation, enforcement, and oversight of cannabis-related businesses in the City of Los Angeles. This reform is more comprehensive than previous attempts to regulate dispensaries, including effective enforcement provisions. It is a balanced response to the passage of Prop 64 and the legalization of cannabis under California law. The passage of Measure M will bring the City of Los Angeles in line with state laws going into effect in January 2018. In addition, the revenue from the new business taxes will go towards the General Fund, which provides funding for important services. On March 7, vote Yes on Measure M.



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Council District 7 Forum

The Globe Theatre at
Universal Studios
Hollywood
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Save the Date

Land Use Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 14
8 to 10 a.m.

The Garland

4222 Vineland Ave,
North Hollywood
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 15
Noon to 2 p.m.

Providence Tarzana Medical Center

18321 Clark St,
Tarzana
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Friday, February 17

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

VICA Office

Join VICA for a special Newsmaker Connection as the top candidates running for Council District 7 gather to discuss issues affecting San Fernando Valley business community. This special Election Forum will provide members with the unique opportunity to meet, listen and speak with the CD7 contenders.

Confirmed Speakers as of 02/03/17



Monica Rodriguez



Karo Torossian

Hot Issues

Street Vending

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles City Council voted to decriminalize and regulate street vending. The proposal authorized a draft of law to legalize street vending and gives the Board of Public Works the responsibility of issuing licenses to vendors.

Education

A report released by the state Legislative Analyst's Office has laid out different ways the state could help students at the University of California, California State University and California Community Colleges cover both tuition and living expenses.

Environment

Southern California Air quality regulators are looking to adopt a pollution-reduction plan that relies on voluntary measures from ports, warehouses and rail yards.

Healthcare

A California lawmaker has introduced a measure that would prohibit the use of coupons for medications when there are cheaper drugs available. Healthcare experts warn that such coupons could increase the cost to insurance plans and lead to higher premiums.

Click [here](#) to RSVP for VICA's Newsmaker Connection.

Committee Report

Education Committee (2/2)

Sponsored by Woodbury University

- Michael Yudin, The Raben Group, gave an update on Federal education issues and where advocacy should focus given the direction of the Trump Administration regarding education policy.
- LAUSD's Director of Government Relations, Pedro Salcido, gave an overview of Governor Brown's proposed budget for K-12 education.
- Linda Vasquez from the Campaign for College Opportunity outlined legislative priorities based on the Governor's proposed budget for higher education.

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.

Education

The University of California could lose \$9 billion used for research, healthcare and education if federal funds are cut by the new administration.

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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