VICA Celebrates Ballot Measure Success

On Tuesday, Los Angeles voters decisively rejected Measure S, understanding the costly ramifications of this proposal to stop all housing development in the City of LA for two years. Voters narrowly passed Measure H, a quarter-cent sales tax which will fund services to end chronic homelessness in Los Angeles County. Finally, voters supported Measure M, which will allow the City of Los Angeles to pass common-sense regulations and effective enforcement provisions for cannabis-related businesses. VICA is pleased with all of these results and looks forward to being engaged in the implementation of Measures H and M.

"Defeating Measure S has spared our city from a future that would’ve meant fewer jobs, fewer funds for critical public services, fewer new homes for those who desperately need them and even less affordable rents."

- Rusty Hicks, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor

Last Chance to Register for VICA's Leaders Forum!

Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
General Manager David Wright
Friday, March 17, 2017
8:30 to 10 a.m.
The Garland
4222 Vineland Ave, North Hollywood

Reserve your spot for VICA's upcoming Leaders Forum presented by The Garland, Englander Knabe & Allen and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Tickets to this event are $60. For more information regarding sponsorships, contact Helene@vica.com.

VICA’s Leaders Forum offers members the opportunity to connect with political and industry leaders in a setting that allows for discussion and networking. Breakfast is included for this event.
VICA Delegation Visits Sacramento for March Advocacy Trip

Samona Caldwell (State Farm Insurance), David Meza (Southern California Gas Company), Senator Holly Mitchell, LaShondra Mercierius (JLM Strategic Talent Partners), Stacy Howard (National Business Aviation Association) and VICA President Stuart Waldman during VICA's Sacramento Advocacy Trip.

On Tuesday, VICA visited Sacramento for our third advocacy trip of 2017. Attendees met with Senator Mitchell as well as Assemblymembers Friedman, Gipson, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, and Levine. The group also met with the staff of Assemblymembers Chau, Quirk-Silva and the staff of Senator Beall. Attendees urged elected officials to support legislation which would permit an employee-selected work schedule; support the California WaterFix, which is a critical investment in water infrastructure; support AB 1 and SB 1, which would raise statewide funding and expenditure plans to repair, enhance and build California’s transportation infrastructure; and support AB 943, which would limit the ability of future local development bans to delay or halt the approval of multifamily housing. Attendees urged elected officials to oppose any reintroduction of a bill dictating restrictive scheduling requirements on employers; oppose SB 300, which creates an unnecessary labeling law that would mandate warning labels on many sugar-sweetened beverages sold in California; and oppose SB 1008, which would ban employers from asking any questions related to an applicant’s criminal history before a conditional offer of employment has been made.

VICA will return to Sacramento on Tuesday, April 25 to continue advocating on behalf of the business community in the San Fernando Valley. Be sure to RSVP and lend your voice in Sacramento!

Calendar
The Week Ahead
Transportation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 14
8 to 10 a.m.
The Garland
4222 Vineland Ave,
North Hollywood
Click here to RSVP
Hot Issues

Development
Measure S, the measure that would have halted construction of projects larger, taller and denser than current limits in the city of Los Angeles and its Valley neighborhoods failed to pass in Tuesday’s election. Voters defeated Measure S with nearly 69 percent of voters voting against it.

Environment
Southern California air quality officials have voted to impose tougher rules on oil refineries. The South

VICA Hockey Night
Tuesday, March 14
7:30 to 10 p.m.
Staples Center
1111 S. Figueroa St,
Los Angeles
Sponsored by AEG
SOLD OUT

Government Affairs Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 15
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Providence Tarzana Medical Center
18321 Clark St,
Tarzana
Click [here](#) to RSVP

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Save The Date

Manufacturing Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 22
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170, Van Nuys
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Dignity Health’s 15th Annual Victory for Victims 10K River Run, 5K Walk/Run, Kids Fun Run
Saturday, April 22
Lake Balboa at Woodley Park, Van Nuys
Click [here](#) for more info

Advocacy Trip to the Nation’s Capitol
May 22 - May 24

Join more than 200 civic and business leaders for the region's premier advocacy trip to the nation's capitol. Attendees will meet with members of Congress and senior Administration officials on priorities important to Southern California.

Early Bird Registration Fee: $750 (Before April 21)
Registration Fee After April 21: $850

For an additional $400, registrants will receive a one-stop Southwest Airlines roundtrip flight.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Committee Report

Labor and Employment Committee (03/08)
Sponsored by Western Bagel

- Sue Bendavid (Lewitt Hackman) gave an update on changes in labor and employment law for 2017 and what employers need to know and do in order to be in compliance.
- The committee took action on and discussed AB 5 (Gonzalez Fletcher/ Kalra), a bill that would require part time employers to offer additional hours to current qualified part time employees prior to hiring new employees.
- The committee also discussed AB 1008, a state bill modeled on the Los Angeles Ban the Box Ordinance.

Visit Six Flags Magic Mountain for a Day of Thrills
Coast Air Quality Management District's 15-year smog reduction plan will aim to cut emissions as required to meet federal health standards.

**Education**
In response to state officials threatening to hold funds from UC campuses, UC officials have proposed a 20% systemwide limit on nonresident undergraduate enrollment and vow to give Californians top priority. The limit would be the first of its kind for the UC system.

**Healthcare**
Millions of Californians could possibly lose health coverage under the Obamacare replacement bill released by members of the House of Representatives this week. The American Health Care Act removes the requirement that all Americans sign up for health insurance or pay a penalty, alters the amount of financial assistant offered for plans sold on the marketplaces and bans federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

**Transportation**
SB 1, a bill that would raise gas taxes to chip away at California's massive backlog of road and highway repairs passed its last of three Senate policy committees on Wednesday. This bill would set the price-based per-gallon gas excise tax at 17.3 cents, increase the diesel tax by 20 cents, boost the sales tax on fuel by 4% and increase the annual registration fee for all vehicles by $38 a vehicle.

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**Please Save The Date for VICA's 2017 Hall of Fame Dinner!**

**Thursday, June 8**
5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sheraton Universal Hotel
333 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City

**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.

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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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