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- Governor Jerry Brown on
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[SportsFeatures.com](#),
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Officials Probe Health
Risks of Homebuilding
Near Freeways,
[The Daily Herald](#),
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Members

VICA Thanks Our
Renewing Members

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VICA's 2016 Annual Report Published!

Last year was a momentous year for VICA, with some of our biggest successes advocating for the San Fernando Valley business community and our members. VICA's Annual Report for 2016 is attached [here](#). You can learn more about VICA's advocacy-related accomplishments on the local, state and federal levels, highlights of our major events, and summaries of staff, partners, and membership development from 2016. We're proud of what we accomplished in 2016, but none of it would be possible without our active and passionate membership. Contact our office if you want to find more ways to be involved with VICA in 2017.

Read VICA's 2016 Annual Report [here](#).

Join VICA for the Region's Premier 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. (ONLY 2 LEFT)

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Click [here](#) for more information.



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Bronze Member



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Dolphin Group

Epax Systems

Valley Village

VICA Welcomes Our New Members

Coalition for Enhanced Marine Resources

Fueling California

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Support adjustable reimbursement rates for service providers

VICA supports Assembly Bill 279 (Holden), which will allow adjustments to be made on reimbursement rates for developmental service providers. State legislators recognized the impact of raising the state minimum wage on developmental disability service providers and made provisions for rates to be adjusted under 2016's Senate Bill 3 (Leno). However, no such provision exists for local minimum wage increases. For the next few years, some local minimum wages will be higher than the state minimum wage before they converge in 2020 or 2021. This bill will allow for variation in reimbursement levels at the regional level to account for higher local minimum wages until that happens. As service providers begin to feel the effects of these increases to their employee costs, it becomes more important to extend authority to regional centers to vary the rates of reimbursement to reflect these differences. Without this bill, reimbursement rates cannot be adjusted to meet local mandates, and service providers may have to reduce services or shut their doors, leading to a shortage of services available to people with disabilities in the state.

Send a letter supporting AB 279 by clicking [here](#).

Calendar

The Week Ahead

Land Use Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 4
8:00-10:00 a.m.

The Garland

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

Healthcare Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 5
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Valley Presbyterian Hospital

15107 Vanowen St,
Van Nuys
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Save The Date

Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 19
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Providence Tarzana Medical Center

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

Dignity Health's 15th Annual Victory for Victims 10K River Run, 5K Walk/Run, Kids Fun Run



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Click [here](#) to RSVP for VICA's 2017 Hall of Fame Dinner.

Saturday, April 22
Lake Balboa at Woodley
Park, Van Nuys
Click [here](#) for more info

Sacramento Advocacy Day

Tuesday, April 25
All Day
Sacramento, CA
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Ambassador Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 26
8:30 to 10 a.m.

VICA Office

16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Hot Issues

Transportation

Governor Brown, Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon have announced a transportation investment through more taxes and fees to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California and put more dollars toward transit and safety.

Environment

On Tuesday, President Trump signed an executive order intended to shift the direction of U.S. environmental policy. The executive order, billed as a measure to promote energy independence and create jobs, will reduce environmental measures aimed at combating climate change including the Clean Power Plan.

Homelessness

LA County homelessness officials facing surging demand for crisis housing for homeless families are exploring a variety of options, including possibly using **Airbnb** to house them.

Healthcare

On Thursday, details of a bill proposing a single-payer health care system for all Californians were released. Under the single-payer plan, the state would negotiate

Oppose Restructuring the California Transportation Commission

VICA opposes Assembly Bill 179 (Cervantes), which would require that seven of the eleven voting members of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meet specified professional qualifications in environmental-related issues in order to serve. Additionally, this bill would create an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and mandate that the CTC hold at least two joint meetings annually with the California Air Resources Board. AB 179 would significantly change the makeup of the CTC, which is responsible for annually allocating billions of dollars in transportation funds. This bill would require commissioners to primarily represent special interests rather than the interests of their constituents: the people of California. The CTC already employs a professional staff, many of whom have expertise in the environmental areas of concern. In order to support California's leading industries, the CTC must focus on funding programs that create a safe and efficient transportation system for the movement of goods and people. AB 179 would not only alter the configuration of the CTC, but also its mission to appropriately administer funds to improve our transportation system.

Send a letter opposing AB 179 by clicking [here](#).

Vietnam Veterans Day

"Colleagues, on March 29, 2017, Vietnam Veterans' Day was observed. As you may know, our shipmates and bunkmates of that era have borne an array of wounds including having never come home, resting in hallowed National Cemeteries, and many physical and mental scars from their service. I propose that we here extend a hearty Welcome Home and Thank You for what you have given your grateful Nation."

- **Robert Rodine, Polaris Group**

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prices for services and prescriptions with providers, pharmaceutical companies and others.

Education

Last Sunday, **Granada Hills Charter High School** secured its sixth California Academic Decathlon championship in seven years. The Granada Hills Charter team will head to Madison, Wisconsin for the 2017 United States Academic Decathlon in April to compete with students from across the United States, China, the United Kingdom and Canada.

Employment

In a report released by the California Employment Development Department last Friday, figures show that L.A. County's economy chugged along at nearly full employment in February as the unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent and employers added 33,000 jobs to their payrolls.

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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