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**"This bill will provide hundreds of thousands of jobs for people who need work and it will stimulate the economy. "**

*- Senator Jim Beall (D - San Jose) on Senate Bill 1*

## Media Highlights

How a Few Wealthy Homeowners Are Making Deals to Halt Development in L.A.,  
[LA Weekly](#),  
April 4

## Members

VICA Thanks Our Renewing Members

Platinum Member



(2013)

Chiquita Canyon Landfill

JLM Strategic Talent

## VICA Applauds the Passage of Senate Bill 1

VICA strongly supported and advocated for the passage of Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, a comprehensive state funding package for transportation that will commit additional revenues for transportation improvements and investments across California.

Valley businesses rely on the free movement of goods and people across the state. The Greater Los Angeles region is expected to receive \$5.7 billion over the next 10 years in new investments for road repairs, transit assistance, and active transportation. Committing additional funds will help to address the state's challenges in funding crucial maintenance and repairing core transportation infrastructure - state highways, local streets, roads and bridges. These new investments will bring about significant economic growth and development in the Valley and throughout California.

VICA appreciates the leadership of Senator Jim Beall, Assemblymember Jim Frazier and Governor Brown for spearheading a comprehensive infrastructure funding bill during this legislative session. We also commend our local representatives Senator Bob Hertzberg, a co-author of SB 1, as well as Senators Ben Allen, Anthony Portantino and Henry Stern; and Assemblymembers Richard Bloom, Raul Bocanegra, Matt Dababneh, Laura Friedman, Jacqui Irwin, and Adrin Nazarian for their support of this bill.

## 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)

Click [here](#) for more information.

### Calendar

#### 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**

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

**VICA After Dark**

Tuesday, May 2  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Airtel Plaza Hotel**

7277 Valjean Ave,  
Van Nuys

Click [here](#) to RSVP

**Education Committee Meeting**

Sponsored by **Woodbury University**

Thursday, May 4  
8:30 to 10 a.m.

**VICA Office**

16600 Sherman Way,  
Suite 170

Click [here](#) to RSVP

**Energy Environment & Utilities Committee Meeting**

Sponsored by **Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

Thursday, May 11  
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

## Oppose Unnecessary Warning Labels on Food Products

VICA opposes Senate Bill 504 (Wieckowski), which would require a warning label on almost all food and beverages containing synthetic food dyes, including on restaurant menus. Color additives have been deemed safe by both the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the California Department of Public Health and have been approved for use in consumable products. A required warning label on products does not provide meaningful information to consumers. For example, the amount of synthetic dye used or the potential effects would not be provided. The legislation does not place a limitation on or reduction in synthetic dye usage in consumable products. Adding a warning label falsely implies that these dyes are dangerous, which is misleading.

Send a letter opposing SB 504 by clicking [here](#).



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

## Hot Issues

### Transportation

On Thursday, the state Legislature passed a \$52 billion [transportation](#) funding package that raises the gas tax and imposes new vehicle fees to fix the state's crumbling roads. SB 1 passed the Senate by a 27-11 vote and passed the Assembly by a 54-26 vote.

### Environment

California's cap-and-trade program has been upheld by a state appeals court. The case began with a lawsuit filed by the California Chamber of Commerce nearly four years ago. The [decision](#) could still be appealed by the California Supreme Court.

### Development

NoHo West, a new and redeveloped project broke ground this week. The site will span 570,000 square feet and include retail, dining, entertainment, office and residential space. The [project](#) is expected to be completed in summer or fall of 2019.

### Environment

Governor Brown has issued an Executive Order to speed up repair plans for the [Oroville Dam Spillway](#).

Brown wants to expedite the repairs of the spillways at Oroville Dam before next winter, including actions to expedite permits, strengthen coordination between agencies and streamline regulations to continue the state's rapid emergency response and recovery.

### Land Use

On Wednesday, the L.A. City Council's Housing Committee approved a [proposal](#) they say addresses loopholes in the Ellis Act. The plan now moves to the full council for

## Oppose Adding Barriers to Young Drivers

VICA opposes Assembly Bill 63 (Frazier), which would extend the provisional drivers licenses program from 18 to 21 years old. AB 63 will create more barriers to young adults pursuing an education or employment. For example, non-related students couldn't carpool to school, work, or other activities. It's unclear what the implications would be for delivery drivers and other young people whose employment depends on them having a full driver's license. In California, people reach their majority at age 18. This bill goes too far by banning legal adults from carpooling. The current provisional driver's license restrictions recognize the limitations placed on self-supporting adults, which is why the legislation exempts emancipated minors. It is unclear that it will increase safety. According to a recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association, drivers who are between the ages of 15 and 17 years old cause more accidents than drivers between the ages of 18 and 20 years old.

Send a letter opposing AB 63 by clicking [here](#).

## Committee Reports

Land Use Committee (4/4)

Hosted by **The Garland**

- The LA Department of City Planning made a presentation on the implementation of Measure JJJ and the Transportation Oriented Community Guideline incentives. The committee discussed and took action on this proposed incentive program, which would give concessions to those who are building housing near public transportation hubs who include set amounts of affordable housing.
- The committee recommended to support the IMT Sherman Oaks project which will preserve the iconic Sunkist building and turn what are currently parking lots into a vibrant mixed use community.
- The committee recommended to oppose AB 1506 (Bloom) which would repeal the Costa Hawkins act which limits the local government's ability to implement rent control, and AB 890 (Medina) which will force voter initiatives with as little as a foreseeable impact on the environment, such as large development projects, to go through a full EIR.

Healthcare Committee (4/5)

Hosted by **Valley Presbyterian Hospital**

- The committee heard and discussed a presentation on the Whole Person Care Pilot program by Lesley Blacher, Chief Operations Officer for Whole Person Care.
- United States Chamber of Commerce representative Vartan Djhanian provided an update the federal healthcare reform.
- The committee recommended to oppose two bills, AB 387 (Thurmond) which would require that hospitals pay allied healthcare students and SB 687 (Skinner) which would require that non-profit hospitals receive approval from the attorney general prior discontinuing emergency services.

a vote. The proposal would be a disincentive for developers and new housing.

### Politics

President Trump's nominee Judge Neil M. Gorsuch was confirmed for a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court. The Senate confirmed Gorsuch, 54-45, for the seat that has been vacant since 2016.

## 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](mailto: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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