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"My greatest concern being on this board is to maintain a balanced budget and ensuring we truly are the stewards in protecting tax payers' dollars."

- Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger during her first State of the County address

Media Highlights

PAGA Lawsuits Hit Small Businesses Hard, Fox & Hounds, May 10

Members

VICA Thanks Our Renewing Members

Gold Member



Stevenson Real Estate

Oppose Sacramento's Attempt to Reshape the LA Metro Board

VICA opposes Senate Bill 268 (Mendoza), which would change the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors' current governance structure. Specifically, this bill would add the County Auditor-Controller as a non-voting Board member, reduce the number of County Supervisors on the Board from five to two, remove the appointment of two public members to the Board, increase the Los Angeles City Councilmember appointments by the Los Angeles Mayor from one to five, and require all appointed members to serve four-year terms.

The current composition of the Metro Board is the result of a lengthy, locally-rooted process that brought stakeholders together fostering consensus. SB 268 represents yet another attempt to restructure the Metro Board without any input from local stakeholders. VICA urges you to oppose SB 268.

Send a letter opposing SB 268 by [clicking here](#).

Last Chance to Register for VICA After Dark with Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra!



PRESENTED BY

AIRTEL PLAZA HOTEL



Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra

Thursday, May 18

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Airtel Plaza Hotel

7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys



VICA After Dark is a regular evening reception designed to give VICA members and guests the opportunity to hear updates about policies and legislation impacting the business community from a featured opinion leader.

Attendees enjoy hosted hors d'œuvres and drinks as they meet and interact with other prominent business leaders from the community.

VICA After Darks are complimentary to VICA members. Nonmembers who are interested in attending are encouraged to contact the VICA office.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! Contact the VICA office at 818.817.0545 for more information.

Click [here](#) to RSVP for VICA's After Dark.

Calendar

The Week Ahead

Government Affairs Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 17
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

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

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Thursday, May 18
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hosted by **Airtel Plaza Hotel**
7277 Valjean Ave,
Van Nuys
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Save The Date

Access DC
Monday, May 22 -
Wednesday, May 24
Washington, DC
Click [here](#) to RSVP

International Trade Committee Meeting
Sponsored by **WSP**
Tuesday, May 23
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Aviation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 24
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Hosted by **Aerolease Associates**
7943 Woodley Ave,
Van Nuys
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Sacramento Two-Day Advocacy Trip in Conjunction with CalChamber
Wednesday, May 31 -
Thursday, June 1
Sacramento, CA
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Labor Law Update: Rest Day Requirements

Earlier this week, the California Supreme Court clarified several points of California Law regarding allowance of a day of rest and exceptions to that rule. The court found that a day of rest is guaranteed for each work week. However, an employee can work more than seven consecutive days, as long as it is spread over more than one calendar work week. This means that in a two-week period an employee may be required to work 12 consecutive days over two weeks, with their days of rest being the Sunday of the first week and Saturday of the second week. The exemption from the requirement that each work week includes a day of rest is applied to employees who work six hours or less who never exceed more than six hours of work on any day of the work week. An employee may voluntarily forgo a day of rest that they are entitled to but the employer cannot require it.

This information has been provided for informational purposes only and is not legal advice. If you have any questions about California Labor Law, make sure to contact your HR representative or attorney.



Hot Issues

Budget

On Thursday, Governor Jerry Brown released his revised budget proposal. Proposed state general and

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federal spending in the budget year beginning July 1 would total about \$180 billion.

Homelessness

On Wednesday, the citizen planning group for the Measure H sales tax drew up final recommendations for how Los Angeles County should spend \$355 million annually over the next three years to fight homelessness.

2024 Olympics

This week, the IOC host city evaluation commission visited Los Angeles to tour proposed venues and meet with Los Angeles 2024 as well as city officials.

Education

A California lawmaker has called for University of California President Janet Napolitano to resign from her position. The call came two weeks after a state audit found that the UC President pays its executives salaries and benefits significantly higher than those given to state employees in similar roles, and failed to disclose up to \$175 million in budget reserve funds as it recently proposed a raise in tuition.

Transportation

LADOT is installing 150 speed feedback signs as part of its Vision Zero effort. In selected locations, speed feedback signs are linked to downstream traffic signals. When a driver is caught driving more than five mph over the speed limit, the sign triggers the upcoming signal to turn yellow, then red. Click [here](#) to read more.

Environment

California lawmakers continue to fight against climate change by extending the state's cap and trade program, which is set to expire in 2020. Business groups want to preserve cap and trade to prevent the state from turning to more onerous regulations.

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

Ideas Needed! Generating Revenue in the City of Los Angeles

Do you have ideas for how the City of Los Angeles can generate revenue without harming businesses and employers? As business owners, VICA members consider innovative ways to grow their businesses every day. The business community is uniquely placed to suggest ways the City can generate revenue and balance their budget. Send your solutions to generate revenue to Elizabeth@vica.com or call 818.817.0545. No idea is too big or small!

Committee Report

Transportation Committee (05/09)
Hosted by **The Garland**

- Juanita Martinez, Government Relations Manager for General Motors, presented on the company's development of self-driving cars and their vision for the future of mobility.
- Hilary Norton, Business Representative on the Measure M Policy Advisory Council, presented on proposed guiding principles from the business community for implementing Measure M.
- The committee recommended taking an oppose unless amended position on SB 4 (Mendoza), The Goods Movement and Clean Trucks Bond Act, which would place a \$600 million bond on the ballot in 2018.
- The committee recommended supporting SB 145 (Hill), which would streamline the application process for testing driverless cars on public roads.
- The committee recommended a support if amended position on SB 182 (Bradford), which would allow drivers for rideshare companies to obtain a single business license to operate in California.

Energy, Environment & Utilities Committee (05/11)

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

- Louis Ting, Director of Power Planning & Development for the Los Angeles

Department of Water & Power, presented on the utility company's battery storage plans and energy targets they expect to meet in 2018.

- The committee discussed and tabled SB 775 (Wieckowski), which would establish a new Cap and Trade program to begin in 2021.
- The committee recommended to support two bills, SB 356 (Skinner) which would require a utility to make unit-specific energy usage data available to building owners and AB 1414 (Friedman), which reduces the maximum permit fee a city or county may charge for residential rooftop solar energy systems.
- The committee recommended to take no position on SB 231 (Hertzberg), which would redefine "sewer" for the purpose of Proposition 218 to include stormwater services.
- The committee chose not to take a position on AB 36 (Nazarian), which would expand the eligibility for the non-renewable net energy metering program to include electrical generation technology.

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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