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**"In Sacramento...
the voice of VICA is
very, very
important."**

- California
Assemblymember Raul
Bocanegra at VICA After
Dark

Members

VICA Thanks Our
Renewing Members

Bronze Member



(1996)



(2005)

Trammell Crow Company

(2008)

Birdi & Associates

Galaxy Building Systems

John W. Bradley,
Attorney at Law

Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra Joins Members for VICA After Dark



VICA Board Member Samona Caldwell (**State Farm Insurance**), Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra, Presenting Sponsor David Barnett (**Airtel Plaza Hotel**) and VICA Chairman Kevin Tamaki (**AT&T**)

On Thursday, VICA members and guests gathered in the Midway Garden of the **Airtel Plaza Hotel** for a VICA After Dark with Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra. Bocanegra discussed a wide range of topics, including bringing affordable housing to the Valley, cap and trade policies, and creating jobs for the middle class through initiatives such as the film and television tax incentive bill. Bocanegra was one of the lead authors of Assembly Bill 1839, which more than tripled the amount of money California offers in credits annually. "Was about a middle class jobs campaign," Bocanegra said. "I always framed it as a jobs program." During the Q&A segment, Bocanegra discussed the increasing difficulty of doing business in California, and his efforts to keep businesses in California. The Assemblymember said, "With too many rules and regulations, we drive out good middle class jobs." Bocanegra concluded by reiterating his motivation to return to the Assembly after losing the seat in 2014. "At the end of the day, I am blessed to live in the northeast San Fernando Valley and represent these people," Bocanegra said. "I knew that my calling was to win back the Assembly (seat) and get things done for my constituents."

Thank you to our host **The Airtel Plaza Hotel** who presented the event.

Click [here](#) to view photos of the event.

Los Angeles By-Products
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Millennium Dance Studios

Milt & Edie's Drycleaners

**VICA Welcomes Our
New Member**

Shapell Properties

Calendar

The Week Ahead

Access DC

Monday, May 22 -
Wednesday, May 24
Washington, DC

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

Save The Date

Sacramento Two-Day Advocacy Trip in Conjunction with CalChamber

Wednesday, May 31 -
Thursday, June 1
Sacramento, CA

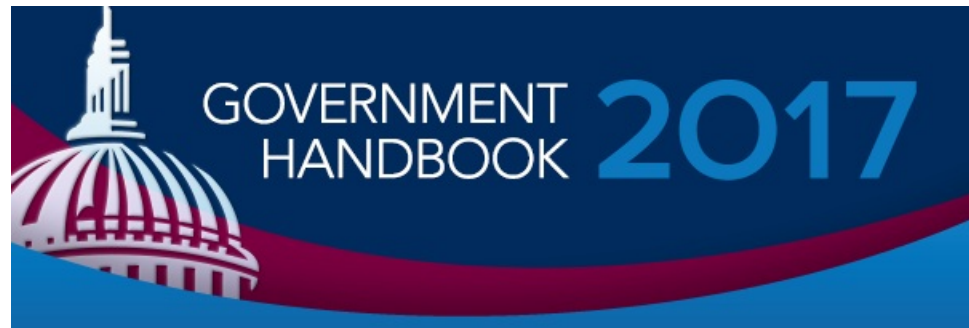
2017 Entrepreneur Economic Forecast

Thursday, June 1
7:30 a.m. to Noon
Skirball Cultural Center
2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd,
Los Angeles, CA 90049
Discount Code: vica150
Click [here](#) for more
information & to RSVP

Entertainment Committee Meeting

Sponsored by **Pacific
Federal, LLC**
Thursday, June 1
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170
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information you've come to expect for the Government Handbook, including
detailed maps of City Council, Legislative and Congressional districts.

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Oppose Requirement to Print Proprietary Information on Cleaning Products

VICA opposes Senate Bill 258 (Lara), which would require warning labels and place other requirements on cleaning products. VICA is concerned that this bill would add substantial burdens on manufacturers, retailers, and employers, without providing any benefit to consumers and employees. Existing laws and programs such as Prop. 65 and Cal/OSHA already provide warnings for chemicals known to be hazardous or toxic. Listing the ingredients is unlikely to provide meaningful information to the majority of consumers. SB 258 lacks protections for intellectual property and confidential business information by requiring the ingredients to be listed in order of weight.

Click [here](#) to oppose SB 258.

Hot Issues

Transportation

On Thursday, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted to dedicate \$27 million in the next fiscal year to Vision Zero, a plan to reverse the trend of rising traffic deaths in the city. The funds will come from local return money of Measure M, and SB 1, a new statewide gas tax.

Development

The \$2.6 billion stadium that is being built for the Rams and Chargers in Inglewood, originally projected to open in 2019, will be delayed almost a year due to record rainfall during the excavation phase of construction.

Homelessness

Business owners struggle with homeless encampments and crime issues along Metro's Orange Line in Van Nuys. Metro said in a statement that they are coordinating with City Councilwoman Nury Martinez's office, police, city public works and transportation departments to "rectify this situation" of the homeless encampments along the Orange Line.

Environment

Anheuser-Busch is investing \$10 million at its Van Nuys brewery to improve water efficiency in the filtering, brewing and packaging operations. The money will also go toward supporting a 1 megawatt solar power system installed last year to replace aging pipes and improve traffic flow on Roscoe Blvd.

Housing

A report from the California Association of Realtors shows that only 29 percent of L.A. County households can afford to buy the county's median-priced home of \$485,800 during the first quarter of 2017. Additional CAR figures show that a minimum annual income of \$99,830 was needed to afford the average home in

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

Single-Payer Healthcare Bill Will Prove Costly to California

The California Senate Appropriations Committee is hearing Senate Bill 562 (Lara) on Monday, May 22. This bill would impose a single payer healthcare system without any way for the state to pay for it. VICA opposes this bill. California voters have rejected similar single payer systems twice at the ballot box. Although this bill does not include a funding mechanism, past proposals have heavily relied on taxes to fund single payer healthcare. All of those proposals would have resulted in a significant shortfall of funds to pay for the program. A single payer system will lead to the loss of thousands of jobs in the health insurance sector and throughout local businesses as employers scramble to keep up with ever increasing costs and tax burdens. This bill will not only take away patient choice but it could cause irreparable damage to the economy and healthcare industry.

Click [here](#) to take action on SB 562.

Member Highlight: WSP USA

Infrastructure

House Democrats on Wednesday introduced a bill to spend at least \$85 billion on infrastructure upgrades. The bill, called the Leading Infrastructure For Tomorrow's America, or LIFT Act, includes funding for five years of infrastructure projects in the energy, environment, technology and healthcare spheres.



WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff, a global engineering and professional services firm, is now WSP worldwide effective May 10. In the United States, the firm will operate as WSP USA.

Parsons Brinckerhoff, a leading transportation engineering and management organization founded in 1885 in New York City, was acquired in 2014 by WSP, a global professional services consultancy. For the past two and a half years, the firm has operated as WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff in the U.S.

For more than three decades, WSP USA has contributed to the development of the public transit system of Los Angeles County. The firm played prominent roles in the development of the Blue, Green, and Gold Line light rail systems, the Red Line subway, and, most recently, phase 2 of the Expo Line light rail. The firm has also engineered a number of noteworthy buildings in the region, including the Los Angeles Convention Center and Hotel at LA Live and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation in Agoura Hills. Currently, the firm is at work on the Regional Connector and the Purple Line Extension. Other projects in Los Angeles County to which the firm is contributing include the I-10 and I-110 ExpressLanes, the Gerald Desmond Bridge, the Landside Access Modernization Program at Los Angeles International Airport, the Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and the Downtown Los Angeles Gas Company Tower.

WSP USA has been a member of VICA for three years.

Committee Report

Government Affairs Committee (05/18)

Hosted by **Providence Tarzana Medical Center**

- Jan Perry, General Manager of the Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department, provided the Committee with an update on the Small Business Loan Program and other projects.
- The Committee recommended to oppose SB 100, which sets out accelerated renewable energy mandates.
- The Committee also recommended to oppose SCA 12, which would expand the LA County Board of Supervisors to seven members, and add an elected county executive.
- Finally, the Committee recommended to oppose two bills which would impose sales tax on confectionary and processed food (ACA 2 / AB 274) and SB 3, which would place a \$3 billion bond for affordable housing on the 2018 ballot.

Member Messages:

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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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