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"No two countries in the world have a deeper and more meaningful relationship than the U.S. and Canada...400,000 jobs in Los Angeles County exist because of trade with Canada."

- Gavin Nardocchio-Jones,
Consul, Political and
Public Affairs, Consulate
General of Canada in Los
Angeles

Media Highlights

**Santa Monica Closure
Could Benefit Valley
Airports**, [San Fernando
Valley Business Journal](#),
May 24

Members

**VICA Thanks Our
Renewing Members**

Platinum Member

VICA Visits the Nation's Capitol for Access DC



The VICA Delegation visited the nation's capitol this week to participate in Access DC and meet with federal officials to discuss issues impacting California businesses.

This week, VICA members and President Stuart Waldman were in Washington, D.C. on the annual ACCESS DC advocacy trip. Local officials, including Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Los Angeles City Councilmembers Mitch Englander and Curren Price were also among the attendees. Senator Dianne Feinstein welcomed the delegation during the opening breakfast. At a separate reception with California's Congressional Delegation, Senator Kamala Harris provided the keynote remarks. Members of the VICA team met with House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Representatives Tony Cárdenas, Brad Sherman, and Nanette Barragán, to name a few. The team also had meetings at the White House, the FAA, and Departments of Treasury, Transportation, Commerce, and Customs and Border Protection. The advocacy focus was on urging Congress and the Administration to establish a long-term plan for economic growth through transportation, trade, and education. VICA also advocated for improving water supply reliability, implementing business-friendly healthcare policies, funding for housing programs, and maximizing domestic energy supplies. ACCESS DC is the premier legislative advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. for Los Angeles businesses. It is organized in collaboration with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and



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Motion Picture Association of America

San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council, Inc.

Spectrolab

VICA Welcomes Our New Members

Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley

Langan Engineering & Environmental Services

Meridian Consultants

Pepperdine University

Calendar

The Week Ahead

Sacramento Two-Day Advocacy Trip in Conjunction with CalChamber

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

Entertainment Committee Meeting Sponsored by Pacific Federal, LLC

Thursday, June 1
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way, Suite 170
Click [here](#) to RSVP

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

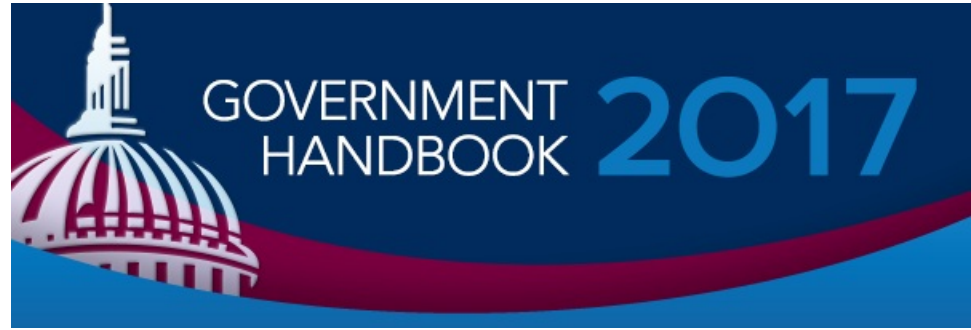
Save The Date

Labor & Employment Committee

Wednesday, June 7
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way, Suite 170
Click [here](#) to RSVP

other business and civic groups.

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This year's edition features all the information you've come to expect for the Government Handbook, including detailed maps of City Council, Legislative and Congressional districts.

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Voice Your Opposition on Attempt to Bypass LA County Voters



VICA OPPOSE

VICA opposes Senate Constitutional Amendment 12 (Mendoza), which would place an item on the ballot to increase the number of supervisors to seven and establish the position of an elected executive officer in Los Angeles County. Similar measures have been overwhelmingly rejected by voters in Los Angeles County on four separate occasions over the last fifty years. This bill bypasses the voters it would actually affect and will instead place the question on a statewide ballot. VICA is concerned that this measure will lead to an increased bureaucracy and burden on business without providing any economic or other type of benefit. There is no evidence to suggest that increasing the membership of the Board of Supervisors or having an elected executive will increase the efficacy, quality of service, or diversity of County governance. This proposal is a highly inappropriate attempt to bypass the will of Los Angeles County voters and impose a larger bureaucracy on our local residents and businesses.

Click [here](#) to oppose SCA 12.

SFVCOG Mobility Workshop: Moving Beyond the Measure
 Thursday, June 8
 8am to Noon
 Universal Studios
 Hollywood Globe Theatre
 100 Universal City Plaza,
 Universal City
 Click [here](#) for more information & to RSVP

2017 San Fernando Valley Business Hall of Fame Dinner
 Thursday, June 8
 5:30 to 9 p.m.
 Sheraton Universal Hotel
 333 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City
 Click [here](#) to RSVP

Land Use Committee
 Tuesday, June 13
 8 to 10 a.m.
 The Garland
 4222 Vineland Ave,
 North Hollywood
 Click [here](#) to RSVP

Government Affairs Committee
 Wednesday, June 14
 Noon to 1:30 p.m.
 Providence Tarzana Medical Center
 18321 Clark St, Tarzana
 Click [here](#) to RSVP

Hot Issues

Budget

On Thursday, Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti signed the City's 2017-18 budget. The [budget](#) funds aggressive work to fight homelessness, fix streets and sidewalks, and expand the Mayor's Vision Zero initiative. The signing capped a month-long series of City Council hearings, which led to broad consensus around the budget finalized by the Mayor.

Manufacturing

Aerojet Rocketdyne has been chosen to supply the main propulsion system for an experimental [spaceplane](#) being developed by **Boeing Co.** and the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Engineering work on the engines for the XS-1 program will be done at **Aerojet's** facility in Chatsworth.



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

Voice Your Support for Safe, Self-Driving Cars



VICA SUPPORT

Current law does not specify what the Legislature should do, if anything, during the 180-day waiting period. The Legislature has other means for oversight of self-driving cars that do

VICA strongly supports SB 145, which would eliminate the 180-day waiting period and legislative notification requirement for each application for operation of a driverless autonomous vehicle on public roads.

Healthcare

According to a state financial analysis released on Monday, it would cost \$400 billion to remake California's health insurance marketplace and create a publicly funded universal health care system. [California](#) would have to find an additional \$200 billion per year, including in new tax revenues, to create a single-payer system.

Employment

According to state figures released last Friday, L.A. County's unemployment rate fell to another new low of 4.5 percent in April, but in a sign that the local [economy](#) is close to full employment, employers in the county reversed their hiring trends and shed a net 7,000 jobs last month.

Transportation

On Thursday, the **Metro** board voted unanimously to withdraw its support and funding for the 710 Freeway tunnel. Instead, the board voted to spend \$700 million on a range of [transportation](#) fixes to ease congestion and other problems arising from traffic spilling onto the streets of Alhambra as the 710's abrupt northern terminus.

not necessitate a six-month gap between filing an application and approval. SB 145 balances the testing and deployment of a new transportation technology with reasonable rules that ensure safety.

California is a leader in self-driving technology and it is important that our laws serve as a catalyst, not an obstacle, for continued innovation. VICA urges you to support SB 145

Click [here](#) to take action on SB 145.

Canadian Consul Speaks at VICA Meeting



Jeffery Daar (**Daar & Newman**), Consul for Political and Public Affairs in the Consulate General of Canada in Los Angeles Gavin Nardocchio-Jones and Claudette Moody (**WSP USA**) at VICA's International Trade Committee meeting.

On Tuesday, Gavin Nardocchio-Jones Consul joined VICA's International Trade Committee meeting to discuss NAFTA and California's relationship with Canada. Gavin serves as Consul for Political and Public Affairs in the Consulate General of Canada in Los Angeles. The wide-ranging discussion included comments on border control cooperation between NAFTA countries to expedite trade, the impact of Canadian imports and exports on California, and the balance of trade. The meeting was chaired by Jeffery Daar (**Daar & Newman**). Special thanks to **WSP USA** for presenting the meeting.

Committee Report

Aviation Committee (5/24)

Hosted by **Aerolease/Aeroplex**

- Mark Dierking, Community Relations Manager for **Metro**, provided an update on the LAX Airport **Metro** Connector.
- Dr. Somjita Mitra, Senior Economist at the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, gave a presentation on the regional impact of the closure of Santa Monica Airport.
- Flora Margheritis, Airport Manager at **Van Nuys Airport**, provided an update on airport operations.
- The Committee recommended to adopt guiding principles on potential legislation to reform the nation's air traffic control system.

Member Messages:

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