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## ICYMI: Bills Move Forward in CA Legislature

This week was busy in the California State Legislature as the deadline passed for bills to move out of their house of origin. VICA strongly advocated on many issues and was pleased that our voice was heard on several bills. The extension of the California Film and TV production tax credit advanced, which will keep small businesses competitive and protect middle class jobs in this vital industry. We also welcomed the passage of SB 905, which protects local control over bar hours and will allow us to attract more tourism. Two bills which will help address issues faced by the homeless include SB 831, which will ease permitting for granny flats, and AB 1971, which will expand the parameters of gravely disabled to ensure access to life-saving help. Finally, we welcome the Legislature's advocacy for education, with two important bills for career technical education passing, AB 1743 and SB 1243, as well as a higher proposed level of funding for the CSU system.



Carmen Bowen (**Concorde Career College**), Francine Oschin (**Oschin Partners, Inc.**), Senator Henry Stern, Elizabeth Hawley (VICA), Samona Caldwell (**State Farm Insurance**)

VICA will continue to advocate in support of these bills and fight harmful labor and technology bills which continue to move through the legislative process. Make sure your voice is heard: bring VICA your issues by emailing [elizabeth@vica.com](mailto:elizabeth@vica.com), and don't miss your chance to speak directly to our legislators during VICA's Sacramento Advocacy Days.

Next Sacramento Advocacy date is June 26 - [RSVP here](#)

## As It Happens: Learn About What VICA Is Doing For You

Legislation moves fast, and VICA is working to represent the San Fernando Valley business community and drive forward our members' priorities. Keep up to date with our advocacy, events, hot news and our members by following us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and reading our [VICA News page](#).

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"I'm here in the San Fernando Valley, because you are a part of the beauty of who we are as a state and the beauty of who we are as a nation."

- U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris at  
Panorama City Town Hall

## Media Mention

Metro on Track for a Push  
on East San Fernando  
Valley Transit Corridor  
Project

[Daily News](#)

May 26

Debating the  
Environmental and  
Business Costs of Plastic  
Straws and Bottle Caps

[KPCC](#)

May 31

The Big Query for Our  
Next Governor

[SFV Business Journal](#)

May 28

[Fox&Hounds](#)

June 1st

## VICA Thanks our Renewing Members

SILVER MEMBER



(2016)

Galaxy Building  
Systems, Inc.  
(2003)

Kindel Gagan  
(2010)

LBW Insurance &  
Financial Services  
(2007)

Valero  
(2012)

## VICA Welcomes our New Members

The Drain Company

Penny Lane Centers

Sherman Oaks Ear &  
Hearing Institute

## Calendar The Week Ahead

Aviation Committee  
Wednesday, June 6  
Noon to 1:30 p.m.  
Aerolease Associates  
Van Nuys East  
7943 Woodley Ave.,  
Van Nuys  
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Entertainment  
Committee  
Thursday, June 7

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Sponsored by Sound City  
VICA Office  
16600 Sherman Way,  
Van Nuys  
Click [here](#) to RSVP

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# VOTING GUIDE

June 5, 2018

## THE VALLEY INDUSTRY & COMMERCE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

<b>PROPOSITION</b> <b>69</b>	Protects important investments in transportation funding by specifying that the revenue from gas taxes and vehicle registration fees can only be used for transportation purposes.	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PROPOSITION</b> <b>71</b>	Delays the effective date of ballot measures until all ballots, including vote-by-mail ballots, have been counted and the Secretary of State has filed the vote.	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>PROPOSITION</b> <b>72</b>	Excludes the installation of a rain water capture system from assessment as new construction for property tax purposes.	<b>SUPPORT</b>

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## VICA Expresses Concern about Newly-Homeless Increase

Yesterday, VICA responded to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority release of the 2018 Homeless Count, which revealed that 53,195 people are homeless in LA County, a 3% decline from 2017. However, the report found that the number of individuals that have fallen into homelessness has increased over previous years. In response, VICA Chair Lisa Gritzner noted that "Homelessness is the number one crisis facing us all in Los Angeles. Building more housing is an important step to keeping housing affordable but there is more to be done. VICA is committed to working with our members, which include leading business, non-profit, and educational institutions in the San Fernando Valley, to be a part of the solutions to this serious issue affecting our community."



Read VICA's full statement by [clicking here.](#)

**Spotlight on**

**Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Public Meeting**  
Saturday, June 9  
10 a.m. to Noon  
Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center  
6262 Van Nuys Blvd.,  
Van Nuys  
More information [here](#)

## Save the Date

**Land Use Committee**  
Tuesday, June 12  
8 to 10 a.m.  
**The Garland**  
4222 Vineland Ave.,  
North Hollywood  
Click [here](#) to RSVP

**VICA After Dark with L.A. City Administrative Officer Richard Llewellyn**  
Wednesday, June 13  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Los Toros Mexican Restaurant**  
21743 Devonshire St.,  
Chatsworth  
Click [here](#) to RSVP

**Government Affairs Committee**  
Wednesday, June 20  
Noon to 2 p.m.  
VICA Office  
16600 Sherman Way, Suite 170, Van Nuys  
Click [here](#) to RSVP

**Healthcare Committee**  
Thursday, June 21  
Noon to 1:30 p.m.  
**Valley Presbyterian Hospital**  
15107 Vanowen St.,  
Van Nuys  
Click [here](#) to RSVP

**Sacramento Advocacy Day**  
Tuesday, June 26  
All Day  
Click [here](#) to RSVP

**SFV Business Hall of Fame**  
Thursday, June 28  
5:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Sheraton Universal Hotel**  
333 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City  
Click [here](#) to RSVP

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)  
[HERE](#)

## Hot Issues

Higher Education

## VICA Committee Leadership

Jeffery Daar, *Chair of VICA's International Trade Committee*, is a principal in the law firm of **Daar & Newman** and has practiced law for more than 35 years. His practice includes complex business litigation, including cross-border disputes and transactions. Jeffery works closely with lawyers in more than 30 countries. He also is one of the seven members of Board of Airport Commissioners for Los Angeles World Airports (LAX and **Van Nuys airports**).



### ***How is VICA valuable to you or your business?***

VICA provides numerous opportunities to connect with other prominent business leaders interested in the development of the Greater San Fernando Valley area.

### ***Why should prospective members consider becoming more involved with the International Trade committee?***

VICA's International Trade Committee promotes international trade in the region. Meetings always include leading speakers on international trade and affairs as well as sharing resources available to businesses engaged or interested in exporting or importing goods. Recent guest speakers have included the Consuls General of Canada, United Arab Emirates, and China.

Learn more about VICA Committees by [clicking here](#).



**VICA AFTER DARK**

PRESENTED BY

COMCAST NBCUNIVERSAL

EKA  
ENGLANDER KNABE & ALLEN

LOS TOROS  
CHATESWORTH  
Mexican Restaurant

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER**  
**Meet L.A. City Administrative Officer**  
**Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr.**



Wednesday, June 13, 2018



### Higher Education

Walmart is now paying for workers to go to college. 1.4 million workers will have access to higher education at select institutions, including Brandman University in Irvine.

### Environment

A new EPA directive may eliminate California's ability to regulate its own tailpipe emission standards.

### Transportation

California is now issuing digital license plates. 24 Sacramento drivers have tested the plates, which are expected to sell at \$700 apiece.

### Healthcare

A initiative to cap profits of kidney dialysis providers has qualified for the ballot.

### Elections

Skyrocketing vote-by-mail ballot numbers are changing the way that elections are conducted in California.

### Economy

California's GDP growth has outpaced US GDP growth for five straight years.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Los Toros Mexican Restaurant  
21743 Devonshire St., Chatsworth

VICA Members enjoy hosted drinks and appetizers as they meet and interact with other prominent business leaders from the community.

VICA After Darks are complimentary to VICA members.

Click [here](#) to RSVP Today!



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The Inductees!**

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THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018

Sheraton Univeral Hotel  
333 Universal Hollywood Drive,  
Universal City

Reception: 5:30- 6:45 p.m.  
Awards Program: 6:45- 7:45  
p.m.  
Dinner: 7:45 - 9:00 p.m.

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018**

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For information, contact  
Helene Chemel at  
[Helene@vica.com](mailto:Helene@vica.com) or  
call 818-817-0545

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## 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.

### 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.

Read more about VICA at [vica.com](http://vica.com).

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