"I've seen his work personally. No one works harder. No one reads more. And no one has a greater breadth of experience."

-Mayor Eric Garcetti on the appointment of Michel Moore as LAPD Chief

California voters passed VICA-supported Propositions 69, 71 and 72. Prop. 69 protects motor vehicle taxes and fees for transportation purposes only. Prop. 71 delays the effective date of ballot measures until all ballots have been counted and the Secretary of State has filed the vote. Prop. 72 excludes the installation of a rain water capture system from assessment as new construction for property tax purposes.

VICA also congratulates Luz Rivas and Jesse Gabriel who were elected to fill two San Fernando Valley vacancies in the California State Assembly. Assemblymember-elect Rivas will represent the 39th District, which includes Arleta, Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hollywood, Pacoima, Sun Valley, Sunland-Tujunga, Sylmar and San Fernando. Assemblymember-elect Gabriel will represent the 45th District, which covers the West Valley communities of Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Canoga Park, Woodland Hills, West Hills, Winnetka, Northridge, Reseda, Tarzana and Encino, and Bell Canyon. VICA members had several opportunities to meet with both Rivas and Gabriel prior to the election, and VICA looks forward to working with them to advance legislation that will improve the quality of life in the Valley.

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.

Valley Rail Now!

This month, Metro staff will present its findings and recommendations to the Metro Board of Directors for the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project, including staff's recommendation to the Board for the locally preferred alternative mode of transportation.
Metro Begins Feasibility Study, Presentations on a Train Through the Sepulveda Pass Connecting West LA with the San Fernando Valley

Daily News
June 6

The report and staff recommendations will first be discussed and reviewed by the Metro Planning and Programming Committee on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 2 p.m. The report will then be considered at Metro's regular Board meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 9 am.

VICA and the Valley Coalition for Transit strongly support building this project as at-grade light rail transit with 14 stations, as well as preserving local bus service and mitigating parking impacts on Van Nuys Blvd.

Light rail transit has the highest ridership capacity among the alternatives, and provides the best connectivity time to the Orange Line and future Sepulveda Transit Corridor project. Light rail will sustain increasing transit demand, attract economic development and get the Valley on track to a 21st Century transit system.

Let Metro know that Light Rail Transit is the preferred option of Valley businesses and community members for the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor.

Click here to send a letter.

Expand Commuter Benefits for Workers in Los Angeles

Los Angeles County is home to the worst congestion in the world. In 2017, Angelenos spent an average of 102 hours stuck in traffic jams during peak congestion hours, costing drivers over $2,800 each and the region $19.2 billion from direct and indirect costs. Without action, this average amount of time spent in traffic is expected to get even worse.

Assembly Bill 2548 (Friedman) would give LA County a valuable new tool to help ease congestion on our highways and streets and improve our quality of life.

AB 2548 would authorize Metro to administer a commuter benefits ordinance in LA County. An enacted commuter benefits ordinance would expand the number of employers eligible to participate in offering employees benefits that encourage the use of ride-sharing, vanpools, and transit. Expanding commute benefit programs would encourage alternative modes of transportation in the world's most congested metropolitan area.

Click here to send a letter.
VICA Welcomes our New Members

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Emerson & Associates
GrassrootsLab

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THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018

Sheraton Universal 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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Committee Reports

Aviation Committee (06/06)
Hosted by Aerolease Aeroplex

- Dan Myers, Franchise Division Manager at LA Sanitation, presented an update on the implementation of RecycLA, a public-private partnership that provides waste and recycling services to all commercial and industrial businesses in Los Angeles.
- Sarah Sheehy, Sr. Director of Government Affairs at Hollywood Burbank Airport, discussed the airport's ongoing efforts to build a safer, 14-gate replacement terminal that is farther from the runways and meets current design standards.
- Elizabeth Penuela, Assistant Principal at the North Valley Occupational Center, presented on the center's FAA-approved aircraft mechanic program, which consists of 45 subject areas presented in three separate courses, including technical classroom training and hands-on shop experience.
- Christian Moreno, Chief of Operations at Van Nuys Airport, provided an update on Van Nuys Airport operations.

Entertainment Committee (06/07)
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- The committee learned about proposals for the expansion of Los Angeles Convention Center from AEG's Martha Saucedo, Executive Vice President of External Affairs and Ted Tanner, Executive Vice President of Real Estate.
- Todd Lindgren, Director of Communications at Contract Services, gave an introduction to resources and training available at Contract Services.
- The committee heard about plans and outreach efforts for the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art from Myesha Ward, the Lucas Museum's Director of Community Affairs.

Calendar
The Week Ahead

Land Use Committee
Tuesday, June 12
8 to 10 a.m.
The Garland
4222 Vineland Ave.,
North Hollywood
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VICA After Dark with LA 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

Save the Date

Government Affairs Committee
Wednesday, June 20
Noon to 2 p.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way, Suite 170, Van Nuys
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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
Hot Issues

Land Use
The development of a planned community in northern LA County, The Centennial, was considered Wednesday at a public hearing of the Regional Planning Commission. VICA spoke in support of the project, which will provide much-needed housing and economic growth while preserving the local environment.

Retirement Benefits
Medicare will run out of money sooner than expected, and Social Security's financial problems can't be ignored either, according to a new government report. Medicare will become insolvent in 2026. Social Security will become insolvent in 2034.

International Trade
President Trump is not backing down from the tough line he has taken on trade as he heads to the G7 summit in Canada. The meeting will be the first chance G7 leaders have had to meet Trump in person since U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Canada, Mexico and the European Union were imposed last week.

Education
The LA school board president wants to have every student graduate meeting requirements to enroll in one of the state's public four-year universities by 2023. The district estimates that 56 percent of 2017 graduates met those requirements.
A group of top business economists believes the major tax cuts passed by Congress will give a significant boost to economic growth this year and next year. But they worry that by 2020, the country could be entering a new recession.

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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