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L.A. City Administrative Officer Richard Llewellyn Joins Members for VICA After Dark



"We are at an exciting time in Los Angeles... the world recognizes it is LA's moment."

- City Administrative Officer Richard Llewellyn at VICA After Dark

Media Mentions

LA Metro Releases Concepts for a Rail Line Through, Over, or Under the Sepulveda Pass. Take Your Pick.

Daily News

June 9

Sepulveda Pass Proposed Metro Line

Canyon News

June 12

VICA First Vice Chair Brad Rosenheim (**Rosenheim & Associates**), Board Member and Presenting Sponsor Steve Nissen (**Comcast NBCUniversal**), Board Member and Co-Sponsor Lupita Sanchez Cornejo (**AT&T**), City Administrative Officer Richard Llewellyn, Presenting Sponsor Nicolas Montano (**Los Toros Mexican Restaurant**) and Presenting Sponsor Kian Kaeni (**Englander, Knabe & Allen**)

On Wednesday, VICA members and guests gathered at **Los Toros Mexican Restaurant** for a VICA After Dark with L.A. City Administrative Officer (CAO) Richard Llewellyn. Llewellyn discussed a range of topics, focusing particularly on his role as CAO and the importance of addressing the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles. Llewellyn was confirmed as the CAO for the City of Los Angeles in February 2018, after serving in the position in an interim capacity since February 2017. Llewellyn explained that his office serves as the City's fiscal watchdog, prepares the Mayor's budget, negotiates with labor and handles City debt. "[The City of Los Angeles is] considered one of the most transparent governments in the country," Llewellyn said.

On the topic of homelessness, Llewellyn encouraged VICA members to realize their own civic duty: "There's a myth that these are someone else's homeless. They're not. They're Valley residents. They are part of us. We need to work together to fix this crisis." Llewellyn concluded by ruminating on the exciting moment the City of Los Angeles is currently in. "With the Olympics ahead of us, the world recognizes that now is Los

VICA Thanks our Renewing Members

AS Design

(2006)

Los Angeles County

Office of Education -
GAIN
(2015)

**Millennium Dance
Complex**
(2012)

VICA Welcomes our New Members

BRONZE MEMBER



Mott Macdonald

Calendar The Week Ahead

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

Warner Center Shuttle Press Conference

Thursday, June 21
10 a.m.
Canoga Metro Orange Line
Station
6650 Canoga Ave., Canoga
Park

Click [here](#) for more
information about the new
shuttle

Save the Date

Angeles' moment." Llewellyn acknowledged working with VICA President Stuart Waldman on the LA24/28 Bid Committee. He credited this work for bringing Olympic events to the San Fernando Valley for the first time. These events will ensure that Valley residents and businesses are able to contribute to and benefit from Los Angeles' third time hosting the Olympic Games. In addition, Llewellyn cited the ongoing construction for the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art in Exposition Park as an example of innovators and creative leaders recognizing LA's rising importance. "People see Los Angeles, right now, as the place to be," Llewellyn said.

Thank you to our presenting sponsors **Comcast NBCUniversal, Englander Knabe & Allen and Los Toros Mexican Restaurant**. Thank you also to our co-sponsors **AT&T** and the **Los Angeles Rams**.

Click [here](#) to see more photos from the event.

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

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Valley Rail Now!

This Wednesday, June 20, **Metro** staff will present its findings and recommendations to the **Metro** Planning and Programming Committee for the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project, including staff's recommendation for the locally preferred alternative mode of transportation.



The report will then be considered at **Metro's** regular Board meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 9 a.m.

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.

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.

Expanding Definition of "Gravely Disabled"



VICA SUPPORT

VICA supports Assembly Bill 1971 (Chen, Friedman and Santiago), which would expand the definition of "gravely disabled" to consider urgently needed medical treatment when assessing an individual's need for conservatorship or need for a 5150 hold.

AB 1971 is a necessary measure due to the increased death rate among the homeless population in Los Angeles County and across the state. A significant number of these deaths were a result of

medical conditions such as cardiovascular disease, pneumonia, diabetes, cirrhosis and severe bacterial infection, all of which could have been prevented or treated.

This bill recognizes that medical treatment is a basic human need that is just as critical as having food, clothing or shelter.

[Click here to send a letter supporting AB 1971.](#)



Celebrate with The Inductees!

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.

Tickets are Now on Sale

INDIVIDUAL TICKET - \$275

No refunds or cancellations after
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

[Click here to RSVP Today!](#)

Committee Reports

Land Use Committee (06/12)
Hosted by **The Garland**

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
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Hot Issues

Budget

California lawmakers approved and sent Gov. Jerry Brown a \$200 billion state budget on Thursday, using revenue from a rosy economy to build \$16 billion in reserves and steer hundreds of millions of dollars in new funding to universities and programs for the homeless.

Education

Last month, Los Angeles' school board president proposed a spate of highly ambitious mandates aimed at ensuring that by 2023 every district graduate be eligible to apply to one of the state's public four-year universities.

Entertainment

A federal judge approved the AT&T and Time Warner merger, a decision that is expected to lead to a wave of corporate takeovers. Judge Leon said the Justice Department had not proved that the telecom company's acquisition of Time Warner would lead to fewer choices for consumers and higher prices for television and internet services.

Homelessness

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the use of the parking lots of two Department of Public Health facilities, one in North Hollywood and the other in Hollywood, as spots where people who

are experiencing homelessness can sleep in their cars overnight.

Manufacturing

Tesla is currently fighting a rule under development that would require the company to be certified as a "fair and responsible workplace" for its customers to be eligible for taxpayer-backed state electric vehicle rebates. In a letter, Tesla said the state is targeting the company and argues that the rule will deter other manufacturers from opening in California.

Workers' Compensation

A new law that enables corporate directors and officers owning at least 10% of a business to opt out of workers' compensation coverage goes into effect July 1.

Under the new law, directors and officers who want to opt out of workers' comp must sign a waiver stating that they are covered by a health insurance plan.

- Bonnie Kim of the Los Angeles Department of City Planning provided an overview of the processes and procedures that will be included in the revised draft of re:code LA.
- The committee voted to support the **Westfield** Promenade 2035 and Warner Center Burbank/De Soto projects, which will further the goals of the Warner Center 2035 plan.
- The committee voted to oppose Assembly Bill 2343 (Chiu), which would make the tenant eviction process more expensive and onerous for property owners.



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.

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.

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