Support Bill to Give Local Government More Flexibility on Nightlife

VICA supports a bill to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption until 4 a.m., an extension from the current limit of 2 a.m. This bill will help drive entertainment and nightlife in California while protecting local control. The bill sets out a comprehensive pathway to extending opening hours. It requires local and state approval, which will take many factors into account including the impacts on neighbors, transportation plans, law enforcement, and the public interest. SB 384 (Wiener) is carefully written to address many concerns about late-night drinking, and will allow the extension of licensed hours only when it is appropriate to do so. Some cities rely on a vibrant nightlife to attract visitors and investment. Creating a pathway to extend opening hours where appropriate will benefit the community as a whole by creating jobs, increasing tax revenue, and promoting nightlife within specific communities.

Click here to support SB 384.

Register for VICA's 4th Annual Congressional Luncheon!

Friday, July 7, 2017
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Don't miss our 4th Annual Congressional Luncheon, a unique opportunity to engage with federal elected officials who represent the Valley in a casual Q&A format.

$150 - regular price ticket

Confirmed Speakers as of 06/16/17
Rep. Tony Cardenas
Rep. Brad Sherman

Support Child Care Protections for Working Families

VICA supports Assembly Bill 60 (Santiago), which would maintain a family’s eligibility for affordable child care for 12 months despite income fluctuations.

Burdensome reporting requirements cause families to frequently move between child care programs, as well as long waiting lists for these programs. This disrupts school readiness and development for enrolled children; makes it difficult for child care providers to balance ledgers or plan for quality investments; and burdens employers and education providers with significant administrative work. AB 60 would consider families eligible for 12 months at a time, update the income eligibility threshold, and establish a phase-out period to give parents additional time and income to pursue economic stability, while increasing the parents’ contribution to the cost of care.

Establishing more stability within the state child care system will create better outcomes for children, families, and communities throughout California. VICA urges you to support AB 60.

Help Reduce Day Care Expulsions

VICA supports Assembly Bill 752 (Rubio), which would implement guidelines to prevent children from being unnecessarily expelled from day care and developmental services programs.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has developed recommended guidelines to prevent unnecessary preschool expulsions. AB 752 would
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Thursday, July 20
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Wednesday, July 26
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
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Hot Issues
Budget
Legislators passed the budget last night, as required by the California Constitution. Trailer bills included a rushed overhaul to the Board of Equalization, which VICA established a process modeled after those federal guidelines. Specifically, it would prohibit a child care agency from expelling a child because of a child's behavior unless the agency has explored and documented all possible steps to maintain the child's safe participation in the program. Furthermore, if a child is expelled, the agency would be required to facilitate the child's transition to a more appropriate placement.

Access to reliable child care for low-income families helps to promote consistent attendance and productivity in the workplace, which will improve outcomes for children, families, and communities throughout California. VICA urges you to support AB 752.

Join VICA for Our 2017 Local Officeholders Luncheon!

Thursday, August 17, 2017
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hilton Universal Hotel
555 Universal Hollywood Drive Universal City

Local officeholders representing L.A. County, the City of Los Angeles, other Valley cities, LAUSD and L.A. Community College District join VICA and its members to discuss issues facing businesses.

$250 - Early Bird Rate - Order by 7/14/17

Confirmed Speakers as of 06/16/17

Click here to support AB 752.
President Stuart Waldman decried as an 'unfounded overreach.'

Development
Two years ago, a proposal to charge a fee on construction using the funds generated to build affordable housing was introduced by Mayor Garcetti. Last week, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) committee put off a vote on the “Affordable Housing Linkage Fee” plan until late July or beyond.

U.S. Economy
On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve raised short-term interest rates by a quarter point. It’s the third rate hike since December, and it is a sign that the central bank believes the U.S. economy is on solid ground.

Transportation
On Tuesday, Mayor Garcetti raised a new idea to relieve traffic gridlock on the 405 Freeway by considering a monorail for the Sepulveda Pass. Metro has not started the “alternatives analysis,” which will include a more detailed examination of several options for connecting the Valley to the Westside.

Homelessness
Three months after Los Angeles County voters approved a quarter-cent sales tax to fight homelessness, the Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to a set of spending recommendations for a projected $355 million annually over the next three years.

Entertainment
On Tuesday, the L.A. City Council Entertainment and Facilities Committee discussed a motion that would limit green-colored bike lanes in order to support L.A.’s film and television industry. Los Angeles Department of Transportation has used a bright, highly reflective color green for bike lane markings. This color creates problems for location filming on Los Angeles streets, including challenges in post-

Committee Reports
Government Affairs Committee (6/14) Hosted by Providence Tarzana Medical Center

- Neil Guglielmo, Chief Financial Officer of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, joined the Committee to provide an update on SummerShift, an incentive program for businesses who reduce their energy usage during peak hours.
- PWC’s Kate Dill updated the Committee on the Board of Equalization and what changes would mean for businesses in California.
- The Committee recommended to oppose AB 168, which bans employers from seeking salary history or prospective employees.
- The Committee discussed and tabled SB 5, a $3.5 billion bond for parks and water infrastructure. The VICA Board will take up SB 5 on June 22.
- Finally, the Committee recommended to support AB 948 and SB 148, bills
production, conflicts with "green screens," and reflected light from the lanes.

**Education**

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles Board of Education unanimously approved a plan to create an enrollment system that will allow students and families to apply to almost any schools they choose at the same time, through one online application.

Labor & Employment Committee (6/7)

- **Town & Country Event Rentals** President Richard LoGuercio and **Timely Prefinished Steel Door Frames** President Tom Manzo discussed the barriers they face as businesses, especially the impact of the Private Attorney General Act (PAGA).
- The Committee voted to support AB 61 (Holden), which would mandate the inclusion of a small business owner on the State Compensation Insurance Board.
- The Committee voted to support SB 524 (Vidak), a two year bill which would give employers who rely on advice from the Department Of Labor Standards Enforcement a good faith defense.
- Lastly, the Committee voted to support SB 189 (Bradford), which will ensure that owners and general partners of businesses are still exempted from having to carry worker's compensation insurance.

Land Use Committee (6/13)

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- The Committee discussed the Our LA 2040 General Plan Updates and the South West Valley Community Plan Updates with the Los Angeles City Planning Department.
- The Committee recommended action on several legislative items including reforms to the Housing Accountability Act and the creation of Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones.
- The Committee recommended to support AB 852 (Grayson), if amended, which would require cities to report on the number of housing units applied for and the number of units approved on an annual basis. The committee suggested amendments that increase the specificity and the depth of the required data.
- Lastly, the Committee voted to oppose AB 1505 (Bloom), which would expressly grant cities the right to condition development on the inclusion of affordable housing.

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