VICA Continues to Be a Strong Voice in Sacramento

"Even senators who voted for SB 562 noted there are potentially fatal flaws in the bill including the fact it does not address many serious issues, such as financing, delivery of care, cost controls or the realities of needed action by the Trump administration and [California] voters."

- California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon on single-payer healthcare bill

This week, VICA traveled to Sacramento to advocate on important issues facing the business community. Attendees met Assemblymembers Dababneh, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer and Ridley-Thomas, Senator Wilk, the staff of Governor Brown, the staff of Senators Allen and Mitchell, as well as the staff of Assemblymembers Bloom, Burke, Chau, Daly, and Levine.

Attendees urged elected officials to oppose AB 1008, which would ban employers from asking any questions related to an applicant's criminal history before a conditional offer of employment has been made; oppose SB 562, which proposes a government-run single-payer healthcare system; oppose SB 268, which would reshape the Los Angeles County Metro Board of Directors; oppose SCA 12, which would increase the number of supervisors and establish the position of an elected executive officer for counties with more than five million residents; oppose SB 3, which would place a $3 billion general obligation bond on the 2018 ballot to fund existing affordable housing programs in California; as well as oppose AB 168, AB 1565, and SB 5/AB 18.

Attendees also urged elected officials to support AB 908 as amended, which would extend the 2020 seismic deadline for the Providence Tarzana Medical Center, and support the California Water Fix Delta Plan, which consists of ongoing efforts to ensure a reliable water supply for California and restore the challenged ecosystem of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Attendees also voiced support for SB 384, which passed the Senate and now moves to the Assembly. This bill would allow alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption to be sold until 4 a.m.

VICA will return to Sacramento on July 12. Be sure to RSVP and lend your voice
Save The Date for VICA's 2017 Business Forecast Conference

2017 Business Forecast Conference: Mapping the Future

Friday, October 20
Hilton Universal Hotel
555 Universal Dr, Universal City

Topics to be discussed:

- Millennial Consumers
- College Grads
- Bad Legislation
- Best Practices
- Transportation
- Housing
- Healthcare
- Filming

More information coming soon

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Oppose Costly Parks Bond Measures

VICA opposes two bills which would place general obligation bonds to pay for parks and open space on the June 2018 ballot. Under SB 5 (de León), $1.25 billion of the $3.25 bond revenue would be invested in water infrastructure, with the remaining $2.25 billion invested in parks. AB 18 (Garcia) would invest the entire $3.1 billion amount in parks and open space. VICA opposes increasing our state debt to pay for parks. Los Angeles County residents are already paying for parks via a per-square-foot parcel tax, development fees, and regularly budgeted city, county, and state expenditures. Though SB 5 includes some funding for water infrastructure and flood control, the bulk of the funding is invested in projects which are not of critical importance. VICA supported Proposition 1, the $7.12 billion water bond measure approved by voters in 2014. This bond constituted an investment in critical infrastructure which will help protect our state against catastrophe and allow our economy to grow. However, SB 5 and AB 18 do not address critical needs and would add to California's debt without any economic return on our investment.

Click here to oppose SB 5 and AB 18.

Oppose Ineffective Ban on Salary History

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Click here to RSVP for VICA's July Advocacy Trip.
VICA opposes Assembly Bill 168 (Eggman), which would prohibit employers from asking about candidates’ past compensation and would require employers to provide the salary range of a position upon request. VICA strongly supports the intent of the bill to eliminate wage discrimination. However, we are concerned that this bill will not be effective in addressing the gender wage gap. There is no evidence that companies which routinely request salary histories have a bigger wage gap than companies which do not request that information. There are legitimate reasons to request an applicants’ salary history as part of the application process. Salary history is a tool for businesses with limited resources to narrow down the field of applicants, rather than spending time interviewing people with unaffordable salary expectations. This bill will create additional documentation requirements for employers who may face administrative penalties or potential lawsuits for failing to comply or failing to maintain records. AB 168 creates confusion and an additional burden on businesses without any evidence that it will help to address the issue.

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 06/30/17
hour to $12 an hour on
July 1, a study released by
the University of
Washington found that
jobs and work hours fell for
Seattle’s lowest paid
employees after the city
raised the minimum wage
to $13 last year on its
march to $15 for all
workers by 2021.

**Environment**
The U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service and the
National Marine Fisheries
Service concluded that the
construction of new
diversion points on the
Sacramento River and two
massive water tunnels
would not jeopardize the
existence of endangered
species in the Sacramento-
San Joaquin Delta, which
is the hub of California’s
water works.

**Transportation**
Elon Musk’s The Boring
Company has officially
broken ground on its
tunnel in Los Angeles. The
tunnel is slated to run from
LAX to Culver City, with
tunnels running from LAX
to other major cities in the
works. The company uses
electric sled propulsion
technology to move
vehicles throughout the
tunnel, going up to speeds
of around 125 mph.

**Homelessness**
One in every 5 of the Los
Angeles Community
College District’s 230,000
students is homeless, and
nearly two-thirds can’t
afford to eat properly,
according to a new survey
commissioned by the
system’s Board of
Trustees. Although college
students nationwide face
financial constraints that
affect their nutrition,
according to the study,
those enrolled at the L.A.
district’s nine campuses
fare worse than the
national average.

**Aviation**
The U.S. House of
Representatives
transportation committee
approved a proposal to
separate air traffic control
from the federal
government after a
lengthy debate over the
effort, which stalled on the
House floor last year amid
opposition from both
parties.

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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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