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"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

Media Highlights

Los Angeles' Groundbreaking "recycLA" Program Dumps the Dump, Capital & Main, June 28

Barger Enforces Health and Air Quality Requirements for Chiquita Canyon

VICA Continues to Be a Strong Voice in Sacramento



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

Landfill,
The Santa Clarita Signal,
June 27

L.A. City Council Moves
Toward Divesting From
Wells Fargo,
KCET,
June 27

City Council Moves
Toward Divesting from
Wells Fargo Over Faux
Accounts,
MyNewsLA,
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LA Sanitation Launches
Green Ribbon Council,
Waste Today,
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Members

VICA Thanks Our
Renewing Members

Silver Member



(2012)

Bronze Member



(2009)

Boys & Girls Club of the
West Valley

Ervin Cohen & Jessup

San Fernando Community
Mental Health Center

VICA Welcomes Our
New Member

Rocca Development Group

Calendar

The Week Ahead

Congressional

Luncheon

Friday, July 7

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Garland

4222 Vineland Ave,

North Hollywood

Click [here](#) to RSVP

Save The Date

Transportation

for businesses in Sacramento!

Click [here](#) to RSVP for VICA's July Advocacy Trip.

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 OPPOSE

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

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 11
8 to 10 a.m.

The Garland

4222 Vineland Ave,
North Hollywood
Click [here](#) to RSVP

**California Competes
Tax Credit Presentation
by Office of Assm.
Bocanegra**

Tuesday, July 11
San Fernando City
Council Chambers
117 Macneil St.,
San Fernando
Click [here](#) for more info

**Sacramento Advocacy
Day**

Wednesday, July 12
All Day
Sacramento, CA
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**Government Affairs
Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, July 19
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Providence Tarzana
Medical Center**

18321 Clark St, Tarzana
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**Healthcare Committee
Meeting**

Thursday, July 20
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Valley Presbyterian
Hospital**

15107 Vanowen St,
Van Nuys
Click [here](#) to RSVP

**Ambassador
Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, July 26
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170, Van Nuys
Click [here](#) to RSVP

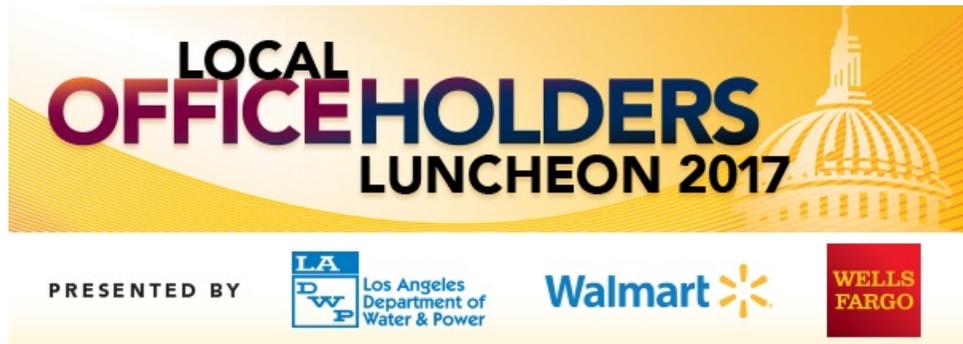


VICA OPPOSE

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.

Click [here](#) to oppose AB 168.

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

Hot Issues

Budget

On Monday, the Los Angeles County Supervisors unanimously approved a \$30.1-billion budget for the fiscal year that begins Saturday. The 2017-18 budget reflects an increase of about \$200 million over the current fiscal year, as well as the addition of nearly 900 jobs.

Employment

Just as Los Angeles heads toward a minimum-wage increase from \$10.50 an

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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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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