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"Studies are showing that there is a shortage of people who are properly trained for the jobs of today and tomorrow, and many of those have to do with the technical field."

- Congressman Tony Cárdenas at the Congressional Luncheon

Media Highlights

Valley Congressmen Talk Trade, Education, San Fernando Valley Business Journal, July 7

So You Need a Job But You're a Felon? LA County May Be On Your Side, LA Times, July 13

Members

VICA Thanks Our Renewing Members

United States Representatives Join VICA Members at Congressional Luncheon



Mark Vetter (**Aerojet Rocketdyne**), Kathy Banuelos (**Comcast NBCUniversal**), Congressman Tony Cárdenas, VICA Chairman Kevin Tamaki (**AT&T**), Bryan Moeller (**Wells Fargo**) and Argisht Avetyan (**Wells Fargo**) at the 2017 Congressional Luncheon.

VICA members shared an afternoon with federal elected officials at VICA's 4th Annual Congressional Luncheon. Members had the unique opportunity to engage with United States Congressmen Tony Cárdenas and Brad Sherman. Both speakers participated in a Q&A session, where they answered questions concerning taxes, trade and foreign affairs. Congressman Sherman maintained a positive outlook regarding the future of America in a time when many citizens are feeling discouraged: "Politicians yelling at each other is not the sole future of the United States. The things that will make this century another American century are the technology, business and entrepreneurship that you won't see reported often in the news." His colleague and San Fernando Valley native Congressman Tony Cárdenas reiterated his stance on promoting equal access to education without burdening business with excessive government oversight: "I'd like to make sure that we have education available for everybody, while also making sure that the government doesn't get in the way of private industry - that we have a good balance." Thank you to the presenting sponsors for the event, **Aerojet Rocketdyne**, **Comcast NBCUniversal** and **Wells Fargo** as well as co-sponsors **AT&T**, **California State University, Northridge**, **Los Angeles Daily News** and **Los Angeles Department of Water & Power**.

[View photos of the Congressional Luncheon here.](#)

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Commerce

**VICA Welcomes Our
New Member**

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VICA Visits Sacramento to Advocate on Issues Facing Business Community



VICA Legislative Affairs Manager Elizabeth Hawley, Stacy Howard (**National Business Aviation Association**), Senator Scott Wiener, Ross Pendergraft (**Leavitt Group**), Jacque McMillan (**Metropolitan Water District**) and VICA President Stuart Waldman during VICA's Sacramento Advocacy Day.

On Wednesday, VICA members spent a productive day in Sacramento advocating for businesses in the San Fernando Valley. The group met with Senate Minority Leader Patricia Bates, Senator Scott Wiener, and Assemblymembers Matt Dababneh and Dante Acosta. Attendees also met with the staff of Senators Leyva and Portantino, and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

The group raised various employment issues with legislators, including the urgent need for reform of labor laws which are exposing local businesses to huge lawsuits without any benefit to employees. The group also spoke about the importance of effective legislation to address the housing crisis, supporting SB 2, which would create a stable affordable housing fund, and opposing SB 3, which would increase our state's debt without making a real impact on the root of the problem. Delegates explained how AB 1250 would effectively ban counties from contracting with private entities, including nonprofit social service providers and businesses with specialized expertise. VICA members updated elected officials on the status of the California Water Fix. Finally, the delegation expressed VICA's strong opposition to two bills, SB 268 and SCA 12, which would be detrimental to local control in Los Angeles.

The next VICA Sacramento Advocacy Day will be August 30. [Click here to register.](#)

Calendar

The Week Ahead

Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 19
Noon to 2 p.m.

Providence Tarzana Hospital

18321 Clark St.,
Tarzana
Click [here](#) to RSVP

Healthcare Committee Meeting

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

Valley Presbyterian Hospital

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

Save The Date

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

Business Breakfast with Assm. Nazarian *Sponsored by the Leavitt Group*

Wednesday, August 2
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

VICA Office

16600 Sherman Way
Suite 170, Van Nuys
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IOC Will Choose Host City for Both 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games In September

VICA welcomed the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announcement that it would award the host city for both the 2024 and the 2028 Olympic Games in September. "VICA is proud to support this Olympic bid," said VICA President and

Education Committee Meeting
Sponsored by **Woodbury University**
Thursday, August 3
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
16600 Sherman Way,
Suite 170, Van Nuys
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LA2024 Board member Stuart Waldman. This unprecedented decision has all but guaranteed that Los Angeles will host the Summer Games for the third time, as Los Angeles and Paris are the final two in the bid race to host the Olympics. The San Fernando Valley will host three events, which will bring significant exposure and investment to the Valley and will give Valley residents opportunities to enjoy the Games. VICA looks forward to the IOC's final decision in September, which will confirm when Los Angeles will host the Olympic Games.

Read VICA's full statement [here](#).

Hot Issues

Education

Los Angeles School Board salaries will be increased to \$125,000 a year from the current salary of \$45,637, a 174% increase.

Environment

California lawmakers introduced a [cap and trade extension package](#) on Monday, July 10, but the vote was delayed until next week following concerns that the proposal does not address the housing crisis.

Government

A proposal to extend the Los Angeles County [Board of Supervisors](#) has moved past a key committee. State Senator Henry Stern voted no on the bill, citing concerns about bypassing the will of Los Angeles voters.

Innovation

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has installed "DMV Now" [self-service](#) vehicle registration kiosks at various San Fernando Valley grocery stores, and plans to expand this program across Los Angeles.

Transportation

L.A.-based Hyperloop One announced its first successful full-scale [test](#) of a clean-energy, mass-transit Hyperloop system in the Nevada desert, reaching speeds of 70 mph. The startup is now well into phase two of its real-world trials, and is working to get its design to its next milestone of reaching 250 mph.

Save The Date for VICA's 2017 Business Forecast Conference



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

Topics to be discussed:

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

More information coming soon!

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Support Amendments to the Housing Accountability Act



VICA SUPPORT

VICA supports Senate Bill 167 (Skinner), which amends the Housing Accountability Act (HAA), placing greater pressure on cities to approve housing development projects. SB 167 will ensure that cities cannot unreasonably stop or delay affordable housing development. The HAA prohibits an agency from disapproving of affordable housing projects or conditioning the approval of a project in a way that makes the project infeasible, unless the city makes a finding based upon substantial evidence that the project meets certain criteria for exemption. In order to solve California's housing crisis, all jurisdictions must do their part and

approve appropriate housing projects. This bill will ensure that cities comply with the intent of the HAA, ultimately helping to ease the housing crisis facing California.

Learn more and send a letter of support [here](#).

Oppose Attack on County Service Providers



VICA OPPOSE

On Wednesday, an attack on counties and service providers with whom they contract moved forward in the Legislature. VICA strongly opposes Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), which would effectively ban counties from contracting with licensed experts, nonprofit organizations, and businesses. Public-private partnerships are an important way to provide high-quality, cost-effective services to residents.

Counties rely on partnerships with privately owned entities to deliver services that the county may not have the expertise or capacity to provide directly. These can include core services which are critical to residents, such as health and social services, public safety, infrastructure, and basic administration of the county. In addition, AB 1250 places significant new burdens on county contractors including releasing detailed monthly information on their subcontractors, personal information on employees, and compensation rates. This information will be subject to the California Public Records Act. This raises privacy concerns and will drive up costs for contractors and by extension, taxpayers. AB 1250 removes a valuable tool for counties and will be harmful to taxpayers and local residents who pay for and rely on core services.

Click [here](#) to send a letter opposing AB 1250.

Join VICA for our 2017 Local Officeholders Luncheon!

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LA DWP Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

Southern California Gas Company

Walmart

WELLS FARGO

A Sempra Energy utility

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.

\$300 / Person

Confirmed Speakers as of 07/10/17



Jeffrey Prang
L.A. COUNTY
Assessor



Kathryn Barger
L.A. COUNTY
Supervisor



Mike Feuer
L.A. CITY
Attorney



Ron Galperin
L.A. CITY
Controller



Herb Wesson
L.A. CITY
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David Ryu
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Councilmember



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CITY OF CALABASAS
Mayor



Fred Gaines
CITY OF CALABASAS
Mayor pro Tem



David Shapiro
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Councilmember



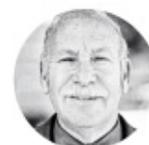
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LACCD
Board Member



Scott Schmerelson
LAUSD
Board Member

Vince Bertoni, L.A. City, Dir. of Planning
Claire Bartels, L.A. City, Treasurer • Seleta Reynolds, LADOT

Committee Reports

Transportation Committee (7/11)

Hosted by **The Garland**

- Michelle Boehm, Southern California Regional Director for the High-Speed Rail Authority, joined the Committee to provide an update on the construction of high-speed rail.
- Hilary Norton, Business Representative on **Metro's** Policy Advisory Council, gave an update on the implementation of Measure M, including the recently approved policy guidelines and other issues of importance to the business community.
- Manjeet Ranu, Senior Executive Officer for Countywide Planning and Development at **Metro**, introduced himself and answered questions from the Committee.

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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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