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"Republicans and Democrats set aside their differences, came together and took courageous action. That's what good government looks like."

- Governor Jerry Brown on CA's cap and trade deal

Media Highlights

Wireless-Access Bill Can Help L.A. Businesses Connect and Compete,
[Daily News](#), July 20

Sen. Glazer's Statement on Climate Change Package,
[East County Today](#), July 18

What They're Saying About Legislation to Combat Air Pollution in Neighborhoods and Extend California's Cap and Trade Program,
[4-traders](#), July 17

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

Feedback on County Art Requirement on Commercial Developments

Los Angeles County is soliciting feedback from the business community on a requirement for commercial development projects over \$500,000 to dedicate 1% of the project valuation to art. Housing developments and nonprofit organizations would be exempt, and it would only apply to unincorporated parts of the County. The funds could be deposited into a special shared fund, or the developer/business could purchase or commission art of the appropriate value, subject to the County Art Commission's approval. The art could be a painting or sculpture, but it could also be a façade, special terrazzo flooring, stained glass windows or similar component incorporated into the building. Other jurisdictions in L.A. County have similar requirements.

To share your feedback or experience, please email elizabeth@vica.com

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

Members

VICA Thanks Our Renewing Members

City National Bank

Independent Studio Services

Marathon Communications

North Valley Occupational Center

Paramount Pictures Corp.

Town & Country Event Rentals

Warner Bros.

VICA Welcomes Our New Members

Bronze Member



(2017)

A2Z Health

Calendar

The Week Ahead

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

Save The Date

Business Breakfast with Assm. Nazarian

Sponsored by the **Leavitt Group**

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

VICA Office

16600 Sherman Way
Suite 170, Van Nuys

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Education Committee Meeting

Sponsored by **Woodbury University**

Thursday, August 3
8:30 to 10 a.m.

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16600 Sherman Way,

More information coming soon!

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State Inspections Confirm Safety of Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage

On Wednesday, the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) decided to allow natural gas injection to resume at the Aliso Canyon storage facility. To ensure public safety protection, the **Southern California Gas Company** must comply with requirements issued by DOGGR, including flyovers to check methane levels before beginning injections. The Aliso Canyon storage facility has had significant improvements and upgrades made to its infrastructure, testing, operations and monitoring to ensure safe operations. Ensuring the reliability of energy and electricity services is crucial for Valley residents, and VICA commends the decision made by DOGGR and CPUC.

Click [here](#) for more information.

VICA Announces Promotion of Armando Flores to Legislative Affairs Manager



Armando Flores will be serving as one of VICA's Legislative Affairs Managers, and will oversee the Land Use; Energy, Environment & Utilities; and Healthcare committees. Previously, Armando served as VICA's Legislative Associate and Administrative Assistant. In those capacities, Armando oversaw many aspects of VICA's communication activities and provided support in membership and events. As Legislative Affairs Manager, Armando will work on analysis of legislation, position paper drafting, policy committee management, testifying at local and state governance meetings, as well as relationship building with elected officials and their staff.

If you are interested in applying for the full-time position of VICA's Administrative Assistant, please send your resume to jessica@vica.com. More information available [here](#).

Join VICA for our 2017 Local Officeholders Luncheon!

Suite 170, Van Nuys
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New Member Breakfast
Friday, August 4
8:30 to 10 a.m.
VICA Office
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Hot Issues

Education

The newly created L.A. Unified Task Force [advisory panel](#) has assembled to work with L.A. schools Superintendent Michelle King to conduct a broad review of district operations.

Environment

The California State Legislature passed the [extension](#) of the cap and trade program on Monday. The bill now heads to Governor Jerry Brown's desk for his signature.

Land Use

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the [FivePoint Newhall Ranch project](#), which would bring new schools, new parks and over 20,000 new homes to the Santa Clarita Valley.

Security

Laptops and tablets will be subject to increased [scrutiny](#) on flights from Mexico to the U.S. at the request of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Transportation

A U.S. House panel approved a sweeping [proposal](#) to allow automakers to deploy 100,000 self-driving vehicles without meeting existing auto safety standards and bar states from imposing driverless car rules. The measure would be the first significant federal legislation aimed at bringing self-driving cars

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 07/21/17



Jim McDonnell
L.A. COUNTY
Sheriff



Jeffrey Prang
L.A. COUNTY
Assessor



Kathryn Barger
L.A. COUNTY
Supervisor



Mike Feuer
L.A. CITY
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Ron Galperin
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L.A. CITY
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Councilmember



Keith Mashburn
CITY OF SIMI VALLEY
Councilmember



Mike Fong
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

Click [here](#) for registration form.

Committee Reports

Government Affairs (7/19)

Hosted by **Providence Tarzana Medical Center**

- Jennifer Cohen, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), presented information on how LADOT and other public agencies are preparing Los Angeles for a future of autonomous (or self-driving) vehicles.
- Jennings Imel, US Chamber of Commerce, updated the committee of federal issues, including healthcare and tax reform.
- The committee recommended to support AB 6, which would improve transparency in California state expenditures.

Healthcare (7/20)

Hosted by **Valley Presbyterian Hospital**

- Gerardo Ramirez, representative from the County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative, presented on the implementation of Measure H, including the planning process for funding and key strategies for combating homelessness.
- Katie Mahoney, Executive Director of Health Policy for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, discussed the changes in Federal Healthcare policy and the efforts in Washington to replace and repeal the Affordable Care Act.
- The committee recommended to support two bills, HR 662 (Jenkins), which would maintain funding from Medicare for hospitals with hospital-based

nursing programs, and AB 74 (Chiu), which would establish the Housing for a Healthy California program to pay for rental assistance for homeless individuals in need.

- The committee chose not to take a position on AB 451 (Arambula), which would require an Acute Psychiatric Hospital to provide emergency psychiatric services, regardless of whether it maintains an emergency department.

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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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