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Bill Number/Author	VICA Action	Description	VICA Position	Advocacy
AIR QUALITY		AIR QUALITY		AIR
AB 19 (Ruskin)	Referred to EE&U Comm.	Enacts the "Carbon Labeling Act of 2009" - calls for the creation of a voluntary program for the labeling of consumer products' carbon footprint.		
AB 118 (Logue)	Referred to EE&U	Repeals the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 - AB 32.		
AB 231 (Huffman)	Referred to EE&U Comm.	This bill requires, rather than authorizes, the California Air Resources Board to impose fees on the sources of greenhouse emissions, in compliance with AB 32.		
SB 31 (Pavley)	Referred to EE&U Comm.	Calls for all fees collected in connection with AB 32 to be deposited into an Air Pollution Control Fund and to be used toward pollution reduction and compliance.		
EDUCATION		EDUCATION		
AB 8 (Brownley)	Board Voted to Support	Asks the state to reconsider how to structure education funding.	Support	Letters
AB 78 (Portantino)	Referred to Education Committee	Authorizes school districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to provide secondary school pupils with the opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career technical, or other coursework.		
AB 757 (Niello)	Existing Position	Excludes from gross income any amount deposited in an educational savings account.	Support	
ENERGY		ENERGY		
AB 64 (Krekorian)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Recasts the State's renewables portfolio standard (RPS) to require that public utilities purchase 20% of their energy from renewable sources by 2010, 25% by 2015 and 35% by 2020.		
AB 150 (Smyth)	Board Voted to Support	Creates tax exemptions for the sale of energy efficient products in California.	Support	Letters
AB 904 (Manny Perez)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Expands the type of local capital investment incentives that local governments are authorized to make, to include production of electricity from hydroelectric, wind, solar, bio-mass or geothermal resources.		
AB 1027 (Blumenfield)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to create a revolving loan program to pay for the upfront costs of purchasing and installing solar systems, paid for by non-General Fund revenues, for schools, non-profits, and hospitals.		
AB 1028 (Blumenfield)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Establishes a one-year solar sales tax holiday for homeowners who purchase solar energy systems in the year 2010.		
AB 1029 (Blumenfield)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Establishes an unspecified personal income and corporate tax credit for costs incurred in manufacturing of qualified renewable energy systems.		



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AB 1173 (Huffman)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Imposes an indirect tax on compact fluorescent lamps, which are energy-efficient. Manufacturers would either have to implement a "comprehensive" recycling program or pay an unspecified tax in order to get energy efficiency investment funds.		
SB 7 (Wiggins)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Makes changes to net metering procedures for public utilities to allow for private residents to generate revenue when they feed excess solar power into public grids.		
SB 14 (Simitian)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Requires all utilities in California, including public utilities, to make 33% of their energy purchase from renewable energy sources by 2020. Currently law exempts public utilities and only requires investor-owned utilities and energy service providers to hit 33% renewables by 2020		
SB 17 (Padilla)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Calls for the creation of a "Smart Grid Deployment Plan" to be created for the state and for all public utilities by 2011, and authorizes the deployment of smart grid technologies.		
SB 463 (Strickland)	Existing Position	Establishes a 30 percent tax credit (up to \$3,000) for amounts paid for the acquisition and installation of renewable energy resources projects.	Support	
SB 464 (Strickland)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Establishes a five percent tax credit (up to \$10,000) for amounts paid for property to meet diesel particulate matter reduction requirements.		



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S. 137 (Brown)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Establishes the Federal "Green Technology Investment Corporation" and a "green technology investment fund" to pay for loans to "green" businesses and to pay for training of employees in "green" industries".		
HEALTHCARE		HEALTHCARE		
AB 23 (Jones)	Referred to Healthcare Comm.	Requires health plans and insurers to provide notice to qualified beneficiaries, eligible for premium assistance for Cal-COBRA coverage pursuant to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) of the availability of that assistance. Authorizes individuals who were involuntarily terminated dating back to September 1, 2008 and are therefore eligible for premium assistance under ARRA, and additional opportunity to enroll in Cal-COBRA coverage.		
AB 1383 (Jones)	Referred to Healthcare Comm.	Would place an unspecified tax on hospitals in order to cover the growing costs of Medi-Cal.		
SB 353 (Dutton)	Referred to Healthcare Comm.	Allows taxpayers to deduct contributions to healthcare savings accounts, in conformity with federal law.		
S. 93 (Brown)	Referred to Healthcare Comm.	Bill to provide affordable health insurance for small employers and individuals.		
HOUSING		HOUSING		
AB 212 (Saldana)	Existing Position	Calls for the creation of building codes that would mandate new residential units be built as zero net energy buildings on or after Jan. 1, 2020.	Oppose	Letters
LABOR		LABOR		
AB 141 (Tran)	Existing Position	Permits a nonexempt employee to request a flexible workweek schedule providing for workdays up to 10 hours per day within a 40 hour workweek and allows the employer to implement this schedule without any obligation to pay overtime compensation.	Support	Letters



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H.R. 11 (Miller)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Amends title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and modifies the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice. Amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.		
H.R. 12 (DeLauro)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 by providing different remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.		
Employee Free Choice Act; H.R. 800	Board Voted to Oppose	Removes the requirement of a direct election before unionization takes place at a workplace and allows for a union to be formed based on the signing of union membership cards.	Oppose	Letters, Join Coalition
LAND USE		LAND USE		
City of L.A. Signage Ordinance Update	Existing Position	Calls for numerous reductions in the sizes and types signage in L.A. and removes the distinction between onsite and offsite signage.	Oppose	Testimony, Letters
City of L.A. Cultural Historic Monument Ordinance Update	Executive Comm. Voted to Oppose	Creates vague criteria for what can be defined as a Monument and makes rehabilitation or demolition of a monument exceedingly difficult.	Oppose unless amend	Meetings, Testimony
AB 109 (Feuer)	Board Voted to Oppose	Puts a ban on the construction of digital billboard or the conversion of existing billboard to digital until 2012.	Oppose	Join Coalition
LITIGATION		LITIGATION		



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POLITICAL REFORM			POLITICAL REFORM	
AB 106 (Price)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Allows a person to register to vote by submitting registration information at the DMV or on a personal income tax form with the FTB.		
AB 480 (Tran)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Requires that beginning in 2010, all state bond measures passed must have auditing procedures with respect to the use of the money.		
AB 484 (Eng)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Takes away the ability of a person with a professional license to make a living from licensed activities by suspending his or her license after the Franchise Tax Board imposes a tax lien.		
AB 568 (Lieu)	Existing Position	Adds to the Business and Professions Code a counterfeit goods nuisance and unlawful detainer statute authorizing civil lawsuits for injunctions, permanent abatement orders, the recovery of civil penalties, damages, and costs, as well as unlawful detainer actions against recalcitrant tenants.	Support	Letters
AB 700 (Krekorian)	Referred to Entertainment Comm.	Requires the transfer of 20 percent of sales tax collected by people in specific lines of business to be deposited in the "Creative Industries and Community Economic Revitalization Fund."		
AB 1018 (Hill)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Requires the Governor's budget to contain revenue and expenditure estimates for the three subsequent fiscal years.		
AB 1382 (Niello)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Requires the state to use performance-based budgeting beginning in 2011.		
AB 1411 (Torrico)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	States that legislators will forfeit their per diem payment for periods after June 15 if a state budget has not been passed.		
SB 356 (Wright)	Existing Position	Mandates that state agencies determine the economic impact of potential rules on small businesses, justify why alternatives for small firms weren't pursued and seek small-business comments during rule-drafting.	Support	Letters, Join Coalition
SCA 2 (Wyland)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Calls for the state to pass a budget every two years as opposed to every year.		
SCA 7 (Maldonado)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	States that if a budget is not passed by June 15, members of the Legislature may not be paid any salary or per diem for the period from June 16 to the date a budget is passed and sent to the Governor.		



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SCA 9 (Ducheny)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Reduces the vote requirement for the budget from two-thirds to 55 percent and reduces the two-thirds vote to a 55 percent vote for any tax increase budget trailer bill.		
SCA 10 (Ducheny)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Allows the Legislature (by majority vote) to amend, within a 30-day window, qualified initiatives that seek to amend the state constitution.		
H.R. 12 (DeLauro)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.		
S. 3 (Reid)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Bill would try to stabilize the housing market by imposing a temporary moratorium on foreclosures. Bill would enact financial regulatory reforms. Calls for action to create credit-card accountability, responsibility, and disclosure and would take measures to stabilize credit markets for small-business lenders.		
SOLID WASTE		SOLID WASTE		SOLID
AB 479 (Chesbro)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Increases the quarterly fee paid to the Board of Equalization by operators of solid waste disposal facilities, from the current \$1.40 per ton of disposed solid waste to \$3.90 per ton beginning in 2010.		
AB 1150 (Gaines)	Referred to EE&U and Govt. Affairs Committee	Abolishes the Integrated Waste Management Board and transfers its duties to the Department of Conservation.		
TAXATION		TAXATION		
AB 27 X3 (Calderon)	Referred to Govt. Affairs Committee	Expands sales tax nexus to out-of-state retailers to any firm that has an independent contractor soliciting in this state or has an agreement with a resident for a commission (over \$10,000) to refer customers to the out-of-state retailer.		
AB 68 (Brownley)	Referred to Govt. Affairs Committee	Calls for a \$0.25 tax to be assessed by stores on all single-use carryout bags at the point of sale.		
AB 87 (Davis)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Calls for a \$0.25 tax to be assessed by stores on all single-use carryout bags at the point of sale.		
AB 178 (Skinner)	Referred to Govt. Affairs Committee	Attempts to make out-of-state businesses taxable in California by expanding the definition of sales tax nexus. If a business enters into an agreement with a California resident to refer customers to an out-of-state business, whether by web-link or otherwise, and the customers make \$10,000 in purchases, the bill seeks to make the out-of-state business subject to California sales tax law.		
AB 340 (Knight)	Existing Position	Allows employers to take a tax credit of 5 percent of the wages of employees who are California residents.	Support	
AB 462 (Price)	Referred to Govt. Affairs Committee	Imposes a one percent tax on taxable income in excess of \$1 million; revenue would go to UC and CSU systems and freezes tuition rates through 2015. Sets future tuition rate increase to match Consumer Price Index changes.		



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AB 656 (Torricono)	Existing Position	Imposes an oil severance tax to pay for education.	Oppose	
AB 1145 (Calderon)	Existing Position	Imposes an unspecified tax on all single-use carry-out bags provided by stores, beginning in 2011.		
AB 1212 (Ruskin)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Authorizes the California Air Resources Board to impose a tax on the sale of new cars to raise money for rebates for purchases of other cars, with the intent of reducing emissions and greenhouse gases.		
AB 1530 (Skinner)	Referred to Govt. Affairs Committee	Increases the maximum allowable tax (called a "fee" in the bill) for oil spill prevention and administration from 5 cents per barrel to 8 cents per barrel.	Oppose	
SB 96 (Ducheny)	Referred Govt. Affairs Committee	Increases income taxes for all Californians who earn over \$60,000/year, and significantly increases income taxes for large earners.	Oppose	
SB 347 (Harman)	Referred to Govt. Affairs Committee	Expresses the intent of the Legislature to amend the income tax laws in CA.		
SB 444 (Ashburn)	Existing Position	Increases the research and development credit from 15 to 20 percent for most businesses in CA.	Support	
SB 445 (Ashburn)	Existing Position	Establishes a tax credit of six percent of the cost of property used in manufacturing.	Support	
SB 531 (DeSaulnier)	Referred to Govt. Affairs Committee	Imposes a tax of \$0.001 on each single-use bag distributed by a supplier to a store.		
H.R. 25 (Linder)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Repeals the income tax and other taxes, abolishes the Internal Revenue Service, and enacts a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States.		
H.R. 533 (Neugebauer)	Referred to Govt. Affairs	Repeals full estate tax, small business expensing, and SECA tax deduction for health insurance permanent.		



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TRANSPORTATION		TRANSPORTATION		
AB 729 (Evans)	Existing Position	Eliminates the sunset date of 2011 for allowing Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority to enter into design-build contracts.	Support	
AB 878 (Caballero)	Existing Position	Allows local government agencies to enter into public-private partnerships with private entities for financing for specified types of revenue-generating infrastructure projects.	Support	
AB 1072 (Eng)	Referred to Transportation Committee	Amends language in the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 to allow for an extended window of time to apply for bond money, in order to increase the number of projects that create jobs and to improve infrastructure.		
AB 1502 (Eng)	Referred to Transportation Committee	Extends until 2017 (from 2011 expiration) the allowance of ultra fuel-efficient vehicles to utilize HOV lanes, as defined by current law. Extension would not apply to hybrid vehicles.		
SB 205 (Hancock)	Referred to Transportation Committee	Authorizes countywide transportation agencies to impose a \$10 car tax (called a "fee" in the bill) without voter approval.		
SB 481 (Cox)	Referred to Aviation Comm.	Recognizes the priority of public use airports to protect public safety by effectively managing and at times reducing the presence of wildlife, in compliance with existing law, in order to provide for public safety.		
WATER		WATER		
AB 13 (Salas)	Existing Position	Establishes a San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to provide policy oversight, manage funds, and implement a delta sustainability program.	Support	
AB 49 (Feuer)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Requires California to achieve a 20% reduction in urban water usage, per capita, by Dec. 31, 2020.		
AB 301 (Fuentes)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Requires applicants for a license as a water-bottling plant or as a private water source to provide information on the volume and source of the water to the State Department of Public Health (DPH) and requires DPH to annually make this information available to the public.		
AB 474 (Blumenfield)	Existing Position	Exempts from property tax "new construction" assessments the construction or addition of any distributed generation renewable energy sources or energy or water-efficiency improvements, as specified.	Support	Letters
AB 804 (Hall)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Defines measures that an authorized body can take to prevent or hinder infestation by Quagga Mussels, an invasive species. It would also remove civil or criminal liability for facility operators who take reasonable measures to prevent infestations should infestations migrate out of their system.		



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AB 900 (De Leon)	Existing Position	Requires all surface water diversions from the San Joaquin delta of greater than 50 cubic feet per second to be monitored, and to be reported to the State Water Resources Control Board in an effort to establish a baseline for diversions.	Support	
AB 1061 (Lieu)	Existing Position	Prohibits Home Owner's Associations (HOAs) from hindering or precluding property owners from using low water-using plants.	Support	
AB 1187 (Huffman)	Referred to EE&U & Waterbond Committee	Authorizes the sales of \$10.04 billion in bonds for various state water projects.		
AB 1253 Fuller)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Establishes the Striped Bass as a predator species in the San Joaquin Delta, and makes various changes to existing law to curb its expansion in the Delta.		
SB 42 (Corbett)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Prohibits desalination plants that provide new water supply sources; prohibits all "once through" desalination plants, including existing plants, from operating after 1/1/2010.		
SB 229 (Pavley)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Revises the governance role and authority of the California Water Commission for the San Joaquin Delta and restructures the commission.		
SB 301 (Florez)	Referred to EE&U & Waterbond Committee	Authorizes the sale of \$15 billion in bonds for various state water projects.		
SB 371 (Cogdill)	Referred to EE&U & Waterbond Committee	Authorizes the sale of \$9.98 billion in bonds for various state water projects.		
SB 407 (Padilla)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Would mandate local public utilities to enact mandatory plumbing upgrades to replace existing inefficient plumbing upon resale at the time of the resale of a home.		
SB 456 (Wolk)	Referred to EE&U & Waterbond Committee	Authorizes the sale of \$9.8 billion in bonds for various state water projects.		
SB 565 (Pavley)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to ensure that 50% of the waste water that is annually discharged into the ocean be recaptured, recycled and put to beneficial use annually, by 2030.		
SB 735 (Steinberg)	Referred to EE&U & Waterbond Committee	Authorizes the sales of \$9.79 billion in bonds for various state water projects.		
SB 736 (Pavley)	Referred to EE&U Committee	Creates an unspecified water consumption fee in order to fund future, undefined, water infrastructure and efficiency projects.		



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BALLOT PROPOSITIONS		BALLOT PROPOSITIONS		
City of L.A. Measure A (March 2009)	Board Voted to Oppose	Calls for the creation of an Independent Fire Assessor for the Los Angeles Fire Department to reduce litigation against the department; Assessor would increase operating costs for LAFD. Measure Passed	Oppose	Media
City of L.A. Measure B (March 2009)	Board Voted to Oppose	Calls for a City of L.A. charter amendment to mandate that the LADWP create 400mw of publically owned and operated solar resources. Measure Failed	Oppose	Media, Meetings, Testimony
City of L.A. Measure E (March 2009)	Guiding Principles	Would allow the Mayor and City Council to extend tax and other incentives to businesses to help attract and retain businesses in L.A. Measure Failed	Support	Media, Signed Ballot Argument
Prop. 1A	Board Voted to Support	Makes changes to increase the balance in the state reserve fund, extends tax increase as part of the 2008-2010 budget.	Support	Joined Coalition, Media
Prop. 1B	Board Voted to Support	Makes a deferment of \$9.3 billion in education payments to K-12 in order to balance the 2008-2010 budget. Money would be paid back at a later date.	Support	Join Coalition, Media
Prop. 1C	Board Voted No Position	Allows the state to borrow against present and future lottery earnings, redirect lottery revenue to pay for state debt service, and increase Prop. 98 education funding.	No Position	Media
Prop. 1D	Board Voted to Support	Reprograms surplus and future "First 5 Programs" monies to the General Fund in order to balance the budget.	Support	Join Coalition, Media
Prop. 1E	Board Voted to Support	Reprograms several hundred million dollars annually, until 2011, of mental health dollars into the General Fund in order to balance the 2008-2010 budget.	Support	Join Coalition, Media
Prop. 1F	Board Voted To Support	Prohibits elected legislators from getting a salary increase if the state is projected to run a deficit at the end of a fiscal year.	Support	Join Coalition, Media

