

# VICA in the News

## Media Highlights: Spring 2011



### LOS ANGELES BUSINESS JOURNAL

#### City's proposal for waste haulers may result in higher fees

April 18- VICA does not support the new city proposal to set up a franchise system for waste haulers. The system will not only force dozens of waste haulers out of business if they do not win a franchise, but also lead to higher trash collection bills. "The city is putting itself in jeopardy of creating monopolies that will lead to higher trash costs," said VICA President Stuart Waldman.

### Daily News

#### New city council boundaries in Los Angeles

April 17- As the city gets ready to have a citizens panel draw up new City Council boundaries, Councilman Tom LaBonge fights to keep the San Fernando Valley in his district. VICA hopes to eliminate one of the two districts that tie parts of the Valley to other portions of Los Angeles.

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#### SB 653 would increase taxes

June 20- Senate

Bill 653's ability to provide counties, community college districts, and county offices of education with authority to enact taxes will not only result in the unnecessary increase in taxes, but also threaten the recovery of California. The sales and use taxes can easily exceed 10.25 percent, and the bill could impose new Vehicle License Fees of up to 1.35 percent. While a two-thirds majority is needed to raise taxes in California, SB 653 exploits a loophole in state law that would allow counties to enact new, higher taxes without a supermajority.

### VENTURA COUNTY STAR

#### Redistricting proposals would put Capps and Gallegly in tougher districts

May 26- Many proposals about reshaping the San Fernando Valley's districts have been submitted this week to the Citizens Redistricting Commissions. VICA's proposed congressional maps suggests placing Bells Canyon, Westlake Village and other portions of the Conejo Valley into a San Fernando Valley-based district, while putting most of Simi Valley into a separate district also centered in the Valley. "We found out that one of our districts has three incumbents in it... we don't care," VICA President Stuart Waldman said.

### La Opinión

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#### En Beneficio de Trabajadores De Los Hoteles

April 14- "Impone una obligacion in justa sobre nuestra industria," indico Stuart Waldman, presidente de la Asociación de Comercios e Industrias del Valley de San Fernando (VICA). "Interfiere directamente en el progreso," recalco.

### Business Life

THE LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE

#### Minimum wage hike

May 2011- AB 10, which will increase the minimum

wage, is a detriment to California's businesses and the economy. "Without the economic benefits of job creation and workers infusing their earnings back into their communities, California's recovery will lag even further behind the rest of the nation," said VICA President Stuart Waldman.

### CAPITOL WEEKLY

THE NEWSPAPER OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

#### AB 52 will limit health care

June 29- The Legislature is currently considering AB 52, which will decrease patient access to physicians, reduce the number of available doctors and limit the time doctors can spend with each patient. The Valley Industry and Commerce Association opposes AB 52 and understands the harm this measure will cause to patients.

### Daily News

#### San Fernando Valley Business Hall of Fame

June 3- VICA will hold its annual San Fernando Valley Business Hall of Fame dinner on June 9 to honor individuals and organizations who have contributed to the San Fernando Valley. This year's inductees include: Clay Lacy Aviation, Facey Medical Group, Sierra Canyon School, the Sheraton Universal Hotel and Gene Autry.