



## Since 1949, the voice of business!

To advocate for policies, legislation and programs that stimulate business and a vital economy as the foundation for a vibrant quality of life in Ventura County.

VCEDA is a 61-year-old organization, recognized as regional voice of business on issues affecting the economy in California and Ventura County. Membership in VCEDA helps leverage the power of a unified regional business group focused on stimulating the economy through advocacy and positive working relationships with key national, state and local public, private and nonprofit leaders.

VCEDA has been the catalyst for a number of organizations addressing some of our most pressing issues: Housing Opportunities Made Easier (HOME), the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) and the Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA). VCEDA also has provided leadership in the last two rounds of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

### VCEDA's Policy Committee

This committee reviews policies and legislation impacting VCEDA members and Ventura County businesses and makes recommendations for all VCEDA positions and advocacy plans to the Board of Directors. Upon Board approval, VCEDA communicates its' positions to members and the public. All VCEDA members are encouraged to participate in this monthly committee by attending or bringing issues affecting their business forward for consideration.

### Representing VCEDA members on important state and local organizations

- ❖ Governor's Office of Small Business Advocate, Advisory Council and Disaster Preparedness Committee
- ❖ The Governor's Emergency Planning Advisory Workgroup
- ❖ The Emergency Planning Council of Ventura County
- ❖ P-16 Council of Ventura County
- ❖ The Regional Defense Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (RDP-21)
- ❖ First 5 Commission of Ventura County
- ❖ **Error! Reference source not found.** Community Commission
- ❖ Ventura County Civic Alliance
- ❖ Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County (EDC-VC)

### Taking the lead to stimulate regional business and the economy

- ❖ **TRIAD** is working with business, the military and local government to stimulate business opportunities and the economic viability of Naval Base Ventura County in the areas of workforce development, technology innovation and transfer and homeland security/disaster preparedness. TRIAD co-hosts the Military, Business and Community Expo each year.
- ❖ **The Green Coast Innovation Zone (GCiZ)** is a regional strategy to leverage public and private assets and natural resources to stimulate innovation, entrepreneurship and job growth through research, business incubation, private investment, focused workforce development, targeted economic development and policy development. The GCiZ will focus on the emerging green economy including, renewable energy, and other technologies that promote sustainability as well as public engagement in the process of "going green". It will facilitate the transformation to a more sustainable economy and environment in *Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties*.

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