



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT CARD

Investigate, Advocate, & Inform



## Monthly Events

**We Hosted Breakfast Clubs  
Addressing Taxpayer Topics**

In 2025, we delivered ten Breakfast Club events across the county, featuring guest speakers who addressed pertinent taxpayer issues. This year, we saw an 82% increase in attendance at our events and grew our Breakfast Club sponsors to include: Southern California Edison, SoCal Gas, AMR, EJ Harrison & Sons, Fence Factory, Marie Callendar's, and Holiday Inn Express.



## Increased Membership

**Membership increased again in 2025 by 12%!**

Our members receive complementary access to our Breakfast Club and discounted tickets to our Annual Meeting and Foundation events.



## We Fought Against Government Expansion

**NO MUD for Electricity and a Fair RFP Process for EMS in Ventura County**

VCTA successfully advocated against the establishment of a costly Municipal Utility District (MUD) to replace Southern California Edison, preventing billions in potential taxpayer-funded asset acquisitions, litigation, and lost revenues while preserving efficient private utility service. Additionally, VCTA opposed a potential government takeover of ambulance services from American Medical Response by Ventura County Fire and Oxnard City Fire, promoting a fair and competitive RFP process to avoid higher costs, pension burdens, and reduced oversight associated with public operation.



## We Fought for Water Rate Transparency

VCTA did the research on Water in 2025.

Throughout the past year, the Ventura County Taxpayers Association investigated Ventura County's Water Districts, assessing their impact on ratepayers via rising costs, collaboration with agriculture and homeowners on allocation and conservation, and influence on business growth through reliable supply. As a foundation for development, we examined aging infrastructure, toured facilities, and hosted public events for greater access and engagement. We pushed for transparency, protested tiered rates at Ventura Water District, and will use these findings in our 2026 voter guide to help residents evaluate proposed bond measures for water infrastructure upgrades.



## VCTA Grew in 2025

Through our efforts—hosting sponsored events in the County, engaging with the public, and investigating subjects that matter to you—we beat expectations, growing our revenue by 48.7% year over year!



## VCTA Positions on County and State Issues

We advocated on 38 issues in 2025!

We pushed for greater financial oversight and accountability at the Ventura County Medical System amid its ongoing fiscal instability and taxpayer drain. We fought against wasteful spending like the County's proposed Immigration Legal Defense Fund and migrant programs costing millions. We opposed the City of Ventura's rental registry and security deposit limits as unnecessary burdens on property owners and taxpayers. We challenged the City of Ventura's proposed water rate increase in light of recent court rulings against tiered rates. Also, we advocated against new tax hikes and regulatory overreach including opposition to statewide measures threatening energy jobs and costs. and much, much more which can be found at [www.vcta.org/2025-report-card](http://www.vcta.org/2025-report-card).



## VCTA will continue to grow our advocacy reach throughout 2026.

We plan to take on new issues on behalf of the taxpayers this year. We will continue to monitor government actions to protect tax dollars and deliver you a comprehensive Voter Guide. We will continue to increase our educational outreach with our Breakfast Club in 2026. Finally, we will continue to build coalitions with other groups, both local and statewide, to further our goal of promoting the wise use of taxpayer funds.

**It is time for YOU to become a member.** Your Membership will directly support VCTA in our continued goal of maintaining and advancing meaningful action on behalf of the taxpayers of Ventura County.

## BECOME A MEMBER

[www.VCTA.org/membership](http://www.VCTA.org/membership)

