Some Hot Topics from Jack Molodanof and the Government Affairs Committee as of 2/1/2016:

- (1) SB 778 (Allen)-Oppose. This bill requires an ARD, prior to performing an oil change to notify the customer of the recommended oil drain interval, oil grade and viscosity specified in the vehicle owners manual. ASCCA opposed because the bill would not apply to all oil change business (selling just oil changes currently exempt from BAR oversight) and language in bill is burdensome.
- (2) AB 873 (Jones) -Support. This bill would provide BAR with authority to create regulations to provide oversight of shops that are currently exempt from BAR registration because they are performing minor repairs such as oil changes, tire changes and battery work.
- (3) New Bandit Towing law Clean Up Legislation. AB 1222 (Bloom) created new requirements for towing operators to address the problem of "bandit tows". Also included are requirements for business that accept vehicles from tow operators such as: obtaining tow drivers license number. A coalition of new car dealers association, tow truck association, ASCCA, Cal AutoBody Association, Cal-ABC, AAA working on developing clean up legislation to provide for "safe harbor" for shops that attempt in good faith to obtain information but can't.
- (4) SB 3 (Leno)-Minimum Wage: Annual Adjustment. Oppose. This bill would increase the minimum wage on Jan 2016 to not less than \$11.00 an hour and then increase to not less than \$13.00 an hour on July 1, 2017. Thereafter, on Jan 1, 2019, the minimum wage would increase based on the Consumer Price Index
- (5). Windshield regulations. BAR regulations would require shops that provide windshield repairs (including sublets) to advise consumers of "cure time" so consumers understand that adhesives need to properly cure otherwise the windshield (structural component of vehicle) may not be safe if involved in an accident.
- (6) Mobile ARD Regulations. ASCCA, Craig Johnson spearheaded this proposal... BAR moving ahead with new regulations which would require a mobile ARD operator (an operator that does not have a brick and mortar operation) to have signage on vehicle that registered with BAR and any advertising on the internet (i.e Craig's List) would require listing the ARD number...