

## ***In case you missed it... What they're saying about SB 1349***

SB 1349 “would drag Cal-Access — the state’s system that allows the public to check up on lobbyists and campaign donors and recipients — out of the digital dark ages of the turn of the century, where it’s been stuck.

The clunky, hard-to-use and frustrating Cal-Access system, set up 15 years ago and improved but little since, would be an embarrassment in any state. But it’s especially so in the state that’s home to Silicon Beach and Silicon Valley.”

—**Los Angeles Daily News** editorial, **March 16, 2016**

“Hertzberg’s Senate Bill 1349 would authorize a modernization of the system, easing use by both those required to make disclosures and those, such as we in the media, who seek information.”

—**Dan Walters, Sacramento Bee**, **March 14, 2016**

“Outdated, dilapidated and ‘Frankenstein’s monster’ are how some California elections officials have described Cal-Access, the state database that tracks political spending.”

—**Ben Bradford, Capital Public Radio**, **March 14, 2016**

“Cal-Access is a relic of the turn of the millennium, a buggy campaign finance and lobbying database introduced when Arnold Schwarzenegger was a mere movie star...”

—**Taryn Luna, Sacramento Bee**, **March 13, 2016**

SB 1349 “would refresh the antiquated system with easily accessible data gathering tools, dashboards and search options.”

—**Jason Sheuh, Government Technology Magazine**, **March 17, 2016**

SB 1349 “would overhaul California’s antiquated, unreliable campaign finance database system. [...] The bill would replace the old database, known as Cal-Access, with a new data-driven system that provides searchable information in real time.”

—**Laura Mahoney, Bloomberg BNA**, **March 16, 2016**