

2017 Highlights & What's Ahead in 2018

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Tax Reform

NVCA protected the entrepreneurial ecosystem from several dangerous proposals in the tax reform bill, including stock options taxation, elimination of carried interest capital gains, the R&D credit for startups and QSBS, and taxing graduate student tuition wavers.



Immigration Lawsuit

A federal judge ruled in NVCA's favor in our lawsuit against DHS's delay of the International Entrepreneur Rule (IER). The rule is now in effect for foreign-born entrepreneurs and the government is accepting applications under the rule.



Diversity & Incl.

NVCA made several important steps to address diversity & inclusion in the VC industry, including releasing model HR policies for VC firms, publicly condemning sexual harassment in VC, & creating a plan of action, including the VentureForward initiative.



VC Leadership Gala

The 2017 NVCA Leadership Gala was a rousing success, with highlights including the perfect new location at the Rosewood in Menlo Park, introduction of 3 new awards (each with 3 finalists - winner announced the night of the Gala), and a SOLD OUT event.

What's Ahead in 2018



Immigration

Immigration policy is going to continue to be a major challenge for NVCA in 2018 as we defend the IER, fight for a Startup Visa & support other policy issues.



Harassment / D&I

NVCA's VentureForward initiative will release new policies & standards, education events & materials, and thought leadership to help reduce harassment & increase diversity in VC.



Tax Reform

Ensuring the new tax reform bill is implemented in a way that supports startups and entrepreneurship is going to be a key area of focus for NVCA in 2018.



Net Neutrality

NVCA will be pushing hard for a legislative solution to net neutrality in 2018 that will ensure startups can compete on a level playing field in the Internet marketplace.



Reg. Reform

Reforming the Volcker Rule & RIA rules to encourage VC investment (especially into economically distressed parts of the country) are key priorities for NVCA in 2018.



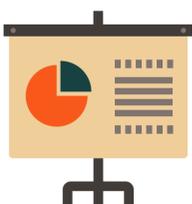
Capital Markets

Reforming the public markets to be more welcoming & supportive to startups & emerging growth companies is a major priority for NVCA in 2018.



Education

NVCA will continue to focus on education for the VC industry through webinars, workshops and events like SOPS and the new Stanford/NVCA Venture Capital Symposium.



VCs-to-DC

NVCA will continue to bring the VC and DC communities together to engage & connect in 2018 at our May event in Washington DC, now named VCs-to-DC.

