

RPAC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. WHAT IS RPAC?

It's the REALTORS Political Action Committee. Its goal is to organize the members of our organization as a concerned, involved political action consistency. RPAC raises voluntary funds from members for use in making contributions to political candidates at the federal, state and local levels.

2. I ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO THE CANDIDATE OF MY CHOICE. WHY DO I NEED RPAC?

You should contribute to the candidates and party of your choice. However, RPAC provides you the additional opportunity to have a statewide and nationwide impact on the election of candidates who will shape legislation that affect our lives and the way real estate professionals conduct business all across the country. It is a collective voice of our industry.

3. WHY DOES RPAC NEED ME?

RPAC means working together. Historically, only about 15-18% of all members contribute to RPAC, in 2007 roughly 40% of OAR members contributed to RPAC. We've made some improvement, however, that still means that more than 50% of our members are counting on others to carry the whole load. If every member does his or her share, REALTORS® everywhere will benefit.

4. WHO DECIDES WHICH CANDIDATES RPAC SUPPORTS?

OAR RPAC Trustees make this determination for state legislative candidates. At the state level, there are 13 Trustees appointed by the OAR President. The Trustees count on the input from Local Boards, who interview the candidates and make recommendations, to help them make the contribution decision. Local Board make all decisions regarding candidates at the local levels. For U.S. Congress and Senate, the NAR RPAC Trustees, based upon recommendations from the local board and the state, make the decisions.

Every dollar contributed to RPAC goes back to candidates!

5. DOES RPAC SUPPORT DEMOCRATS OR REPUBLICANS?

Both. RPAC is nonpartisan in its selection of candidates. The voting record, the candidate's agenda and quality of each candidate, plus the recommendation of Local Boards, determine who gets RPAC support.

6. IS RPAC LEGAL?

Yes!! RPAC has been in existence since 1969, and is in full compliance with the law. PAC's have been authorized by congressional acts and state election laws. You can't get much more legal than that.

7. ARE RPAC RECORDS CONFIDENTIAL?

There's nothing secret about RPAC. Accurate records are kept and reports are filed of all contributions five times a year with the Secretary of State's Office. Those reports become a part of public record.

8. DOES RPAC "BUY" VOTES?

Buy votes? NO! Make no mistake, most candidates and officeholders are honorable people whose votes are not for sale. RPAC contributes to candidates who are knowledgeable and fair and who will at least listen to the REALTORS point of view.



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