

RPAC's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Q: In a time when commissions and income are down for nearly everyone, what if I can't afford to invest in RPAC?

A: A \$99 contribution to RPAC breaks down to a quarter a day. Is a daily investment of 25 cents not worth the additional money in your pocket that results from RPAC's successful efforts to ensure a vigorous and viable real estate industry?

Q: What is RPAC? How does it affect me as a REALTOR®?

A: RPAC is the only political action committee that protects and promotes the interests of REALTORS® and private property rights. RPAC is funded by the voluntary contributions of REALTOR® members. The money is used to endorse candidates for local, state, and federal offices that share the interests of REALTORS® and promote the ideals of a thriving real estate market and protecting private property rights. Over the years, RPAC has scored a number of legislative victories.

Q: How will my contribution be used?

A: 100% of your contribution is used to elect pro-REALTOR® candidates or to support issues that benefit the real estate industry and private property rights: 70% remains in the state to be used for local and state elections, and 30% of your contribution will be forwarded to National RPAC to fund key U.S. House and Senate races. RPAC is neither a Republican nor a Democrat organization. Your contribution to RPAC is support for a pro-REALTOR® candidate, regardless of political party.

Q: Who may be solicited for RPAC contributions?

A: According to federal election law, RPAC can solicit only individual members and their families. The term "members" means all individuals who currently satisfy the requirements for membership in any one of the local, state, and/or the National Association and regularly pay dues. Executive, administrative and management personnel of the state and local associations are also considered to be members of the association.

Q: On what criteria does RPAC base its decision to support candidates for office?

- A: 1) Recommendations from local associations based on candidate interviews.
 - 2) Voting record on issues important to REALTORS®, and
 - 3) Campaign reports compiled by MAR and local political and legislative staff.

Q: RPAC only endorses Republicans. Why should I contribute to a PAC that endorses a party I don't support?

A: RPAC is non-partisan in its selection of candidates. It takes into consideration the voting record and views of candidates on issues that affect REALTORS[®]. RPAC helps to elect candidates who share our philosophy and will listen to the REALTOR[®] viewpoint.

Q: RPAC only endorses Democrats. Why should I contribute to a PAC that endorses a party I don't support?

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Q: Why should I give to RPAC when I contribute to political candidates on my own?

A: REALTORS® political strength lies in the strength of RPAC. The dollars contributed come from thousands of REALTORS® across the state to speak with a unified voice in endorsing candidates that understand the issues affecting our business.

O: What is the difference between RPAC 1 and RPAC 2?

A: RPAC 1 is an Independent Political Action Committee. The proceeds of this fund are used to support candidates for local or state office only. RPAC 2 is called a Ballot Question Committee. The proceeds of this fund are used to support or oppose ballot question initiatives in which MAR or its local boards have an interest.Q: RPAC is already successful. Why do you need my contribution?

A: while RPAC has been successful in advancing REALTOR® interests, there are constantly new issues and ideas being introduced in the era of term limits with new candidates being continually elected to office. We must remain strong and build on the momentum we have already created.

Q: What if I don't believe in giving money to political candidates?

A: Rather than "giving" money to political candidates, you are investing in your business and a commitment to preserving the future of our industry. Insurance on your car, home, and business office protects you from catastrophic loss. Bad legislation by Congress, the state legislature, or city council could be just as catastrophic financially as the loss of any possession by fire, theft, or storm. RPAC helps elect officials at the national, state, and local levels who support the free enterprise system and private property rights.

Q: I'm not fulltime, why should I contribute?

A: If you benefit from the real estate business, you have a vested interest in ensuring that the individuals who pass the laws that affect your livelihood believe in private property rights and the free enterprise system.