

RPAC Victories

Real Estate Services Remained Essential

Governor Ron DeSantis declared residential and commercial real estate services essential in his Executive Order 20-91.

REALTORS® Granted Assess to Condos

After hearing from over 800 members, MIAMI Realtors was successful in getting the DBPR Secretary to revoke the emergency powers of condominium associations, once again allowing our members to regain access to units in buildings.

Real Estate License Renewals Extended

CE & Exams Go Virtual Florida & MIAMI REALTORS® lobbied DBPR to extend the March and September 2020 renewal deadlines (EO 20-07 extends until Dec. 31, 2020) and FREC to allow virtual CE credits and 3rd party proctored real estate exams online.

Commercial Leases Simplified

Commercial leases just got easier. The legislature passed a bill to eliminate the burdensome dual signature requirement for witnesses on a commercial lease over one year. Thanks, RPAC!

REALTORS® Qualified for Unemployment Assistance

We made sure you got updates in real time about how to apply for pandemic unemployment benefits, hosted numerous webinars in English and Spanish, followed up with the DEO when you had questions about your applications, and answered hundreds of your questions about the process when you couldn't get through to the DEO for answers.



Open/Expired Permits Closed

Open and expired permits can delay a closing, and, in some cases, kill a deal. Realtors advocated for a law that allows local governments to close an old permit six years after its issuance as long as no apparent safety hazards exist. The law also prevents local governments from penalizing property owners for an open permit that was applied for by a previous owner. This law took effect on October 1, 2019.

10% Property Tax Cap Permanently Extended

Realtors advocated for, and voters approved, a permanent extension of the 10% property tax cap on non-homestead properties. This saves business owners from a reassessment and huge increase. This is so valuable right now during the pandemic.

Remote Online Notary Allowed

Realtors advocated for online notaries and Florida passed a law allowing notaries to verify signatures virtually in real estate transactions. Incredibly, this law took effect on January 1, 2020. Talk about great timing!

Unlicensed Real Estate Investigations Funded

Realtors are once again protected because the state funded \$500,000 to combat unlicensed real estate activity, protecting our members and your livelihood. Efforts like this happen because of the Realtors PAC!



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