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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS / Weekly Report



Government affairs update for the week of April 28, 2024

Livermore Open House Sign Ordinance Update

Temporary signs, including open house signs, are still allowed in Livermore, though the city is now enforcing its rules.

Starting the weekend of April 27, 28, the City of Livermore began aggressively its rules about where and when temporary signs may be displayed. Signs may be used, however, they may not be placed in the public right-of-way which city staff are currently defining as within 10 feet of a curb.

According to the recently published "Reference Guide to Temporary Signs," signs found in violation will be removed, held for 15 days and then discarded. The City of Livermore also may issue a citation for breaking the sign rules.

The "reference guide" also states temporary signs must be "stake signs." City staff have confirmed that traditional "A-frame" open house signs may be used as long as they are not placed in an illegal location. Livermore staff acknowledged the brochure is confusing and are preparing a revised version.

Bay East staff and members of the Local Government Relations Committee are working with city staff and elected leaders to further clarify the current ordinance and, possibly adopt a new sign ordinance that is more flexible.

Please contact [David Stark](#) if you have any questions about the Livermore sign rules and enforcement.

Bay East Goes to Sacramento

Bay East members took the REALTOR® party voice directly to our State elected leaders this week.

On Wednesday, May 1, they joined more than 2,000 other real estate professionals participating in the California Association of REALTORS®(C.A.R.) 2024 Legislative Day. The Bay East participants heard presentations from leaders from both political parties during a morning briefing.

During a special lunch program, they heard a report from C.A.R. staff about federal issues and then from Senator Nancy Skinner and Assembly member Buffy Wicks. Small teams of Bay East members also met with Senator Steve Glazer and Assembly members Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Elizabeth Ortega.

Hot issues included asking our legislators to oppose any efforts to make it easier to approve local property tax increases and also to help increase the housing supply by eliminating barriers to construction.

Special thanks to all Bay East members who made the trip to Sacramento to participate in these face-to-face meetings.

For more information about C.A.R.'s work on behalf of REALTORS® and home owners, buyers sellers, and housing providers and how you can get involved, click [here](#).

If you have any questions about Bay East advocacy activities or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, contact [David Stark](#), Bay East Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer.

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