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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS / Weekly Report



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## Government affairs update for the week of August 18, 2024

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### Union City Business License Changes on November Ballot

Union City wants to change its business license policy. Measure QQ, which will be on the November ballot will ask Union City residents if they want to simplify the business license categories and make the amount charged for a business license include a percentage of gross receipts.

According to Union City staff, if Measure QQ passes, real estate brokers would pay a \$264 minimum business license tax plus 0.0025% of their gross receipts. For brokers, gross receipts includes commission or other income earned from business conducted in Union City. The first \$25,000 of gross receipts would not be subject to the tax.

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### Help Save Independent Contractor Status for REALTORS®

NAR has launched a [Call for Action](#) asking members of Congress to co-sponsor H.R. 5419, the Direct Seller and Real Estate Agent Harmonization Act, which will ensure real estate agents maintain their independent contractor status under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

Please [take action now](#) by sending a message to your member of Congress to co-sponsor H.R. 5419 and preserve independent contractor status.

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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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