



Government affairs update for the week of April 27, 2025

Bay East Goes to Sacramento

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

On Wednesday, April 30, they joined more than 2,200 other real estate professionals participating in the California Association of REALTORS®(C.A.R.) 2025 Legislative Day.

The event started with a briefing in the Sacramento Convention Center that included presentations by Representative Jim Costa, Senate President Pro Tempore, Mike McGuire, and Assembly member Heath Flora.

The Bay East participants also heard a special report from C.A.R. staff about current federal issues impacting housing and home ownership.

Teams of Bay East members met with Senators Aisha Wahab and Tim Grayson, Assembly members Alex Lee and Elizabeth Ortega and staff from the office of Assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan,

Hot issues included asking our legislators to support legislation to fast-track the permitting process for residential development and legislation to create a process for home owners and law enforcement officers to remove people who are illegally occupying a residential property.

C.A.R. was prepared to have thousands of REALTORS® ask their state leaders to oppose AB 1157 (Kalra), which would eliminate the exemption single-family homes which are used as rental properties have from statewide rent rules. However, the author withdrew the bill just hours before REALTORS® descended on the Capitol.

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 check out [politics and you](#).

Learn How Local Government Works

REALTORS® can earn a professional certificate while learning how local government works and how to get involved.

The California Association of REALTORS® Center for California Real Estate, in partnership with Pepperdine University's Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership, is offering [Local Government & Community: Partnering for Success](#), a six-week online course that covers the mechanics of local government, how policies and regulations are created, how it's funded and the important role REALTORS® can play.

The course is free to REALTORS®.

The next series begins May 6 at from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and continues every Wednesday afternoon through June 10. Participants who attend each course and complete some additional work are entitled to receive a certificate.

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.
