



Government affairs update for the week of October 12, 2025

Federal Government Shutdown: Week 3

The federal government shutdown - which is now on its third week - is now impacting home buyers and sellers in new ways.

According to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) income verification delays may complicate the ability of buyers to secure home purchase financing using VA and FHA programs. More information about this and other current issues related to the shutdown is available [here](#).

New Real Estate Laws for 2026

Many new state laws that impact real estate will go into effect during 2026.

The California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) has prepared a [summary](#) of these new laws that include:

- Rules for digitally-altered images
 - Balcony inspections
 - HOA fines
 - FAIR Plan
 - Landlord/tenant relations
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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.
