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**Bay East and CABREP
Boost 5th Annual Fair Housing Day Success**

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Pleasanton, California (April 15, 2026) – The Bay East Association of REALTORS® teamed up with the California Association of Black Real Estate Professionals (CABREP) to make the California Association of REALTORS®’ (C.A.R.) 5th Annual Fair Housing Day a big success.

C.A.R.’s Fair Housing Day brought together economists, housing advocates and policy experts for candid, thought-provoking conversations on the issues shaping California communities today. This year’s program worked to tackle timely and pressing topics facing the state including immigration, housing and homeownership in California, accessible and inclusive housing solutions, and multigenerational living.

The event marked a significant milestone in the history of C.A.R.’s Fair Housing Day as it was the first time the annual event had been held in the Bay Area since C.A.R. launched the program in 2022.

Bay East and CABREP chartered a bus from Bay East’s office in Pleasanton to UC Berkeley, covering both round-trip transportation and event admission for more than 30 participants.

For Bay Area REALTORS®, having the conversation in their own backyard carried a special significance one that Bay East honored by bringing a large contingent of members.

“These aren’t abstract policy discussions, but they’re the real-life challenges that Bay East members navigate alongside their clients every single day. Partnering with CABREP to get our members to Fair Housing Day wasn’t just about getting on a bus. It was about showing up for the conversations truly matter,” said Bill Espinola, 2026 President of Bay East Association of REALTORS®. “Fair housing is in the foundation of what we do. When we invest in education and advocacy like this and it helps us become better REALTORS® and even better neighbors.”

The partnership between Bay East and CABREP is a natural one. Both organizations share a deep commitment to equity, inclusion and professional development within the real estate industry, and both recognize that closing the homeownership gap in California requires action, education and collaboration. Bringing members together to share the Fair Housing Day experience was a meaningful reflection of that larger mission.

For the members who made the trip, Fair Housing Day offered something rare: dedicated time away from the demands of the warming market to think critically about the forces shaping housing access in California.

The conversations sparked at events like these have a way of following real estate professionals back into their daily work informing how they guide clients, advocate for communities and approach their role in one of the most consequential industries in the state.

“The Bay Area is at the center of so many of these housing conversations that are deeper than affordability,” Espinola added. “Having Fair Housing Day right here, in our backyard, was an opportunity we weren’t going to let our members miss.”

About the Bay East Association of REALTORS®

The Bay East Association of REALTORS® is a professional trade association serving more than 5,700 residential and commercial real estate professionals throughout the San Francisco Bay Area by providing programs and services to enhance their ability to conduct business with integrity and competence. Bay East offers access to the Multiple Listing Service, professional development training, advocacy to protect private property rights, and promotes homeownership and a variety of networking opportunities and events.

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