



Government Affairs Action for the week of July 12, 2020

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DRE Cancels Exams Through July

The Department of Real Estate (DRE) is cancelling real estate salesperson and broker license exams at the Oakland Examination Center through July 31, 2020. According to the DRE, the cancellations are needed to comply with Alameda County Health Department orders to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Exams may be rescheduled using the DRE's eLicensing system and rescheduling fees will be waived for canceled exams.

More information is available by calling 877.373.4542 or by [email](#).

San Leandro Real Estate Transfer Tax Rate Increase

The San Leandro City Council may ask voters to increase the real estate transfer tax rate.

The current rate is \$6 per \$1,000 of assessed value and if San Leandro voters approve the ballot measure, the new rate would be \$11 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

San Leandro officials claim the increased tax rate is needed to address a significant budget deficit and loss of revenue due to COVID-19.

The City Council will make a final decision about placing the tax increase on the November, 2020 General Election ballot during their July 20 meeting.

If you are a San Leandro resident and want to testify at the meeting, contact [David Stark](#).

If you have any questions or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, please contact Bay East [staff](#).
