



Government Affairs Action for the week of July 19, 2020

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Open Houses Still Banned in Alameda County

While Alameda County health regulations allow real estate agents to show properties on a limited basis, traditional open houses are still banned.

The County rules allow in-person showings only if a "virtual" viewing is not possible. One sales agent and no more than two visitors from the same household may tour a property at the same time. Agents showing a property also must follow cleaning and disinfecting protocols.

Guidance from the California Association of REALTORS® about showing properties during the COVID-19 crisis is [here](#).

San Leandro Transfer Tax Rate Increase on November Ballot

During their July 20 meeting, the San Leandro City Council unanimously approved placing a measure on the November ballot to increase their real estate transfer tax to \$11 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

If approved by San Leandro voters, the new transfer tax rate would be effective immediately following the November 3 election.

If you or your clients live in San Leandro and are interested in this issue, please contact Bay East [staff](#).

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