



## Government affairs update for the week of February 1, 2026

### Rent Control Approved in San Leandro

The San Leandro City Council approved a Rent Stabilization (rent control) ordinance during their meeting Monday, Feb. 2.

The Ordinance will limit rent increases to the lesser of 3% or 65% of the Consumer Price Increase, limit the amount of capital improvement costs that can be passed on to tenants and use the rent amount for unit on July 1, 2025 as the "base" rent. Single family homes and condominiums are exempt from the ordinance requirements.

The vote to approve the ordinance was 6-1 with Mayor Juan Gonzalez the only vote in opposition. During his comments, Gonzalez shared several concerns including the impact the ordinance will have on housing providers

Special thanks to all the Bay East members who responded to the call for action and who testified during the Feb. 2 meeting. Bay East will continue to work with a coalition opposed to the ordinance to modify or repeal it before it takes effect Jan. 1, 2027.

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### Meanwhile, in Washington DC. . .

The latest episode of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) [Advocacy Scoop podcast](#) digs into what voters think about housing.

Hosts Shannon McGahn and Patrick Newton share results from a national poll of voters that included questions about affordable housing and what voters want Congress to do about housing issues. They also discuss how this poll and other data show that leaders on Capitol Hill are taking housing challenges seriously.

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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.

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