

2024 ABoR Advocacy Wins



In 2024, REALTORS® and our Advocacy teams have been working with elected officials at all levels of government to advance solutions for improving our housing supply, address housing affordability issues, and increase access to homeownership.

REALTOR® ADVOCACY IN OUR NATIONS CAPITAL | At the Federal level, NAR has been advocating for policies to address our housing shortage, increase access to homeownership, support fair housing, and ensure equal access to professional representation. In May, ABoR members attended NAR's 2024 Legislative Meetings in Washington, D.C., and met with the Offices of **John Carter, Greg Casar, Lloyd Doggett, Michael McCaul, and Chip Roy** to advocate for Congress to address the housing issues facing the nation. We asked each Office to support several important housing initiatives working their way through Congress.

REALTOR® ADVOCACY AT AUSTIN CITY HALL | ABoR Advocacy continued to advocate for the Austin City Council to prioritize housing affordability, helped elect four Austin City Council members, and enhanced our influence across Central Texas. Utilizing ABoR's 2024 Public Policy Agenda, ABoR Advocacy advanced important land development code reforms, safeguarded your business, and protected homeowners' property rights. Here are the most notable advocacy wins from 2024:

- **Sound Assessment Disclosure |** Avoided a new local seller disclosure which would have required property owners to provide a sound assessment disclosure for new homes sold or rented near music and performance venues.
- **HOME Phase 2 |** Reduced the residential minimum lot size to 1,800 sq. ft., and reduced minimum lot width, and building setbacks.
- **Compatibility Reforms |** Reduced the triggering property distance for compatibility standards to 75 feet—unlocked the potential for an estimated 63,000 housing units citywide.
- **Design Standard Reforms |** Reformed design standards for garage placement, front yards, and driveways that preserve open space along the street to allow for a variety of housing types, like row houses and townhomes.
- **ETOD |** Approved equitable transit-oriented development overlays (ETOD) to encourage development around light rail stations.

ABoR Advocacy Resources

Live From City Hall

- **Bi-weekly updates** on short-term policy issues relevant to ABoR and our industry.
- Delivered to you by **email after every** regularly scheduled **Austin City Council meeting**.



Educational Resources

- **Educational materials** designed to be shared with clients.
- Topics ranging from **Wildfire mitigation** to summaries of each **Austin City Council Districts**.
- ABoR Members have the ability to **download** several “one-pagers” and **personalize it** with their own contact information, logo, and branding.



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