



What is **RIRPAC?**



Rhode Island REALTORS® Political Action

Committee (RIRPAC) is a bipartisan program that does not align itself with any political party. We support candidates and public officeholders that promote and/or defend REALTOR® policy and legislative goals, regardless of political party.

RIRPAC has been one of the strongest and most successful advocacy organizations in Rhode Island. RIRPAC dollars work to ensure that our members have a seat at the table when federal, state, and local leaders are considering legislative

The Rhode Island Association of REALTORS® and the RIRPAC program have tools to ensure that our voices are heard from the U.S. Capitol to the Rhode Island State House to city and town halls across our state.

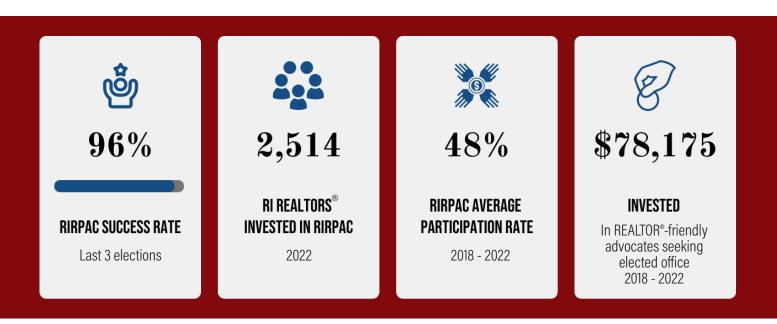
and policy decisions. Through political advocacy, RIRPAC directly supports candidates at all levels of government who advocate for private property rights and housing for all. RIRPAC is your best investment in real estate!

What's in it for you?

By participating in RIRPAC, you help create a positive business environment which enhances your ability to help your clients find a home. This means you are playing a critical role in how legislation and public policy impacting your livelihood is shaped.

The housing market is an important economic driver accounting for nearly 20% of Rhode Island's gross state product¹. Your investment and the collective voice of 6000 REALTORS® help prevent laws and policies which could negatively impact not only your profession and your clients, but the economy overall. Unlike other PAC programs, RIRPAC has the unique ability to mobilize members to shield homeowners and REALTORS® from today's political environment. That's why it's so important for all Rhode Island REALTORS® to get involved in RIRPAC.

¹ National Association of REALTORS® 2021 Economic Impact of Typical Home Sale: RI



Where does your RPAC investment go?

Of every RIRPAC dollar you invest, 70% is disbursed by the Rhode Island REALTORS® Political Action Committee

Trustees to support state and local candidates in Rhode Island. 30% is utilized by the National RPAC Trustees to help elect a REALTOR®-friendly Congress.



RI REALTORS® Political Action Committee

www.rirpac.org

How does your RPAC investment pay off?

Since 2016, RIAR's win rate for bills introduced on behalf of our members is 80% (20/25) RPAC investments pay off! The following are just some examples of how RIRPAC investments helped to achieve political victories in recent years:

- Worked with Governor to ensure that real estate services, such as open houses remained available to buyers and sellers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
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- Worked with the Secretary of State on the passage of legislation that would permit remote online notarization in Rhode Island.
- Championed legislation that limits the amount a condominium association can charge for a resale certificate to \$125.
- Defeated legislation that would impose rent control measures on rental properties.
- Championed legislation that would make it easier for homeowners to construct accessory dwelling units on their property.
- Defeated a municipal real estate transfer tax in Newport.
- Fought attempts to remove the independent contractor status for real estate agents.
- Championed legislation that would prohibit spot assessments upon sale in Rhode Island municipalities.
- Led effort to prorate homestead exemption for new homeowners in cities and towns that offer a homestead exemption.
- Defeated legislation that would have required real estate agents and brokers to disclose in writing to prospective buyers, the use of marijuana cultivation in the listed home.
- RIAR is represented on the House Commission to Study Rhode Island's Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Act as well as the House Commission on Land Use and Zoning.
- Prevented a statewide eviction moratorium while advocating rent relief programs to assist tenants.
- Blocked and continue to fight a rental registry requirement for all residential and commercial landlords.
- Preserved the National Flood Insurance Program, while continuing to advocate for change so that the program does not lapse.
- See more updates at <u>www.rirpac.org</u>

Your investment helps protect your profession as well as the largest financial transaction your clients will make in a lifetime. Get involved today and invest in RIRPAC!