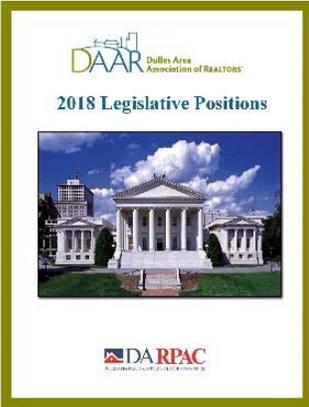




# LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

*An update on local, state, and federal issues of interest to the real estate industry.*



**DAAR Is Ready for 2018.** Although it’s only June, DAAR has finalized its 2018 Legislative Package! DAAR’s Legislative Package outlines the government affairs efforts of the association throughout the year.

Each year, the Virginia REALTORS® accepts legislative recommendations from local associations. Each year, DAAR responds with ideas to help the real estate industry. Our submission includes recommendations on how to:

- Combat the rising tolls on the Dulles Greenway;
- Improve real estate education standards and professionalism; and
- Clarify the rules governing teams in the real estate industry.

Gene Mock, DAAR’s member on the Virginia REALTORS® Public Policy Committee, will advocate for inclusion of DAAR’s legislative priorities in August when the Virginia REALTORS® determine which recommendations will be advanced during the 2018 Virginia General Assembly Session.

DAAR’s 2018 Legislative Package also includes positions on the following local issues:

- Housing that is Affordable
- Silver Line Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Changes
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zoning Ordinance Changes
- Regulation of Alternative On-Site Septic Systems
- Broadband in the West
- Overlay Districts

Visit [www.dullesarea.com/legislative-priorities](http://www.dullesarea.com/legislative-priorities) to learn more about DAAR’s Legislative Priorities.

## AROUND LOUDOUN COUNTY

**DAAR Members Envision the Future of Loudoun County.** More than two dozen DAAR members demonstrated their advocacy skills at Loudoun County’s Envision Loudoun workshops! These workshops were designed to gather information from the public in order to help county officials draft a new Comprehensive Plan for Loudoun County. The Envision Loudoun initiative addresses growth, land use, transportation, community facilities and amenities, economic development, and



fiscal management. As a DAAR member, you know the impact local land use rules have on the real estate industry. DAAR's advocacy efforts help ensure that Loudoun County officials take the REALTORS® perspective into account during the drafting process.

Using talking points developed from DAAR's Legislative Agenda, DAAR members recommended that the Comprehensive Plan should:

- Serve as a guide for identifying an adequate supply of developable land;
- Encourage innovative land use policies;
- Encourage development of housing that is affordable; and
- Be frequently updated.

There is still time to make your REALTOR® voice heard. The County has developed an online engagement tool which will be available through July 12<sup>th</sup>. This tool mimics the experience of the workshops and includes interactive comment and mapping exercises. Visit <http://envision-loudoun.org/envision-the-future-online-input> to leave your comments.

The Comprehensive Plan Stakeholders Committee will resume working on the Comprehensive Plan in July. Lars Henriksen, DAAR's representative to the Committee, will join the other Stakeholders and meet on a regular basis through December to develop a draft Plan. Visit the Envision Loudoun site at [www.EnvisionLoudoun.org](http://www.EnvisionLoudoun.org) for more information about the initiative and Plan. Go to <http://dullesarea.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Envision-the-Future-Workshops.docx> to view and download DAAR's Envision Loudoun Talking Points.



**Envision the Future of the Loudoun Silver Line Stations.** The Silver Line Comprehensive Plan will be incorporated into the Envision Loudoun process. This means that the Comprehensive Plan Stakeholders and the public will have input into the development plans for the areas around the future metro stations! Additionally, the County plans to have a new Airport

Noise Corridor study conducted. Results from the study will be used to determine the contours of the airport noise overlay area. Opponents of residential development around the Loudoun Gateway Station (Route 606) have used the current airport noise overlay as one reason to limit housing in that area. We will keep you posted on its progress.

**Real Estate Sign Placement – No New Rules, Yet.** County officials continue to work on updating Loudoun County's sign ordinance. This ordinance governs the number, size, placement, and duration of placement of temporary signs – including many real estate signs. DAAR staff is hard at work making sure that county officials understand the importance these signs have on the real estate industry and a REALTORS®' ability to market property. County staff anticipates revising the current draft proposal and submitting it to the Board of Supervisors in July or September. Visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?nid=3791> for the latest news about these rule changes.



## IN VIRGINIA



**New Laws – New Rules.** There are several new laws and other changes that could impact the real estate industry that will be effective July 1, 2017. DAAR members joined with the Virginia REALTORS® during the 2017 General Assembly Session to help make sure the REALTOR® voice was being heard down in Richmond, Virginia. We are pleased that this year's Virginia REALTORS® Legislative Agenda passed in its entirety and we were successful in minimizing or negating the impact other pieces of legislation would have on REALTORS® in Virginia. Visit <http://dullesarea.com/2017/06/22/need-to-know-new-real-estate-laws-effective-july-1st> to learn how these changes will affect you.

**On Demand Legal Information.** Do you have questions about Virginia real estate law or regulations? Call the Virginia REALTORS® Legal Hotline. This free service is provided to members who need answers to questions concerning the real estate industry. To have your questions answered, visit <https://www.virginiarealtors.org/legal-hotline/>.

Check out the introduction to Caveat REALTOR®, a new show from the Virginia REALTORS® legal team. You'll be able to listen on the go with this new format of legal updates. New podcasts focus on need-to-know information on home inspector licensing, assistance animals and home surveillance. Visit Virginia REALTORS® for more information at <https://www.virginiarealtors.org/for-members/legal/legal-podcasts/>. Go to <https://www.virginiarealtors.org/for-members/legal/> for other important legal updates.

## AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

**DAAR Rocks D.C.!** Members of DAAR descended on Washington, D.C. during NAR's Mid-Year Legislative Conference. The purpose of the Conference was to allow NAR members to take an active role in advancing the real estate industry, public policy, and the association. During the Day on the Hill, DAAR members visited Congresswoman Comstock to discuss three very important national issues: Tax Reform, the National Flood Insurance Program, and Sustainable Homeownership. They also joined with the Virginia REALTORS® to participate in the afternoon's Town Hall with members of Congress. Visit <http://narfocus.com/billdatabase/clientfiles/172/35/2830.pdf> to learn more about NAR's 2017 legislative priorities.



**National Flood Insurance Advances on Capitol Hill.** The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) expires on September 30, 2017. This program provides flood insurance to millions of home and small business owners in 22,000 communities nationwide. Without the NFIP, millions will not be able to obtain a mortgage or insurance to protect their property against flooding. There are several bills moving on Capitol Hill to reauthorize and reform the program. Keep track of them at: <https://www.nar.realtor/topics/national-flood-insurance-program-nfip>.

**DAAR Advocacy.** DAAR continues to advocate on your behalf with Loudoun County Supervisors, Virginia General Assembly members, and members of the U.S Congress. We appreciate the support of DAAR members and count on your help to advance issues that matter to the real estate industry. Your assistance helps DAAR to have a very active and robust Government Affairs program and to ensure that the REALTORS® voice is being heard.

- Do You Know DARPAC?
- Find out how to support the issues that matter most to your business.
- Visit <http://www.dullesarea.com/darpac/> to learn more!
- Support the issues that matter to your business. Support DARPAC!

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## **Elected Officials**

### **United States Congress**

Senator Tim Kaine (D)  
 Senator Mark Warner (D)  
 Congresswoman Barbara Comstock (R-10)

### **Governor of Virginia**

Terry McAuliffe (D)

### **Attorney General**

Mark Herring (D)

### **Virginia Senators**

- Senator Dick Black (R-13)
- Senator Barbara Favola (D-31)
- Senator Jennifer Wexton (D-33)
- Senator Jill Vogel (R-27)

### **Virginia House of Delegates**

- Delegate Kathleen Murphy (D-34)
- Delegate Tag Greason (R-32)
- Delegate Jim LeMunyon (R-67)
- Delegate John Bell (D-87)
- Delegate Jennifer Boysko (D-86)
- Delegate David LaRock (R-33)
- Delegate Randy Minchew (R-10)

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