

The RPIC/FPC Federal Political Coordinator Newsletter

A Publication of the Government Affairs Division of the National Association of Realtors®

VOLUME 2, NO.76

October, 2006

A newsletter to inform RPIC members and FPCs of recent grassroots trends and tips, as well as to provide a status report on NAR's grassroots programs. If you have any comments, suggestions, or ideas for the next edition, please contact Rick Miller at (202) 383-1107, or via Email at rmiller@realtors.org.

FPC Appointments



2007-2008 FPC APPOINTMENTS

All but 3 states have submitted FPC recommendations into NAR for RPIC leadership review and appointment by Pat Vredevoogd, 2007 NAR President. Just after the November 7 election, NAR will send letters notifying all FPCs of their selection for the 110th Congress as well as invitations for the 2007 January FPC Conference and Training.

Thanks again to all RPIC members for doing your important part in this process. If you have any questions or need to discuss anything, feel free to drop Laura Vogel a line at lvogel@realtors.org or call her at 202-383-1021.

OPPORTUNITY RACES UPDATE

NAR is conducting 51 General Election opportunity races this cycle, and has Field Staff in a number of states working with REALTOR® members to get out the REALTOR® vote. Funded by RPAC soft dollars, these campaigns bring the energy of our volunteers and the expertise of our staff together to positively influence the outcome of these elections.

A tremendous amount of work has been done by our Field Staff in assembling district and state Steering Committees, designing mail pieces, and conducting field work on the ground in our principal races. Our volunteers too have been enormously helpful in organizing events, fundraisers and getting other members to hear our message to support our champions. We extend a big THANK YOU to them for giving of their time to make the REALTOR® voice heard and action seen in these campaigns. If you will be in New Orleans next week, stop by the RPAC booth in the Morial Center and check out the results of the Opportunity Races!

Here is a list of this year's General Election Opportunity Races:

CANDIDATE	PARTY	DISTRICT
Rick Renzi	R	AZ01
Kevin McCarthy	R	CA22

Realtor Campaigns



John Salazar	D	CO03
Marilyn Musgrave	R	CO04
John Larson	D	CT01
Rob Simmons	R	CT02
Chris Shays	R	CT04
Joe Lieberman	D	CT Sen
Clay Shaw	R	FL22
Jim Leach	R	IA02
Peter Roskum (Hyde)	R	IL06
Melissa Bean	D	IL08
Mark Kirk	R	IL10
Jerry Weller	R	IL11
Chris Chocola	R	IN02
Ron Lewis	R	KY02
Ann Northup	R	KY03
Geoff Davis	R	KY04
Charlie Melancon	D	LA03
Ben Cardin	D	MD Sen
Joe Knollenberg	R	MI09
Mike Bouchard (Stabenow)	R	MI Sen
Gil Gutknecht	R	MN01
Jim Talent	R	MO Sen
Conrad Burns	R	MT Sen
Charlie Taylor	R	NC13
Adrian Smith	R	NE03
Ben Nelson	D	NE Sen
Jeb Bradley	R	NH02
Heather Wilson	R	NM01
Dean Heller	R	NV02
Jon Porter	R	NV03
John Sweeney	R	NY20
Ray Meier (Boehlert)	R	NY24
Jim Walsh	R	NY25
Tom Reynolds	R	NY26
Brian Higgins	D	NY27
Randy Kuhl	R	NY29
Steve Chabot	R	OH01
Deborah Pryce	R	OH15
Darlene Hooley	D	OR05
Curt Weldon	R	PA07
Allyson Schwartz	D	PA13
Ralph Norman (Spratt)	R	SC05
Stephanie Herseth	D	SDAL
Lincoln Davis	D	TN04
Chet Edwards	D	TX17
Rick Larsen	D	WA02
Dave Reichert	R	WA08
John Gard (Green)	R	WI08
Barbara Cubin	R	WY AL



Stop By the Action Center Booth in New Orleans

If you are going to be in the Big Easy for the NAR meetings November 9-12 (and we hope most of you will), plan on stopping by the Action Center Booth in the Morial Convention Center, Hall E, and sign the electronic petition urging Congress to pass Small Business Health Plans. This is our first time using the GetActive petition feature at an NAR meeting, and it takes just one minute of your time.

So as you hurry between meetings, or head out to the French Quarter for lunch or entertainment, plan on a quick stop at the Action Center to tell Congress to act on this important legislation.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE FPC PHOTO GALLERY

Have you seen it yet? We refer to the new, hip and fun page on the NAR Action Center: the FPC Photo Gallery. The Gallery is your site on the Action Center to share photos of your interactions with your MOCs with your FPC colleagues around the country.

Use this link to access the Gallery site: <http://www.naractioncenter.com/fpc-photo-gallery>.

Have you had a recent photo taken with your MOC? Perhaps a check presentation or other event? We want to see your photos! Please send them as a “JPEG” attachment and email to Laura Vogel at lvogel@realtors.org.

Action Center Trouble Shooting:

Did you know that the complete NAR Federal Issues Tracker is now available on the Action Center website? You can now easily access hundreds of federal issue summaries that are constantly monitored and updated by NAR.

The issues are organized in ten sections:

- Commercial Finance
- Conventional Residential Lending
- Diversity
- Fair Housing
- Environment
- Federal Tax
- Housing
- RPAC
- Smart Growth
- State and Local Legislation.

To access the tracker, please visit the following webpage:
<http://www.naractioncenter.com/keyissues/>

The tracker is located at the bottom of the “Key Issue Summaries” page.

NAR Staff Contact Information

Thank you for all your time, energy and efforts as a member of the NAR grassroots team. Please call us with questions at the following numbers:

Laura Vogel, Political Programs Representative (FPC Staff)
(202) 383-1021 or lvogel@realtors.org

Important Staff Contact Information



Rick Miller, Grassroots Representative and RPIC Staff Executive
(202) 383-1107 or rmiller@realtors.org

Jasen Zubcevik, Grassroots and PAC Representative
(202) 383-1080 or jzubcevik@realtors.org (Technical Issues
and Broker Program Staff)

Scott Reiter, RPAC Representative and RPAC Staff Executive
202-383-1072 or sreiter@realtors.org

Greg Knopp, Managing Director, Political Programs
(202) 383-1207 or gknopp@realtors.org

or Call the Federal Coordinator Hotline at 1- 800- 445-0784

Do you have a suggestion regarding NAR's legislative or grassroots program? Perhaps you have developed a useful resource? Then we want to hear about it. Maybe you have great idea on how to motivate the grassroots volunteers in your state. Call Rick Miller at Email him at rmiller@realtors.org to share your thoughts.

Use this convenient link to get to the NAR Action Center: <http://www.NARactioncenter.com>