

# THE RPAC & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS RECAP



Government Affairs Committee Chair Craig Hawker is a Crystal R (\$2500+) contributor for 2008.

## 3 Suggested Strategies For Supporting RPAC

- 1. One-time donation-**  
Decide one time what amount you are comfortable contributing to RPAC for the calendar year.
- 2. Monthly Installment-**  
Decide on the annual amount you feel comfortable with and then make monthly installment payments.
- 3. Per Transaction-**  
Contribute a specific amount every time you get paid after a transaction.

## It's Crunch Time for RPAC!!

By Justin Y. Allen, SLBR Government Affairs Director

Every year, the Salt Lake Board of REALTORS® RPAC Committee is given a goal amount for the SLBR membership to contribute to RPAC. For 2008, that amount is just over \$300,000. In past years, the SLBR has met its RPAC fundraising goals in time for the UAR convention in September. This year, however, we are in danger of not continuing that tradition.

Without question, the market and the economy are not where they were last year, let alone 2005 or 2006. However, the mission of RPAC is every bit as important now as it was in those heady days.

RPAC continues to:

- Support industry-friendly incumbents and candidates, such as Congressmen Bishop and Matheson, Mayor Peter Corroon, County Councilmen Randy Horiuchi and Michael Jensen, and County Council Candidate and former SLBR Director Max Burdick.
- Challenge elected officials who oppose our efforts to promote a strong real estate industry and free market economy.
- Encourage organizations and support efforts that promote the use of REALTORS® and educate government officials and the general public about smart public policy related to the housing industry.

In the next few years, as the Utah State Legislature contends with setting its budget without the aid of record surpluses, there will be significant calls for a transfer tax AND a sales tax on services. Now, more than ever, it is crucial for able SLBR members to contribute to RPAC to invest in continued good government at the state and local level.

Please consider what you can do to support RPAC and the REALTOR® government affairs mission.

### Other Government Affairs/RPAC-related business:

- Over 30 REALTORS® attended our Sandy City Political Forum on July 11. Thanks to Sandy City Councilman Chris McCandless, Steve Fairbanks, and Steve Smith for participating in our discussion.
- The RPAC Committee will be putting on a Broker "Jail and Bail" fundraising event on August 20-21 at the Salt Lake Board. Willing brokers will be taken into custody so they can encourage their agents and others to support RPAC.

*Contributions to RPAC are voluntary and used for political purposes. The amount indicated is only a suggestion and you may give more or less or refuse to contribute without affecting your membership rights. RPAC will receive 80% of the funds raised by RPAC. Of that amount, 30% will be sent to the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) to be used to support Federal candidates (which is charged against your limits under 2 U.S.C. 441a) and Federal grassroots political activities. The local BOPACs will receive 20%. The IPAC will receive 20% of funds raised by RPAC. Of that amount, 60% will be allocated for state level issue campaigns and 40% will be allocated to local issue campaigns. Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.*

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