

WHAT IS RPAC?

- **RPAC IS LOCAL** - Of all the money donated to RPAC through TBR, 30% goes to National Candidates and issues. 70% stays in Ohio for State and Local candidates and issues. Over the past five years approximately 63% of all money allocated for state and local use has been spent **locally** on candidates campaigns and ballot issues.
- **RPAC CONTRIBUTIONS ARE USED WISELY** – 100% of money contributed to RPAC is used for either campaign contributions or issues. 0% is used for overhead, administration or lobbying efforts.
- **RPAC OPENS DOORS** – Through the delivery of RPAC funds to candidates we get access and the opportunity to build relationships. These relationships are invaluable to allow us to discuss issues and present our view of proposed legislation.
- **RPAC SUCCESSES** – In the past couple of years while we were not able to defeat two City of Toledo Ordinances (land contract registration and vacant building registration) our involvement in the drafting process insured those laws were far less burdensome than they would have been. Over the past few years at the State level RPAC exempted REALTORS from paying sales taxes on freely distributed advertising materials and protected real estate commissions from being subject to sales tax. RPAC helped pass legislation that allows commercial brokers to file lien against a property to ensure payment of their commissions. At the national level RPAC got the recent first time buyer income tax credit raised to \$8000 and removed the requirement that it be repaid.

COMMON QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR MISCONCEPTIONS

- **I don't believe in giving money to political candidates**
Actually, rather than “giving” money to political candidates, you are investing in your business and a commitment to preserving the future of our industry. I'm sure you have insurance on your car, home, and business office. Bad legislation passed by Congress, the state legislature, or city council could just as catastrophic financially as the loss of any of your possessions by fire, theft, or storm. RPAC helps elect officials at the national, state and local levels who support the free enterprise system and private property rights. That is the best insurance against legislation that can hurt our livelihood as REALTORS®
- **I already contribute to political candidates on my own.**
You should contribute directly to the candidates of your choice, but you should also contribute through RPAC. The dollars you give are pooled with literally tens of thousands of other contributors to support candidates who understand the issues that affect our business. Our ultimate goal is to position the RPAC as the largest and most influential political advocacy organization in the country. With your support now, we will be one step closer.
- **PACS are just in the business of buying votes**
RPAC does not “buy” votes from politicians. RPAC helps elect candidates who share our philosophy, or will at least listen to the REALTOR viewpoint. RPAC supported candidates who did not always support us on every vote, but they will usually be more favorable to our point of view than the candidate who ran against them or the incumbent they replaced.
- **RPAC supports federal candidates; I am more interested in State and Local candidates**
Only 30% of your contribution goes to support candidates at the national level. The other 70% stays in the state for use in supporting candidates here at home. By contributing to RPAC, you can help support candidates at all levels of government.

TO CONTRIBUTE- CONTACT MICHELLE AT 419-535-3222. SHE WILL TAKE YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE OR YOU MAY SEND IN A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:

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