

## **HOW LCAR-PAC HELPS REALTORS®**

The Lancaster County Association of Realtors® Political Action Committee (LCAR-PAC) is the political fundraising arm of the Lancaster County Association of Realtors®. LCAR-PAC is a standing committee of LCAR and a registered political action committee.

The purpose of LCAR-PAC is to support local and state candidates for elected office who demonstrate a commitment to balanced growth policies that include affordable housing at all price points and keep Realtors® at the center of the real estate transaction. This support may encompass, but is not limited to financial contributions, direct communication with LCAR members and polling. LCAR-PAC may also provide support for campaigns and issues that encourage good government and a competitive, market-based economy.

The LCAR-PAC Trustees determine contributions and support for candidates and issues as well as the programs and policies of LCAR-PAC with respect to the solicitation of members and to the activities of LCAR-PAC in furtherance of its purpose. The LCAR-PAC Trustees are comprised of the following individuals:

- ✓ Chair, LCAR Government Affairs Committee
- ✓ Vice-Chair, LCAR Government Affairs Committee
- ✓ Immediate Past Chair, LCAR Government Affairs Committee
- ✓ LCAR President
- ✓ LCAR President-Elect
- ✓ LCAR Treasurer
- ✓ LCAR Immediate Past President

LCAR-PAC has a long history of successfully supporting Realtor®-friendly candidates at the local and state level. A contribution to LCAR-PAC is an investment in the business of real estate. LCAR-PAC represents Realtors®, working to pass legislation and craft ordinances that protect and promote the housing industry and opposing and defeating legislation or regulations that could negatively impact the way Realtors® do business. LCAR-PAC funds are used to support LCAR's government affairs program and help educate elected officials about the importance of the housing industry to the economy.

During the past several years, LCAR-PAC has helped Realtors® in many ways:

- ✓ Contributed to the campaigns of candidates for municipal and county office who favor balanced growth and recognize the important role housing and construction play in supporting our local economy.
- ✓ Helped defeat candidates for municipal office who were anti-growth.
- ✓ Successfully advocated for a Realtor® to be appointed to the Lancaster County Planning Commission, ensuring the voice of Realtors® will be heard in deliberations involving countywide planning and growth policies.
- ✓ Worked with Lancaster County's state delegation to oppose mandatory sprinkler systems in new residential construction.

- ✓ Removed language from legislation in Pennsylvania's General Assembly that would have prohibited multiple listing systems from purchasing data such as tax assessments, mortgage and property data from counties for use by Realtors®.
- ✓ Prevented ongoing efforts to increase the state real estate transfer tax.
- ✓ Partnered with Pennsylvania's General Assembly to amend the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act to make it easier to return monies in failed transactions to both parties.
- ✓ Helped our state senators and representatives to write a law making it easier for Realtors® to form qualified associations.
- ✓ Successfully opposed legislation in Pennsylvania's General Assembly mandating three-day attorney review for residential agreements of sale.

**All contributions to LCAR-PAC must be by personal check or credit card.**