



Government Affairs Report

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LOCAL

CITY OF KISSIMMEE

- **Osceola REALTORS supports proposed lien ordinance that benefits homeowners.** On July 15, 2025, Osceola Realtors represented our members, property owners, and our community by supporting a proposed ordinance in the City of Kissimmee. This ordinance takes steps that benefit homeowners, property investors, and the broader business community by amending the lien appeal process to allow for appeals 30 days after compliance. This gives property owners a fair and reasonable path to correct issues without being locked out of the appeal process. This change acknowledges the real-world challenges of bringing a property into compliance and ensures that good-faith efforts are not punished due to timing. The ordinance also introduces a consistent matrix to guide lien reduction calculations. This provides much-needed transparency and predictability, which ultimately benefits both the City and its residents. Our Public Policy committee reviewed this ordinance and took a clear and unified position on this important issue. Members of the committee, as well as members of the Board of Directors were present to reinforce our message and demonstrate our dedication to working with local government. **The ordinance passed successfully.** You can watch the meeting [here](#).

STATE

- **Trey Goldman is named Florida Realtors Sr VP of Public Policy.** **Trey Goldman now will oversee Florida Realtors' legislative and regulatory advocacy-related efforts in Tallahassee.** He previously served as legislative counsel. As the senior vice president of public policy, Goldman will lead the legislative and regulatory advocacy-related efforts of the association. In addition to managing the public policy office, he is also responsible for all initiatives relating to the legislative agenda of Florida Realtors and the coordination of member involvement in all public policy-related matters for the organization. He represented Realtors® before the Florida Legislature, state regulatory agencies, the Governor's office, and the Cabinet, with a focus on insurance and community association related issues.
- **Gov. DeSantis celebrates major milestone in Everglades restoration**
On July 15, Gov. DeSantis marked the official opening of the Caloosahatchee (C-43) Reservoir, one of the most significant Everglades restoration projects in Florida history. Joined by state, local, and environmental leaders, Governor DeSantis celebrated the completion of the 10,000-



acre reservoir that will improve water quality, protect coastal ecosystems, and expand Florida's water storage capacity. Florida's investments in water quality are paying off:

- Florida has completed or broken ground on more than 75 Everglades restoration projects since 2019.
- Nutrient reductions now exceed 1.8 million pounds of nitrogen and 770,000 pounds of phosphorus annually.
- South Florida's water storage capacity has tripled to 176 billion gallons.
- The C-43 Reservoir pump station, capable of moving 650,000 gallons per minute, is now fully operational.

Florida and the federal government share a 50/50 funding commitment for Everglades restoration. To accelerate progress and reduce costs for taxpayers, Florida has proposed taking the lead on completing certain federally authorized restoration projects. The state has already delivered significant progress on the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir, breaking ground ahead of schedule and completing its portion of the project in 2024. Florida is continuing discussions with federal partners, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to explore options, such as updated agreements or a block grant that would allow the state to assume a greater implementation role moving forward. Read the full announcement [HERE](#).

NATIONAL

- **NAR prevails in Homie litigation.**

The U.S. District Court for the District of Utah has dismissed antitrust claims against the National Association of Realtors® by Homie Technology, a Utah-based company that offers real estate brokerage services for a flat fee. Homie filed a lawsuit in August 2024 alleging NAR and a group of large brokerages violated antitrust law. **In a July 15 ruling, District Court Judge Dale Kimball wrote that Homie had failed to show that NAR and large brokerage companies named in the suit — Anywhere Real Estate, HomeServices of America, and RE/MAX — had conspired to cause antitrust injury to the company.** In October 2024 NAR filed a motion to dismiss the case, and the court heard oral arguments in February. **Dismissal with prejudice prevents Homie from refiling the same claim.** Homie previously dismissed Wasatch Front Regional MLS and Keller Williams from the lawsuit.

- **NAR lauds Senate passage of the VA Home Loan Reform Act.**

Last night, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed H.R. 1815, the VA Home Loan Reform Act, by voice vote. **The National Association of Realtors® strongly supported this bipartisan legislation, which aims to make permanent the VA's temporary policy allowing veterans to directly compensate their real estate agents, ensuring they can participate in the housing market on equal footing with other homebuyers.** The bill also creates a partial claims program to assist veterans who have fallen behind on their mortgage payments. The House of Representatives passed H.R.



1815 by unanimous voice vote in May, and the bill now heads to the president's desk for signature.

- **HUD and OMB announce termination of policies introduced under PAVE Task Force.**

On July 10, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced the termination of some policies introduced under the Biden era's Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity (PAVE) task force, including:

- ML 2024-16, Extension to the Effective Date of Appraisal Review and Reconsideration of Value (ROV) Updates
- ML 2024-07, Appraisal Review and Reconsideration of Value
- ML 2021-27, Appraisal Fair Housing Compliance and Updated General Appraiser Requirements

While the July 10 announcement provides more language around the reasoning behind these changes, these policies were initially rescinded on March 19, 2025 in [Mortgagee Letter](#). Read the Washington Report on the initial [announcement](#). Find more information [here](#).

- **NAR releases “Big Beautiful” in-depth analysis on real estate impact.**

Following a long and difficult congressional process that started early this year, President Trump on July 4th signed into law [H.R. 1, “The One Big Beautiful Bill Act” \(the Act\)](#). This enormous piece of legislation includes a number of important tax provisions that will have a large impact on real estate professionals and on real property investment. Find the analysis [here](#).

- **NAR calls for regulatory reforms to expand private flood insurance market**

As part of its recent letter to the Justice Department's Anticompetitive Regulations Task Force, NAR recommended several federal agency actions aimed at eliminating longstanding barriers that have impeded the development of a competitive private flood insurance market. While the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) continues to provide essential coverage for the highest-risk properties, private insurers are unable to compete on a level playing field when outdated mapping, NFIP subsidies, and restrictive federal regulations effectively crowd out private market options. As a result, just 4% of U.S. homeowners currently carry flood insurance—far below the estimated 20 million homes at high flood risk. Read the full Washington Report [HERE](#).