

What is a political action committee (PAC)?

A PAC is a group of individuals that organize together to promote its political interests by raising money to make contributions to political candidates. In many cases, PACs are associated with other organizations (labor unions, corporations, trade associations, etc.).



What is RPAC and how does it work?

RPAC stands for the REALTORS® Political Action Committee. RPAC was created as a PAC associated with the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). The Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® (PAR) also has its own state-RPAC that is strictly a Pennsylvania PAC.

Under agreements between GHAR, PAR and NAR, fundraising for RPAC is conducted at the local level. GHAR members make contributions that are transferred to the state RPAC. Of all the contributions collected by PAR, **30% are transferred to the national RPAC** to be used to make contributions to national Senators and Congressmen. The **remaining 70% of contributions stays within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania** for PAR's RPAC to use to make contributions to state legislative, county level, and municipal level candidates. Because GHAR has created its own local PAC (GHAR-PAC), **PAR returns certain percentages** of all GHAR member's contributions to our local Association to use to make contributions to county and municipal level candidates. GHAR had to create its own local PAC in order to receive these funds from PAR.

Under the current agreement, PAR will return 20% of all contributions until GHAR makes its "Fair Share" goal. After GHAR makes its yearly goal, PAR will return 50% of contributions above the goal amount.



What are the advantages of RPAC to a REALTOR®?

- **Increases your political impact** - RPAC significantly increases the impact of your personal political dollars in a candidate's campaign because you pull your contribution with the thousands of other REALTORS®.
- **Sends a message** - When your contribution is made through RPAC, candidates cannot misunderstand the issues that are important to you and your profession.
- **Gives you a national impact** - Many citizens believe they should support and try to influence just their own lawmakers. Yet, in the House of Representatives, there are 434 other members whose votes count on your issues just as much as the one vote cast by your own representative. You can have a greater impact on the issues you care about and can expand your influence beyond your own congressional district, by joining RPAC.
- **Enhances political leadership** - RPAC serves as a stimulus to get you more actively involved in the process of government: people who contribute to RPAC are more likely to vote intelligently; they are more likely to write to their elected officials and express an opinion on an issue; and they are more likely to personally contribute or volunteer to work in a candidate's campaign.