### Funding Political Campaigns & Community Outreach Activities



# REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC)

MONEY

Voluntary investments from individual REALTORS® for direct contributions to REALTOR® Champions running for national, state and local offices



RPAC Trustees (or in some local associations, the Government Affairs Committee) decide which REALTOR® Champion will receive RPAC funds based on questionnaires, interviews, voting records, support of REALTOR® issues and other important factors.



Roughly one-third goes to congressional candidates and two-thirds to state and local candidates.

### President's Circle (PC)



REALTORS® may also directly support congressional REALTOR® Champions who have demonstrated support of REALTOR® issues by their votes, sponsorship of bills or through other ways. PC members

must first invest a minimum of \$1000 in RPAC.

## Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission



This 2010 ruling of the U.S. Supreme
Court ruling allows corporations, labor
unions and super PACS (funded by
corporations, labor unions, and wealthy
individuals) to spend unlimited amounts of
money on independent expenditures to
influence elections. This caused RPAC and
the REALTOR® Party to step up soft dollar
fundraising efforts to keep pace.

# SOFT MONEY



### **REALTOR®** Party

Funded by NAR through dues dollars. Each year, approximately \$40 million is devoted exclusively to REALTOR® Party advocacy and community outreach efforts.

### Corporate Ally Program (CAP)

Investments from MLSs; real estate technology partners and advisors; NAR business affiliates, political



vendors, institutes, societies, and councils; national and regional real estate franchisors; and real estate brokerages that support federal, state and local independent expenditures for REALTOR® Champions running for public office, issue campaigns OR both. One half

of each CAP contribution is directed to fund state/local campaigns and the half to support federal campaigns.

#### Political Advocacy Fund (PAF)

Corporate investments by state and local associations and their affiliates used for federal political activities permitted by law, such as opportunity races, legislative receptions and "meet and greet" events.



