

What's New in Government Affairs

The Love-Your-Community Edition!

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LOCAL

LOCAL ELECTIONS: On March 8, local elections are taking place in Carson, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach. Remember to vote in your city!

- **Redondo Beach.** Vote for **Arda Clark** for Redondo Beach School Board. Arda is a REALTOR® and is supported by SBAOR. This is a mail-in ballot only which is due by 8:00 p.m. on March 8. Late ballots with on-time postmarks will not count!
- **Manhattan Beach.** SBAOR supports **Kathleen Paralusz** for City Council.
- **State Senate.** CREPAC supports **Ted Lieu** for Senate District 28.

JOIN A COMMISSION IN YOUR CITY: Local cities have commissions, committees, and boards to manage areas like Planning, Parks & Recreation, Cultural Arts, Libraries, Public Safety, Veteran's Issues, Senior Issues, and more. This is an amazing opportunity to help your city work smoothly and meet new people. Check out the website in your city on what commissions are looking to fill vacancies.

The **City of Carson** is accepting applications for all 13 commissions in that city. Contact the city clerk at (310) 952-1720 or check out the city's website for more information:

<http://ci.carson.ca.us/>.

STATE

GO GREEN AND REAP BENEFITS FOR YOUR CLIENTS: Take advantage of a financial and environmental reward on your client's new home with C.A.R.'s REALTOR®'s Energy Audit Program (REAP). This is a voluntary, proactive, and incentive-based opportunity to go green in your area. REAP provides up to a **\$250 rebate** on a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) home energy audit conducted by a certified HERS rater.

To qualify, applicants must:

- Purchase a California single family primary residence using a California REALTOR® between Oct. 1, 2010 and Dec. 31, 2011.
- Conduct a HERS home energy audit before close of escrow (as part of an Energy Efficient Mortgage) or no later than 60 days after the close of escrow.

See www.car.org for more on how to qualify for REAP and how **Energy Efficient Mortgages** may be a fit for your clients.

Why Government Affairs?

Every city makes decisions on taxes, point-of-sale, signs, rent control, property rights, and more. This impacts your client's ability to buy, sell, or develop their properties and your ability to do business. The South Bay Association of REALTORS® Government Affairs Program protects and advocates for you. For more information, call SBAOR Government Affairs at (310)326-3010 ext. 715