



Real Advocacy for REALTORS® GCAAR's Public Policy Brief

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The Issues at Hand . . .

- Fighting Rent Control in Montgomery County
- DC Mayor's Proposed 2017 Budget
- GCAAR's Green Class Brings Regulators Together

Montgomery County: GCAAR Fights Rent Control

Proposed regulations are on the Council's agenda that would mandate standard leases and prolonged notice periods for housing providers. In its current version, this Bill disregards the full economic impact of a highly regulated rental market.



GCAAR stands in firm opposition to the Bill, does not want small housing provider members negatively affected, and we are letting the Council know on your behalf. We've demanded a new public hearing to ensure the process is fair and transparent. We also are working with likeminded associations, including the Apartment and Office Building Association, and are confident our efforts will protect your business interests. Read our most recent letter [here](#).

DC: Mayor's Proposed 2017 Budget

Mayor Bowser has dropped her second Budget since taking office. For 2017 she continues to invest heavily in the Housing Production Trust Fund at \$100 million, with other significant investments in education and safety. View the Executive Summary of the FY 2017 Budget [here](#).



As the Budget moves through Council, one of the most important issues for REALTORS® is the possibility of an amendment lowering recordation taxes for first-time homebuyers. Help us support lower recordation taxes by emphasizing this priority with your Councilmembers and at any community engagement forum you attend.

GCAAR's Green Class Brings Together Environmental Agencies

GCAAR consistently advocates for voluntary incentives and initiatives, and the environmental sustainability field is no different. GCAAR, along with DCAR and MLS, have been on the leading edge of environmental issues. Now, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and DC's Department of Energy and the Environment have taken notice of the "Greening of MRIS."

Get up to speed on the new Green MRIS fields, what they mean and how to use them, at GCAAR's course offering "name of course." For a quick glimpse of the new fields and guide from MRIS [here](#).

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