



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

New York City Issues Working Group REPORT

Wednesday, February 3, 2021
NYSAR Virtual Mid-Winter Business Meetings
2:00 p.m.

Deborah Iemma
Chair

Melissa Gomez
Vice-Chair

The Working Group approved the report from the September 23, 2020 meeting.

Evan Stavisky and Jake Herring from the Parkside Group, NYSAR's New York City lobbyists, provided an update on political and legislative issues in New York City, including upcoming 2021 City Council elections, the New York City budget, and concerns with bills before the City Council, including proposals to ban criminal background checks on prospective tenants, to provide tenants and nonprofits with a first opportunity to purchase an apartment building when being sold, and to require fire sprinklers to be retrofitted in residential buildings over 40 feet. Also discussed were ongoing efforts to advance NYSAR's coop transparency bill in the City Council.

NYSAR staff provided updates on Governor Cuomo's executive budget proposal, a pied-a-terre tax proposal, a new cease and desist zone in parts of Brooklyn, and progress on coalition efforts regarding the NYC broker fee cap lawsuit.

The working group discussed ongoing political challenges facing REALTORS and the broader real estate community.