



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

New York City Issues Working Group REPORT

NYSAR Virtual Fall Business Meetings
Monday, September 20, 2021
2:00 p.m.

Deborah Iemma
Chair

Melissa Gomez
Vice-Chair

The Working Group approved the report from the February 3, 2021 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 the 2021 general elections, and several bills before the City Council. These include bills that would establish rent stabilization for certain commercial properties in New York City, ban criminal background checks on prospective tenants, provide tenants and nonprofits with a first opportunity to purchase an apartment building when being sold. Also discussed were ongoing efforts to advance NYSAR's coop transparency bill in the City Council.

NYSAR staff provided updates on the 2021-22 enacted State Budget and the status of NYSAR's 2021 Legislative Priorities, including fair housing bills, a proposal to impose a pied-a-terre tax in New York City, legislation that would impose flip taxes in New York City, a bill to remove the ban on telemarketing during States of Emergency and legislation directing the DOS to hold a hearing regarding the possible imposition of a countywide cease and desist zone in Brooklyn.

Vice Chair Melissa Gomez encouraged working group members to respond to calls for action to the New York City Council on commercial rent stabilization and the proposed ban on criminal background checks in rental housing.