



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

New York City Issues Working Group REPORT

Monday, January 23, 2023
NYSAR Mid-Winter Business Meetings
1:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Rosanne La Fata
Chair

Brian Phillips
Vice-Chair

The working group approved the report from the September 19, 2022 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. This included a discussion of meetings with the mayor's staff and City Councilmembers, legislation pertaining to commercial rent control, first opportunity to purchase for not-for-profit organizations, prohibiting the use of criminal background checks in housing, limiting the amount collected in broker's fees by a landlord's agent, cooperative transparency and disclosure, property tax reform and regulations pertaining to New York City's Local Law 97 of 2019.

NYSAR staff provided an update on New York City-related issues at the state government level, including legislation to ban broker fees collected by the landlord's agent, a new proposal to study non-rental fees charged by landlords, a proposed regulation that would create a cease-and-desist zone within Brooklyn's Community Board 17 and the Governor's State of the State address.

The committee discussed the issue of unpaid and reduced broker commissions from New York City government agencies and staff updated the committee on a letter sent to the NYC Commission on Human Rights requesting guidance on the applicability of the Salary Transparency Act for independent contractors.