

2020 VPAR Public Policy YEAR IN REVIEW

HAMPTON

- Continued to collaborate with the City of Hampton on the “Resilient Hampton” initiative.
- Supported amendments to the Hampton Zoning Ordinance relative to residential mixed-use development and multi-family dwelling units.
- Conducted online interviews and maintained communication with candidates in election races for Mayor and City Council, providing endorsements and RPAC funding to select campaigns.

NEWPORT NEWS

- Supported proposed amendments to the definition of density in the City of Newport News in an effort to provide more homeownership opportunities.
- Worked to update the 2019 City of Newport News housing needs study and continued outreach with the City on brand development using the results.
- Conducted online interviews and maintained communication with candidates in election races for City Council, providing endorsements and RPAC funding to select campaigns.

Housing Information Distribution

Provided housing sales data to our local government leaders.

Delivered copies of NAR’s biannual smart growth publication, ON COMMON GROUND, to our local government offices.



Hampton Roads Regional Transportation Fund

Led successful negotiations with Hampton Roads Transit to reduce the original increase of the recordation tax from \$.15 per \$100 of value to **\$.06 per \$100** of value and secured a seat on the Hampton Roads Regional Transit Advisory Board.



YORK COUNTY

- Provided input to the York County Planning Department on revisions to its Comprehensive Plan.



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2020 SESSION & SPECIAL SESSION

PANDEMIC RELIEF

During the pandemic and ensuing lockdowns, stayed in regular communication with local governments to provide information on housing, landlord and property owner forbearance, rental relief, evictions moratoriums, COVID-19 relief packages passed by Congress and CARES Act funding streams.



Closely monitored Special Session budget for language that could override policy decisions relative to rental relief and eviction moratoriums.

Reviewed almost
4,000 bills
that were introduced during the 2020 General Assembly Session, including legislative remedies for:



Rent Monies into Escrow

Security Deposit Disbursement

Death or Disability of a Broker

Property Owner Association and Condominium Owners Association Acts/Extension for Right of Rescission

Removal of Restrictive Covenants

HB 795 SB 235

Vetoed by the Governor

Worked toward passing legislation that would have allowed members to gain additional access to affordable health insurance. Despite bi-partisan support in both the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia, the bill was ultimately vetoed by the Governor.



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First virtual General Meeting held



Virtual Public Policy Committee Meetings



Town Hall Meeting with Congressional Representatives