## HELP PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY!

**5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONTRIBUTE** 



### What is the Texas Legislative Action Committee (TLAC)?

Protect your local control. Together, we have a voice at the Texas Capitol. This diverse group of homeowner leaders, community managers, and representatives from community association business partners provides perspective on how proposed legislation could impact people living and working in community associations.

#### WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

During legislative sessions in Maryland, there are always pieces of legislation introduced that impact Texas' community associations. We need your help now to continue to educate legislators and build relationships on your behalf. In order to be successful in supporting or opposing legislation, we rely on your support. Your donation makes our legislative advocacy and outreach efforts possible.

Please consider donating a \$1 per door (or more) so we can represent your community voice at the State Capitol. Giving is easy, simply donate online today at <a href="https://www.advocacy.caionline.org">www.advocacy.caionline.org</a> or mail back your Dollar-a-Door or More donations form.

Additional information can be found on the Legislative Action Committee's website, <a href="https://www.caionline.org/TXLAC">www.caionline.org/TXLAC</a>.



**Gives you a voice.** The volunteer committee represents the approximately 6.12 million Texans who live and work with the <u>Texans 22,300 community associations</u>. Your donation saves you and your community association money by protecting Texan's homeowner and condominium associations from burdensome legislation.

Keeps you informed and involved. The Texas Legislative Action Committee (TLAC) organizes "grassroots" advocacy campaigns — letters, e-mails, phone, and social media communications regarding important issues related to community associations.

Tracks legislation that could impact community associations. In 2023, the committee reviewed 171 bills that directly or indirectly impacted community associations >> <a href="https://www.caionline.org/LegislativeTracking">www.caionline.org/LegislativeTracking</a>

Strengthens key relationships with lawmakers. By educating lawmakers, legislative and executive staff, and other organizations, as well as testifying, the committee helps advance issues facing community associations and influence the outcome of legislation.

Advocacy Successes. In the 2023 Legislative Session, TLAC actively tracked over 160 bills. 686 Texans advocated with TLAC, helping to keep legislators in Austin accountable on key issues. Here are a few of the bills TLAC advocated on:

**HB 92/HB 276** would have prohibited HOAs from preventing certain activities by property owners including raising chickens and rabbits, growing fruits, and vegetables. TLAC actively opposed this legislation and sent out a call to action requesting that members contact their representative. TLAC was opposed to these bills and launched a successful advocacy campaign to halt this harmful legislation.

**HB 330** would have prohibited HOAs from preventing owners installing a wind power facility on their property. TLAC was opposed to this bill which successfully died in the House.

HB 998 allows the Texas Insurance Commissioner to include underserved HOA and Condominium common area property as eligible under the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan to provide coverage for those associations located within 10 miles of the TWIA coverage area that can't obtain it in the private market. TLAC was supportive of this bill, and believes this bill will greatly help those POAs in rural and other underserved areas to get the insurance coverage they need as a nonprofit corporation.

HB 1193 prohibits HOAs from restricting a tenant's method of payment to a property owner. TLAC was supportive of this bill which successfully passed.

**HB 1252** would have required HOAs to conduct an annual audit and provide a copy to each member of the association. TLAC was opposed to this bill which successfully died in the House.

Click here to follow the important legislation CAI is tracking for 2023 and beyond.

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