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2025 LUBBOCK ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® PRESIDENT

**REALTORS®** wave the Flag for Homeownership

July in West Texas comes in hot, and not just the temperatures. It's a time to celebrate freedom, fireworks, and the fierce pride we hold for our country, our state, and our community. This month, we honor the bold spirit of America and the hardworking REALTORS® who keep Lubbock moving forward.

Markets may shift, but our commitment to service, professionalism, and local expertise remains rock-solid.

Step back in time to America's founding; when independence wasn't handed over but fought for. That same grit lives in today's REALTORS®. Whether facing regulatory changes, economic curveballs, or market slowdowns, we rise with resilience. We adapt. We hustle. We serve.

The American Dream may look different than it did in 1776, or even 1976; but the heart of it remains: opportunity, stability, and ownership. In Lubbock, that dream is still within reach. As of April 2025, the median home listing price is \$255,400, showing year-over-year stability. Lubbock is the 2nd most affordable Texas city to buy a home in, with a population of more than 100,000. With our diverse economic base, we enjoy a rich quality of life, with some big-city amenities and a robust music, arts, entertainment, and sports scene. With 4.8 months of housing inventory, we're in a healthy, balanced market that benefits everyone; buyers, sellers, communities, and the professionals who serve them.

At LAR, our REALTOR® community is growing. The Lubbock Association of REALTORS® now serves over 1,700 members, with more professionals stepping up to meet evolving local needs. We are strong as an association, offering a multitude of member benefits, and focused on professionalism and service to our members and our community.

As we wave our flags and fire up the grills, let's ask: What does freedom mean today? In real estate, it means flexibility, ownership, and the ability to build something meaningful. It means helping others find stability through homeownership; and doing it all with integrity.

Your Association is proud to stand with you. So this month, wear your red, white, and blue with pride. Keep showing up, giving your best, and chasing what's next. As a REALTOR®, you understand freedom isn't just about fireworks. It's about the everyday courage to light the way forward.

Go America. Go Texas. Go YOU. Andrea

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## **PLATINUM R**

Jef Conn\*\*\*

#### **GOLDEN R**

Donna Sue Clements\*\*\*® Rich Eberhardt\*\*\*® Michael Hutton® Cade Fowler\*\*\*® Tony Lloyd\*\*\*® Lisa Pearce\*\*\*® Andrea Sturdivant® Tracy Thomason®

#### **CRYSTAL R**

Coby Crump Vanessa Dirks\*\*\* Tim Garrett Amie Henry Vanesa Hyde Lia Irvin Kirk Schneider Teresa Smith\*\*\*

## **STERLING R**

Brian Aycock Chris Brooks<sup>®</sup> Leigh Anne Brozo Mason Coor Tom Couture Rusty DeLoach Lauren Egert<sup>®</sup> Linda Ferguson Brenda Fisher Jay Galea <sup>®</sup> Tim Grissom Tim Grissom Jacky Howard Cheryl Isaacs Nathan Jordan Hillary Martin Joe L. Murfee, III Colby Norris Emily Phillips Franklin Pirelli Kyle Rogers p

Crystal Sanchez Winn Sikes\*\*\* Lesli Spears Jeremy Steen Bambi Temple Pam Titzell Ruben Trujillo Dan Williams\*\*\*

## **CORPORATE MAJOR INVESTORS**

Alliance Credit Union Benchmark Mortgage City Bank Mortgage D.R. Horton Hub City Title LBK Roofing Lubbock National Bank Peoples Bank South Plains Electric Coop Spirit Mortgage Texas Tech Credit Union Western Bank

President's Circle | \*\*\*RPAC Hall of Fame

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## HALL OF FAME

The RPAC Hall of Fame recognizes dedicated members who have made a significant commitment to RPAC (this includes TREPAC in Texas) over the years by investing an aggregate lifetime amount of at least \$25,000.

Hall of Fame members are installed at the May REALTORS® Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo the following year. President's Circle investments may be counted towards Hall of Fame status.

Among the Hall of Fame benefits are inductee names prominently featured on the RPAC Hall of Fame wall located on NAR's Washington, D.C.

building rooftop, a personal plaque commemorating the installation and recognition pins with the Hall of Fame designation.



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Before I became a REALTOR®, I worked in information technology and was already an investor in residential real estate. While my IT friends were concerned with MVC vs N-Tier vs Microkernel architectures, I'd be thinking about property tax reform and private property rights. When I became a REALTOR® and learned about TREPAC, I knew I'd found my tribe.

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TRACY THOMASON MAJOR INVESTOR AND PRESIDENT'S CLUB

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# **CLAY SHOOT**

## **Friday, August 15 Lubbock Shooting Complex** 1475 CR 1

Lubbock, TX 79423





## TREPAC PARTICIPATION LEVELS



RPAC Hall of Fame is awarded to members who have invested \$25,000 or more throughout their career as a REALTOR®. This is a lifetime award achievement.

RPAC

## **MAJOR INVESTOR**

RPAC's Major Investor program consists of an elite and passionate group of REALTOR® investors who give a minimum annual investment of \$1,000 or more.



## PLATINUM R MEMBER

A Texas REALTOR® investing \$10,000 or more in one year will be recognized as a Platinum R major investor. Individual members can then sustain their Platinum R status with an annual investment of \$5,000.

## RPAC GOLDEN R MEMBER

A Texas REALTOR® investing \$5,000 in one year will be recognized as a Golden R major investor. Members can then sustain their Golden R status with an annual investment of \$2,000.

## RPAC CRYSTAL R MEMBER

A Texas REALTOR® investing \$2,500 in one year will be recognized as a Crystal R major investor. Members can then sustain their Crystal R status with an annual investment of \$1,500.

## RPAC STIRLING R MEMBER

A Texas REALTOR® investing \$1,000 in one year will be recognized as a Sterling R major investor.

## TREPAC CAPITOL CLUB

A Texas REALTOR® investing \$500 to \$999 in one year becomes a Capitol Club member.

#### TREPAC LONE STAR STATESMAN

A Texas REALTOR® investing \$250 to \$499 in one year becomes a Lone Star Statesman.

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## **110 CLUB MEMBER**

A Texas REALTOR® investing \$110 to \$249 in one year becomes a 110 Club Member.

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## **PARTICIPATION CLUB MEMBER**

Any Texas REALTOR® investing \$35 to \$109 is considered a member of TREPAC.



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## THE TREPAC INVESTMENT YEAR IS OCTOBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

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## **Increase Homebuyer Engagement with Portals**

Flexmls includes a powerful tool to keep your homebuyers engaged and informed throughout their home search. It's called the Portal, and it's available to every agent and client in Flexmls.

#### The Portal is your branded, private website where clients can:

- View listing recommendations you've handpicked for them
- Receive instant notifications about new or updated listings
- Mark favorites, mark possible matches, and reject homes
- Message with you
- Search MLS data on their own

#### Where to learn more:

The Flexmls Client Portal ((recorded training)

## https://bit.ly/Flexmls\_Client\_Portal\_101

- Portals How-To (short tip video) https://bit.ly/Flexmls\_Portals\_How-To
- Client Portals in Flexmls (written help) https://bit.ly/Flexmls\_Client\_Portals
- Client Portal FAQs (recorded training) https://bit.ly/Flexmls\_Portal\_FAQs

## Why use the Portal?

- One Ecosystem The Portal provides a consistent user interface across all platforms for your homebuyers.
- You're Their Gateway to the MLS - Give buyers real-time, direct access to the MLS, not outdated third-party info.
- Efficient for Buyers They don't have to dig through their email inbox to find listings you recommend.
- Security When homebuyers use your portal, their name, email, and personal information is never sold or shared with third parties.
- Dedicated Mobile App for Homebuyers - Access the portal through a convenient mobile app just for Flexmls homebuyers.

Using the Portal is a great way to stand out and stay connected. Give your buyers a better experience, right from Flexmls.

## Flexmls Updates and Important Information

#### Here's a breakdown of recent changes, new features and reminders for using Flexmls:

#### **Flexmls System Changes**

- MLS-wide Watermarks on Pictures: Watermarks on pictures have been removed. However, any pictures that already contain the watermark will still have them.
- Listing Contract Date: This field, previously called "Listing Date," is now the date you will click "Publish" for a listing, regardless of whether it's "Coming Soon" or "Active."
- Reminder about Close Price being outside a 10% range of the List Price: Soon, the system will remind Listing Agents if a close price is more than 10% different from the list price. This feature is intended to help prevent data entry errors (e.g., \$35,000 instead of \$350,000). While it won't prevent you from entering your chosen amount, it will provide an opportunity to edit it before saving. Once saved, only Tonya can edit this field.
- Stories Total Field: If left blank, the system assumes a property has one story. However, listings with a blank "Stories Total" field won't appear in searches for one-story properties because the system interprets it as "null" instead of "1." To ensure your one-story listings are searchable, always enter "1" in this field.
- Links & Documents (now MLS Intranet): Many items previously found under "Links & Documents" in Rapattoni are now in Flex under "MLS Intranet." To access it, click "Menu," then search for "Intranet" (note the spelling: "intranet"). This section includes resources like ShowingTime Training, Zone/Subzone maps, and MLS Rules.

#### **Understanding Square Footage Fields in Flex**

- Above Grade Finished Area: This refers to the square footage of the main structure that does not include the basement. It encompasses all stories above ground. It specifically excludes other structures like an apartment over the garage or a rear dwelling.
- Below Grade Finished Area: This is the square footage of the main structure that includes the basement. It specifically excludes other structures such as a barn, garage, or rear dwelling.
- Livable Area: This field is automatically calculated and represents the total square footage of both the Above Grade Finished Area and the Below Grade Finished Area.
- **Important Note:** The square footage of other structures (e.g., detached garages, guest houses) should be included in the Public or Private Remarks, not as part of the Above or Below Grade Finished Area fields.

#### How to Copy a Listing in Flex

- Copy or make note of the MLS# of the listing you wish to copy.
- Click "Menu."
- Under Add/Change, Select "Copy."
- Enter the MLS#
- Follow the prompts to complete the copying process.

#### How to search for something specific

## • In the quick search field, type the phrase you're looking for (example - Garden Home)

• Add a field and search for Zero Lot Line

#### The following new fields have been added:

- Flood Zone
- Builder Name
- Requested New Fields/Statuses
- The following new fields/statuses have been requested and are being implemented:
  - Pre-Leasing (Residential Lease only)
  - Days Vacant (Residential Lease only)

#### Going Live before noon on July 8:

- Corporate License Number (not required)
- Licensed Supervisor Name (required
- Licensed Supervisor License Number (required)

#### Please be aware of the following reported issues that are being addressed:

- Updated Schools and School Overlays Update expected in August
- Customizing reports for Residential Lease
- Start Showing Date Should be editable by agents
- CDOM calculation errors Incorrectly resetting or not resetting when it should



## 

# Nominate REALTOR® Members for the 2026 Board of Directors

The 2025 Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for 2026 Officers and Directors. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the association, ensuring it operates smoothly, remains financially healthy, and effectively



represents members' interests.

## Positions to be filled:

2026 President Elect 2026 Secretary/Treasurer Five (5) Director Positions

## **Qualifications for Director and Officer Positions:**

## Director

- REALTOR® Member in good standing.
- Holds a valid, active Texas real estate broker or salesperson license.
- REALTOR® member of the Association at least two (2) years immediately prior to election and served as a member of a standing committee or task force.
- Elected Directors cannot serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Nominate a REALTOR®

## **President Elect**

- REALTOR® Member in good standing.
- Holds a valid, active Texas real estate broker or salesperson license.
- Served at least two (2) years as a Director prior to assuming office.

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## Secretary/Treasurer

- REALTOR® member in good standing.
- Holds a valid, active Texas real estate broker or sales person license.
- Served at least two (2) years as a Director prior to assuming office.
- Served at least one (1) term as a Member of the Finance Committee.

## Information on the Current Board of Directors

- **President Elect** Colby Norris, McQueen Company, REALTORS® (according to the LAR bylaws, the current President Elect automatically ascends to President the following year)
- Secretary/Treasurer Tracy Thomason, Exit Realty

## Directors continuing to serve through 2026

- Chris Brooks Exit Realty
- Cory Cash Keller Williams Realty
- Lia Irvin Condor Property Group
- Angela Smith The WestMark Companies
- Jeremy Steen Keller Williams Realty
- Ruben Trujillo Clear Rock Realty
- Kristen Wright Wright Realty and Design

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#### FK 1,707 LAR Membership Counts as of 111 **MLS only Designated REALTORS® Total members** 111 MLS only REALTORS

June 30, 2025.

206 **Designated REALTORS®** 

- 1.439 **REALTORS®** 
  - 22 **REALTORS®** Emeritus
  - 40 Appraisers

**REALTOR® MEMBER APPLICATIONS** 

Matt Wright, Location Rentals Leslie Luna, Brick & Loft Realty Venancia Flores, Michelle Kauffman Real Estate

Kerri Siau, Estacado Farm and Ranch, LLC Shelly Pierce, Texas Standard Realty, LLC Natasha Johnson, Reside Real Estate Co. Sara Elliott, Sendero Properties, LLC Christopher Riojas, Progressive Properties Jennifer Randall, Aycock Realty Group, LLC

Braiden Martin, Taylor Reid Realty Randall Tate Branson, Taylor Reid Realty Dalton Postar, Aycock Realty Group, LLC Emma Schubert, Taylor Reid Realty Kyle Vaughn, Texas Home and Land Connection

Kavan Adams, Taylor Reid Realty Chelsea Chinworth, Keller Williams Realty Zachery Carrizales, Exit Realty of Lubbock



Brendan Garrison, Chas. S. Middleton and Son, LLC.

Jennifer McCormick, West Texas Roots Realty

## **TRANSFERS**

Melissa Vega, Reside Real Estate Co., to Aycock Realty Group, LLC

Cy Valdez, Reside Real Estate Co., to Better Homes and Gardens Blu Realty

Jackson Davis, Keller Williams Realty, to Panhandle Realty Group

Hanna Boyce, Lyons Realty, to Steadfast Realtv

Doug Duncan, Keller Williams Realty, to Real Broker, LLC

Rebecca Duncan, Keller Williams Realty, to Real Broker, LLC

Jason Arnold, Keller Williams Realty, to Real Broker, LLC

Courtney Bartosh, Keller Williams Realty, to Real Broker, LLC

Matt Moreland, Keller Williams Realty, to Real Broker, LLC

Zach Knight, Keller Williams Realty, to Real Broker, LLC

Stacie Patterson, Lubbock Select Realty, to Keller Williams Realty

Dawn Mitchell, Keller Williams Realty, to Aycock Realty Group, LLC

Chris Farrell, Amy Tapp Realty, to Aycock Realty Group, LLC

Jonathan Adkins, eXp Realty LLC, to Panhandle Realty Group

## CANCELLATIONS

Ciara Zamora, The WestMark Companies Amanda Bennett, Mynd Management Miguel Rodriguez, Better Homes and Gardens Blu Realty

Lal Williams, Keller Williams Realty Ashley Chandler, Keller Williams Realty Teresa Hector, Exit Realty of Lubbock Nena Patterson, eXp Realty LLC Wendy Scott, Exit Realty of Lubbock

MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

**MLS only Appraisers** 

Ben Krahmer reinstated with Jerry J. Kitten Broker

Joe Hall reinstated with West Sage, REAL-TORS®

## MLS ONLY

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Cheryl Pfingsten, Texas Country Real Estate

Angie Byerly, Home REALTORS® Jose Robles, Regal, REALTORS®, cancelled

Jose Robles, Madison Park Realty April Golden, eXp Realty LLC, cancelled Melissa Medina, Newfound Real Estate LLC

Mandy Wells, eXp Realty LLC

Atticus Freeland, Legacy Brokers Group Anthony Giglio, Tomo Real Estate, cancelled

Kimberly Trigo, Iron Oak Real Estate Penny Moore, Home Pros Real Estate Group, cancelled

Gabi De La Rosa, Home Pros Real Estate Group, cancelled

PJ Zaji, Regal, REALTORS®, cancelled Leighton Pinkham, Regal, REALTORS®, cancelled

Reese Logan, 1st Class Real Estate Elevate, cancelled

Jessica Eblen, 1st Class Real Estate Elevate, cancelled





# CLASSES EVENTS

## United Way Pre-Campaign Kick-Off

Thursday, July 10 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Western Bank | 11717 Slide Rd.

## New Member Orientation

Tuesday, August 5 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## **TREPAC Clay Shoot**

Friday, August 15 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration coming soon!

## You Mean Real Estate Contracts Must Be Written?!

Thursday, August 21 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

## TREC Legal Update 1

Friday, August 22 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

## **TREC Legal Update 2**

Friday, August 22 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

## **August Luncheon**

Thursday, August 28 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

## **GRI - Contracts to Closing**

September 22-25 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

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Lubbock Area United Way



We're getting ready to launch our 2025 Campaign and want to celebrate with YOU!

Come hear the vision behind this year's campaign and get excited for what is to come.

No donations - just drinks, hors d'ouevres, and drawings!

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11717 Slide Road

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# Make your \$35 investment count for generations

A \$35 investment in TREPAC may seem small, but it plays a significant role advancing key real estate issues. Similar to our highways which connect communities all across Texas, TREPAC helps connect and advocate for you and all Texans.

## **WARNING**

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