

# AGENDA



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®  
2019 REALTORS® CONFERENCE AND EXPO  
LAND USE, PROPERTY RIGHTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
OMNI SHOREHAM  
Empire Room, Lower Level**

**CHAIR** Kathleen McQuilkin (PA)  
**VICE CHAIR** Eugene Szepeinski (MI)  
**COMMITTEE LIAISON** Melanie Barker (CA)  
**STAFF EXECUTIVE** Russell Riggs (DC)

## **PURPOSE**

To position the National Association of REALTORS® on federal environmental, land use, energy, natural resource and property rights legislation and regulation.

## **I. Welcome & Introductions:** Kathleen McQuilkin, Chair

- a) [Conflict of Interest Policy](#)
- b) Approval of [Minutes from the Nov. 2018 Meeting](#)
- c) Introduction of 2019 Vice Chair: Gene Szepeinski
- d) 100% RPAC Challenge: Gene Szepeinski, Vice-Chair
- e) Approval of the 2019 Committee Goals

## **II. Program Updates:** Kathleen McQuilkin, Chair

- a) Smart Growth Advisory Board/Land Use Initiative: Laurie Urbigkit, Chair, Smart Growth Advisory Board
- b) Sustainability Program/Advisory Group: Amanda Stinton, Director

## **III. Legislative and Regulatory Updates:** Gene Szepeinski, Vice Chair

- a) Russell Riggs, NAR Staff

## **IV. Expert speaker on Service Animals:** Kathleen McQuilkin, Chair

- a) Melody Taylor, OFHEO, HUD (Invited)

It has been reported that HUD has begun circulating among other regulatory agencies proposed guidance that will begin looking at ways to curb abuse of assistance animals. Much of the concerns have been centered around the inability of landlords to properly vet “prescriptions” for the need for companion animals.

## **V. Old Business:** Gene Szepeinski, Vice-Chair and NAR Staff

- a) Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) standards Issue Brief

At the last meetings the Committee discussed the CAFÉ standards and asked staff to add additional information to the report related to air quality and public health impacts. NHTSA's Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards regulate how far our vehicles must travel on a gallon of fuel. NHTSA sets CAFE standards for passenger cars and for light trucks (collectively, light-duty vehicles), and separately sets fuel consumption standards for medium- and heavy-duty trucks and engines. NHTSA also regulates the fuel-economy window stickers on new vehicles.

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b) FERC, Natural Gas Pipelines and Eminent Domain Issue Brief

At the last meetings the committee discussed FERC and its possible abuse of eminent domain authority and property rights in pipeline developments.

**VI. New Business:** Kathleen McQuilkin, Chair

a) Commitment to Excellence

**VII. Committee Information Exchange/Discussion:** Gene Szpeinski, Vice Chair

**VIII. Adjournment:** Kathleen McQuilkin, Chair