



# PROTOCOLS FOR AFFILIATES TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

The California Association of REALTORS® has been asked, can an affiliate contribute to the REALTOR® Action Fund? The answer is NO, they cannot contribute to REALTOR® Action Fund! However, an affiliate can contribute to support the California Real Estate Independent Expenditures Committee (CREIEC), one of the four Political Action Committees (PACs) sponsored by the California Association of REALTORS®! CREIEC is an independent expenditure committee that independently advocates for or against candidates in accordance with the interests of the real estate industry.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Edwards at 916-492-5211 or [lisae@car.org](mailto:lisae@car.org).

To ensure compliance with the FPPC and FEC rules, the following protocols must be followed:

1. An Affiliate cannot contribute to REALTOR® Action Fund, an Affiliate can ONLY contribute directly to CREIEC, California Real Estate Independent Expenditure Committee.
2. An Affiliate can only make a contribution online on the Affiliate Contribution webpage at:  
[www.car.org/en/advocacy/PACsnRAF/raf/affiliatecontributions](http://www.car.org/en/advocacy/PACsnRAF/raf/affiliatecontributions)
3. Local Association should direct their Affiliates to make their contribution on the Affiliate contribution webpage at:  
[www.car.org/en/advocacy/PACsnRAF/raf/affiliatecontributions](http://www.car.org/en/advocacy/PACsnRAF/raf/affiliatecontributions)

*\*Must be done prior to an Affiliate making a contribution using C.A.R.'s Online portal, the local Association must create a record for an Affiliate in NRDS, which will generate a NRDS#. Please choose "Affiliate" (AFF) for member type.*

4. An affiliate's contribution counts towards participation, but no funds\*\* are directed to the local's sub-accounts, LCRC, IMPAC and ALF. All contributions received from an affiliate(s) are deposited into the CREIEC, California Real Estate Independent Expenditure Committee.

*\*\* Political contributions are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal and state income tax purposes. Contributions to the REALTOR® Action Fund are voluntary, but you may give more, or less, or nothing at all. Failure to contribute will not affect an individual's membership status in the California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.). All contributions received will go to the California Real Estate Independent Expenditure Committee-California Association of REALTORS® ("CREIEC"), which makes independent expenditures in support of or opposition to candidates.*