

### MARCH Monthly Spotlight 2025

#### Chairman's Message: Nicole Lopez



<u>Click here</u> for this month's message from TREPAC Chairman Nicole Lopez.

## Spotlight Issue: REALTOR® Day at the Texas Capitol

REALTOR® Day is almost here!

We can't wait to see over 3,000 Texas REALTORS® here in Austin on March

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Texas REALTORS® Political Action Committee (TREPAC) is to raise and disburse funds to promote home ownership, protect real property rights, and increase political awareness.



Spotlight Fundraiser: WHY 35 Campaign

Did you know only 37% of our 150,000 members invested in TREPAC last year?

26th for REALTOR® Day at the Texas Capitol.

We will kick off our big REALTOR® Day rally with a group photo at 10:20 a.m., and rally at 10:30 a.m. on the South side of the Capitol.

Legislative office meetings will run between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. with our BBQ lunch provided at the Texas REALTORS® building.

**RDATC Resources** 

- Access the <u>Realtor Day portal</u> <u>here</u>!
- Check out the <u>FAQ page</u>
- Attend the <u>Know Before You Go</u> -<u>Realtor Day Prep Webinar</u>, Friday, March 21st

We'll see you then!



**Calculate Your Savings** 

Our mission is to ensure every Texas REALTOR® is doing their part to protect their profession, their clients, and be the voice for Real Estate.

<u>Go to TREPAC.com/inves</u>t to make your \$35 investment today! Then, tell us your "WHY" using one word to describe why you invest. **Scan the QR code** in the flyer to share along with a picture that best describes your WHY.



Download a copy of the WHY 35 flyer.

#### **Purple Solution TREPAC Store**

From purple shirts to purple chucks there's something for everyone. We've even added these popular purple pull-

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Constitutional Ban on Transfer Tax A tax on the transfer of earl property would discourage homeownerhop in Texas. According to a leading economist, that translates into a 7% reduction in sales volume.	Sales volume	\$ ×	1,800,000 0.07	s x	0.07
	Your savings	× S	Negotiated Compensation*	× S	
Homestead exemption & tax rate compression savings The expanded homestead exemption and lower school tax sate wi reduce a Teash homeowner's property taxe by an average of roug \$1,300 per year <sup>®</sup> . This calculation is based on both the exemption increase and a tax and compression of 107 cents per \$100 dV value	ihly	\$ •Te	1,300* exas Tribune article, July 28, 2023.	Ş	
Mixed-use vehicle tax Some county tax assessor-collectors were targeting Texas REALTORS <sup>4</sup> for an ad-valorem (property) tax on personal vehicles. This new tax could've spread statewide to all Texas REALTORS <sup>5</sup> and other independent contractors.	Vehicle value Your savings	\$ \$	37,000 0.0275 1,017.50	S x S	0.0275
Professional fees Supported legislation to repeal the "occupations tax" that real estate brokers pay for their two-year license in Texas.	Your savings	\$	300	\$	
Tax on services We've defeated attempts to extend the state sales tax to professional services. Had they passed, your compensation would have been taxed at 8.25%.	Sales volume	\$ × ×	1,800,000 0.0825 Negotiated Compensation*	S x x	0.0825
	Your savings	\$	compensation	\$	
Add up your total annual savings When you add it all up, TREPAC is an incredibly valuable pocketboo protector. By investing in TREPAC, you get to keep more of your hard-earned money.	Your savings	\$		тот <i>и</i> \$	ιL
*Compensation is negotiable.			And Designed Astronomy Company, Company, and	27. 703	and the second second second

Download a copy of the TREPAC Calculator here to calculate your savings.

#### New TREPAC Administrative Assistant

Please welcome K.C. Bumpas, the new TREPAC Administrative Assistant! K.C. started last week and has already hit the ground running. She is no stranger to the REALTOR® world, working as a real estate assistant and holding her real estate license from 2009 to 2021. overs, a great way to show your style and your support.



<u>Go to TREPAC.com/purplesolution</u> and get your items today!

Also, <u>checkout</u> this video from your TREPAC leadership team for more on the purple store.



# K.C. can be reached at <u>kbumpas@texasrealtors.com</u> regarding TREPAC merchandise and awards.



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