

# NEWS RELEASE

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## PIONEER VALLEY REALTORS® ATTEND ANNUAL REALTOR® DAY ON BEACON HILL

**Springfield, Mass. June 12, 2018** – Forty Realtors® from the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley (RAPV) attended the Massachusetts Association of Realtors® (MAR) 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Day on Beacon Hill at the Massachusetts State House in Boston on June 7, 2018. Governor Charlie Baker (R-Mass.) spoke to over 450 Realtors® in total from across the Commonwealth as the keynote speaker for this annual lobbying event. He is the first sitting governor to address Realtors® since the former Governor Mitt Romney did in 2003.

Governor Baker began his remarks by saying, 'I am ... very appreciative of the role you play as a critical partner with us in dealing with the housing crisis here in the Commonwealth. Your endorsement and your support of the Housing Choice Bill is an important reason why we are optimistic that this landmark housing production legislation can come to my desk sometime before the end of this legislative session.'

During the annual Realtor® Day on Beacon Hill, RAPV member Corinne Fitzgerald (Northfield) of Fitzgerald Real Estate was presented with the 2018 Private Property Rights Award from MAR President Rita Coffey and Anthony Lamacchia, Chairperson of the MAR Government Affairs Committee. This award is bestowed upon a Realtor® who, 'exemplifies hard work and commitment to government affairs affecting Realtors® and the real estate profession.' Past recipients from the Pioneer Valley include Richard Dils (Shelburne Falls) awarded posthumously, Susan Renfrew (Bernardston) of Renfrew Real Estate and Kevin Sears (Springfield) of Sears Real Estate.



Front L-R: Cheryl Malandrinos (Wilbraham); Representative Carlos Gonzalez (D-Mass.); Suzanne Moore (Holyoke); Dawn Rodgers (Springfield); Aileen Dacyczyn (South Deerfield); Edward Alford, President (South Hadley); Kelly Bowman, President-Elect (Sunderland) and Ben Scranton, Chief Executive Officer (Springfield)

Back L-R: Shawn Bowman (South Deerfield); Brian Sears (Springfield); Laura Herring, Director of Operations (Hampden); Michelle Stegall (Holyoke) and Kevin Sears (Springfield)

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L-R: Rita Coffey (MAR President), Corinne Fitzgerald (Northfield) and Anthony Lamacchia (Chairperson, MAR Government Affairs Committee)

(Northampton); Michael Dombrowski (Agawam); Patti-Ann Dombrowski (Agawam); Susan Drumm (Agawam); Corinne Fitzgerald (Northfield); Sara Gasparrini (Monson); Shelly Gingras (Hampden); Michael Gove (Ludlow); Dawn Henry (Palmer); Sharyn Jones (Westfield); Deborah Jordan (Wilbraham); Donna Kennedy (Springfield); Dorothy Maiwald (Agawam); Cheryl Malandrinos (Wilbraham); Lou Mayo (Belchertown); Suzanne Moore (Holyoke); Patrick Nolan (West Springfield); Linda O'Keefe (Agawam); Scott Rebmann (Easthampton); Susan Renfrew (Bernardston); Brian Risler (South Hadley); Dawn Rodgers (Springfield); Russell Sabadosa (East Longmeadow); Brian Sears (Springfield); Kevin Sears (Springfield); Michelle Stegall (Holyoke); Rebecca Tysz (Springfield) and Michele Welch (Holyoke). ■

The RAPV members and leadership team met with legislators and advocated for homeownership accessibility and private property rights. Those who participated includes Edward Alford, President (South Hadley); Rick Sawicki, Immediate Past President (Erving); Ben Scranton, Chief Executive Officer (Springfield); Kelly Bowman, President-Elect (Sunderland); Laura Herring, Director of Operations (Hampden); Kimberly Allen (Belchertown); Shawn Bowman (South Deerfield); Arlene Castellano (Thorndike); Luciana Cordero (Enfield); Maureen Coughlan (Springfield); Aileen Dacyczyn (South Deerfield); Peter Davies (Easthampton); Greg Dibrindisi



L-R: Senator Eric Lesser (D-Mass.); Lou Mayo (Belchertown); Russell Sabadosa (East Longmeadow); Deborah Jordan (Wilbraham); Dawn Henry (Palmer); Cheryl Malandrinos (Wilbraham); Peter Davies (Easthampton); Edward Alford, President (South Hadley); Laura Herring, Director of Operations (Hampden), Sara Gasparrini (Monson); Ben Scranton, Chief Executive Officer (Springfield); Michael Gove (Ludlow); Michele Welch (Holyoke) and Rick Sawicki, Immediate Past President (Erving)

*Editors and reporters: Please note that the term Realtor® is properly spelled with an initial capital "R", per the Associated Press Stylebook, and is a registered trademark of the National Association of Realtors®.*

*Governor Charlie Baker's quote source is from the MAR article, "Mass. [Governor Charlie Baker Speaks to Over 450 Realtors®](#) at Annual Realtor® Day on Beacon Hill."*