

Regional Vice President Update

October 2026 | Texas Updates

Get market information, transaction resources, and advocacy updates to support your business and your clients. Select blue underlined text to open a resource or event registration page.

Texas Market and Transaction Resources

Buyers have more choices. In the [2026 Texas Homebuying Experience Report](#), 69% of REALTORS® surveyed said they had clients who did not compete against other offers, up from 57% last year. Use these statewide findings alongside local data when discussing buying conditions with clients.

Get answers about water disclosures. Watch [What Every REALTOR® Needs to Know About TREC's New Water Disclosure Form](#) and share the recording with your team.

Advocacy for Property Owners

Windstorm coverage: Texas REALTORS® [opposed a proposal](#) to eliminate Texas Windstorm Insurance Association coverage for non-owner-occupied homes, an issue affecting rental properties and other homes that rely on that coverage.

Taxes and housing supply: [Austin REALTOR® John Crowe testified](#) on the market benefits of increased homestead exemptions. [Chairman Jennifer Wauhob testified](#) about affordability and removing municipal restrictions that limit housing development.

Participate: Early voting runs **October 19-30**; Election Day is **November 3**. Save **April 7, 2027**, for REALTOR® Day at the Texas Capitol. Hear more about housing priorities and the midterms in [NAR's Advocacy Scoop podcast](#).

Recognize Members Making a Difference

Nominate a member whose achievements deserve recognition. [Texas REALTORS® award nominations](#) close **November 16**.

Weston Jenkins of Fair Oaks and Cord Shiflet of Austin are finalists for NAR's Good Neighbor Award for their community volunteer work. [Voting is open through October 24](#).

Your Association at Work

Texas REALTORS® has **154,757 active members**. The headquarters remodel remains on schedule, and committee volunteer feedback is being reviewed to help groups use volunteers' time effectively.

Share these [short membership value videos](#) with colleagues. Spanish-language consumer advertisements promoting the value of working with a REALTOR® are in the editing phase.

National News and Resources

October 2026 | Resources for Your Business

Protect Your Transactions and Use Technology

NAR reports that **58% of members** said they or others in their company experienced fraud or a scam in the previous twelve months. Explore [NAR's fraud resource hub](#) and review the information with your team.

[NAR's Technology Report](#) describes how members use technology to save time and improve service. The October update also highlights [RealAssist AI and RPR data integration](#) for tailored searches, client activity summaries, and follow-up messages. Evaluate accuracy and client service when using these tools.

Follow Mortgage and Market Developments

The October update highlights expanded mortgage credit-scoring options and changes planned for 2027. Review [NAR's credit-scoring update](#) and discuss availability with lending partners.

Use NAR's [Existing-Home Sales report](#) to inform market conversations. Its [October Commercial Market Insights Report](#) describes stronger absorption and slightly lower vacancy, with recovery varying across property types. Pair national findings with local data.

For additional perspective, read NAHREP's [2025 State of Hispanic Homeownership Report](#) and watch [Ask the Economist on foreign investment](#). Share NAR's [guide to talking with teenagers about money and homeownership](#) with interested families.

National Advocacy and Association Structure

Independent contractors: A bipartisan Senate bill would clarify independent contractor treatment for real estate professionals under the Fair Labor Standards Act. NAR supports protecting the flexibility of this business model; the measure remains proposed legislation.

Commercial insurance: The Senate passed a measure extending the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act through 2034. NAR supports maintaining access to terrorism coverage for commercial real estate; Senate passage is one step in the legislative process.

MLS copyright costs: Lawmakers working with NAR urged reconsideration or delay of a proposed increase in MLS copyright registration fees from \$500 to \$700 per filing.

Association structure: A Pennsylvania appeals court upheld dismissal of a case against Greater Lehigh Valley REALTORS®, Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS®, and NAR. NAR emphasized the advocacy, ethics, and professional resources supported by its integrated structure.

A national broker mastermind event on October 15 focused on tools and strategies to strengthen businesses, support agents, and improve efficiency.

Events and Member Actions

October 2026 | Dates to Keep Handy

All listed times are Central. Select an event for registration and current details. Choose an opportunity that fits your business and share useful resources with your team.

Date	Time / Place	Event and Registration
Oct. 27	10–11 a.m.	Pet-Friendly Housing and Assistance Animals PetScreening webinar on fair housing compliance
Oct. 27	Noon	The AI-Powered Brokerage Cutting costs, growing revenue, and what's next
Oct. 28	10–11 a.m.	Virtual Commercial Connection Member resources and property showcase
Oct. 28	Noon	The Trust Algorithm Building trust in a changing market
Oct. 29	See listing	Leading the Way How REALTOR® associations advance fair housing
Nov. 6–9	New Orleans	NAR NXT Annual Conference Reba McEntire, Ryan Serhant, and John Rogers
Nov. 11	11 a.m.	Prospect Smarter, Own Your Neighborhood RPR webinar
Nov. 12	See listing	Bias Override Overcoming barriers to fair housing
Dec. 16	See listing	The Power of Mentorship YPN webinar
Dec. 16	Noon	Broker Power Hour NAR CEO Nykia Wright on strategy and broker value

Leadership and Voting Dates

October 19: Texas YPN Leadership Launchpad, Round Rock.

October 20–23: Texas REALTORS® Party and Leadership Summit for incoming leaders, Kalahari, Round Rock.

October 19–30: Early voting. **November 3:** Election Day.

April 7, 2027: REALTOR® Day at the Texas Capitol.

Plan ahead with NAR's [Major Real Estate Events calendar](#). Share local concerns and questions with your RVP.