

# HELP PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY!

## 5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONTRIBUTE



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### What is the Rhode Island Legislative Action Committee?

This diverse group of homeowner leaders, community managers, and representatives from community association business partners provides perspective on how proposed legislation could impact people living and working in community associations.

### WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

During legislative sessions in Rhode Island, there are always pieces of legislation introduced that impact Rhode Island community associations. We need your help now to continue to educate legislators and build relationships on your behalf. In order to be successful in supporting or opposing legislation, we rely on your support. Your donation makes our legislative advocacy and outreach efforts possible.

Please consider donating a \$1 per door (or more) so we can represent your community voice at the State Capitol. Giving is easy, simply donate online today at [www.advocacy.caionline.org](http://www.advocacy.caionline.org) or mail back your Dollar-a-Door or More donations form.

Additional information can be found on the Legislative Action Committee's website, [www.caionline.org/RILAC](http://www.caionline.org/RILAC)



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- 1 Gives you a voice.** The volunteer committee represents the approximately 92,000 Rhode Islanders living in [the Ocean State's nearly 2,000 community associations](#). Your donation saves you and your community association money by protecting Rhode Island's homeowner and condominium associations from burdensome legislation.
- 2 Keeps you informed and involved.** The Rhode Island Legislative Action Committee (LAC) organizes "grassroots" advocacy campaigns — letters, e-mails, phone, and social media communications regarding important issues related to community associations.
- 3 Tracks legislation that could impact community associations.** In 2025, the committee reviewed 60 bills that directly or indirectly impacted community associations >> [www.caionline.org/LegislativeTracking](http://www.caionline.org/LegislativeTracking)
- 4 Strengthens key relationships with lawmakers.** By educating lawmakers, legislative and executive staff, and other organizations, as well as testifying, the committee helps advance issues facing community associations and influence the outcome of legislation.
- 5 Advocacy Successes.** Rhode Island's state legislative session began on January 7, and adjourned on June 20, 2025. Below are highlights from the 2024 Rhode Island General Assembly:

**SB 509/HB 5156-** The bill allows condominium board and owner meetings to be held either fully or partially through virtual meeting platforms (i.e. Zoom) and includes the ability to vote and provide required notices electronically. The bill was amended to additionally clarify that special meetings requested by at least 20% of unit owners, or any lower percentage specified in the bylaws, must be called by the executive board if the stated purpose is to propose an amendment of the declaration or bylaws, reject the budget, remove a director or officer and elect a replacement, or for any other purpose of which the unit owners are entitled to vote.

**Status:** **Successfully PASSED and signed by the Governor. Effective immediately.**

**SB 508/HB 5586-** This bill creates a process for associations to give notice to mortgagees, where required by law or in the condo documents, for required approvals. If no response is received within 65 days under these bills, the request is deemed approved, allowing associations to take critical actions on specific units. This bill was agreed to by the Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association and would bring Rhode Island in line with practices in other New England states.

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## YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



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### WAYS TO PLEDGE

#### >> Community Pledge

# of doors

X  \$1 or more

\$

#### >> Flat Rate Pledge

☐ \$100

☐ \$250

☐ \$500

☐ \$1,000

\$

Helping out is easy! [Go to www.caionline.org/LACdonate](http://www.caionline.org/LACdonate) or fill out and return this Dollar-a-Door or More donations form. Most community association boards can legally allocate money to support the Rhode Island Legislative Action Committee. Please check your governing documents to verify before donating. **Corporate contributions are allowed and appreciated.**

#### METHOD OF DONATION

- ☐ **ONLINE**— [www.caionline.org/LACDonate](http://www.caionline.org/LACDonate)
- ☐ **CHECK**— make payable to: **Rhode Island Legislative Action Committee**

Association Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Management Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your association agree to be recognized for its contribution by CAI? Yes / No

\*The Rhode Island Legislative Action Committee is **NOT** a Political Action Committee (PAC) and **does not** give money to legislators or legislative candidates.

**Please return this completed form to the address below:**

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## Thank you for your support!



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