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Greetings, Three Rivers Association of REALTORS®

We are in the thick of the Autumn season, and it's fitting that we are on the brink of the Holiday season because I am full of thanks for the members who make working as a Government Affairs Director so rewarding. First up ...

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Housing Provider Resource Workshop! We collaborated with the Will County Land Use Department and the City of Joliet to bring community partners and sponsors from local social service agencies, the building trades, the financial sector, and property management experts to learn about programs and resources available to local residents and housing providers.

The intention was to not only revive the Joliet Landlord Conference model from the past, but to expand it to include the entire Three Rivers Association of REALTORS® service area. We accomplished that mission, welcoming attendees, partners and sponsors from Will and Grundy Counties who enjoyed the panel discussions and presentations, continuing the discussions through robust question and answer sessions. We look forward to continuing to develop meaningful programming for next year's event.

In related news, the Community Builders Network of Will County (formerly known as the Will County Housing Development Thought Leadership Group) has reconvened. One of the goals was to host a housing provider education session, so ... that is one goal achieved! The group will continue to meet and build out committees to identify issues with housing inventory and development, diversity of stock, affordability, and advocacy to advance the group's mission to provide solutions to the housing crisis. If you are interested in calling into the next meeting, reach out and let me know!

Another thank-you goes out to the Government Affairs Committee. We were so pleased to see members joining in efforts to support REALTOR® Champions by helping collect petition signatures to get candidates on the ballot. This kind of grassroots activity has a huge impact and we hope to continue to build out our capacity to help our REALTOR® Champions win during the 2024 Election cycle. We will be sharing more news on how REALTORS® select and support candidates in the upcoming elections.

Know how else you can support REALTOR® Champions? By attending a VERY special Let's Talk Real Estate event with not just one but TWO REALTOR Champions! **Join the Illinois REALTORS as we host Senator Patrick Joyce and Representative Anthony DeLuca on Thursday, November 16 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM at VFW Post 5422, 557 W. Baltimore St. in Wilmington, IL.** This is more than just a great opportunity to get the inside scoop on Veto Session and hear direct from the source about legislation that might impact your business - it's our way to introduce members to two REALTOR® Champions at the same time! The event is FREE for members, includes a hearty lunch, and plenty of time after the program to talk directly to your state legislators. You do not want to miss this event. Space is limited so register today! <https://tinyurl.com/36n7en3w>

While we have been busy creating a strong local network focused on addressing issues in real estate, we continue to monitor the local communities. We have our eyes and ears open to address issues ranging from rental registrations to transfer taxes to encouraging communities to develop new housing solutions. The work never ends, but with REALTOR® members like you, it is always a worthwhile endeavor and a reason to be thankful.

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