

Dear Association Board of Directors:

The 2010 Community Associations Institute's "California Legislative Action Committee" (CAI-CLAC) fundraising efforts are under way. We invite you to support this educational and advocacy organization whose sole purpose is to represent Community Associations throughout California. CAI-CLAC is the leading statewide organization dedicated to sponsoring, monitoring, and lobbying proposed legislation so that it will positively impact an estimated 40,000 Community Associations - including yours!

CAI-CLAC is a volunteer committee consisting of homeowners, board members and professionals serving HOA's. CAI is also the largest organization in America dedicated to monitoring legislation, educating elected state lawmakers, and protecting the interests of those living in HOAs. It is entirely funded by contributions.

Its Mission is to safeguard and improve your community association lifestyle and property values by advocating a reasonable balance between state statutory requirements and preserving the ability and authority of homeowners to govern themselves through their community associations.

During 2009 we were successful in opposing a bill that would have obligated future boards to 5 year contracts without adequate disclosure to owner-members, and we aided in defeating an amendment to another bill that would have required associations to monitor and enforce all water usage in owners' homes.

As a reminder, in 2008 we sponsored a proactive measure, Senate Bill 1511, known as the "Association Solvency & Assessment Recovery Act". This bill helps associations recover delinquent assessments immediately after a foreclosure sale. It requires a trustee or mortgagee to notify the association within 15 days following sale whom the new owner is ("successor-in-interest") provided the association records a "blanket" notice on all property addresses in the association. This will keep the assessment revenue flowing and avoids up to a one year delay in billing when the association isn't informed about the new owner.

CAI-CLAC needs your support in order to continue our efforts to protect you, your property value, and your community lifestyle. We suggest \$1.00 or more per property. ("A Buck a Door or More").

Please consider making a donation to CAI-CLAC today. Your dollars will help us continue to work on your behalf. Kindly fill out the CLAC Pledge form that is enclosed and mail it with your check today.

*Why not make this a line item in your annual budget as so many HOAs have done?*

Sincerely,

***Skip Daum***

Administrator/Advocate

## **"CLAC - FACTS"**

This is information regarding the fundraising efforts for 2010. "CAI-CLAC" respectfully suggests \$1.00 or more per property. (**"A Buck a Door or More"**) from those associations that are concerned about the direct effect legislation has on their property values and community lifestyle.

### **MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **"Is CLAC a Political Action Committee?" - NO**

CLAC is a member driven "grass roots" organization and doesn't contribute funds to candidates or incumbent politicians. But, CLAC is able to influence their opinions through education and personal communications through our Legislative Advocates.

#### **"Is it legal for our Homeowners Association to donate money?" - YES**

Most Association documents do not prohibit monetary donations to other non-profit entities. The board has a duty to spend the money wisely, and it's prudent to invest in protecting the association and its owners by supporting constructive public policies in statute, and opposing offensive state legislation. Contributing money to CLAC does NOT jeopardize your HOA non-profit status and is completely lawful.

#### **"Who are the people serving on CLAC?" - VOLUNTEERS**

The committee is comprised of dozens of volunteer homeowners, community managers, and attorneys. California has eight CAI Chapters and two Delegates are chosen by each chapter to serve on CLAC. Additionally, there are At-Large Delegates who are also representatives from around the state; Delegates review all legislative bills.

#### **"What is our donation used for?" - EDUCATION & ADVOCACY**

Expenses include researching and disseminating information to CAI members and CLAC contributors, administrative services, providing legislative information to the CLAC volunteers, and more. Again, NO contributions are given to legislators or candidates for election or to their campaigns.

#### **"Is CLAC really effective?" - ABSOLUTELY**

Since CAI-CLAC is the only statewide organization serving more than 40,000 HOAs, legislators and legislative committee staff ask us for our opinion and information as legislation is proposed, debated, amended and voted upon.



Serving 3,000,000 California Households in Condominiums and Homeowner Associations

“HELP US HELP YOU!”
And, thank you for your support!

YES, I/We’d LIKE TO SUPPORT CAI-CLAC WITH A PLEDGE!

- 1. HOA’s Pledge: # Doors X \$ = \$
2. Professional’s Pledge (Attorneys, Managers, etc.): One hour of professional time for every professional in the firm: Hourly professional rate = X (#) Professional(s) = \$

NAME:
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ASSOCIATION NAME:
FIRM / COMPANY NAME:
ADDRESS:
CITY: ST: ZIP:
PHONE: FAX:
CONTACT E-MAIL:

(This email address will be added to our CLACTRAC email list. Emails will be sent regarding legislation that we are tracking.)

SIGNATURE: DATE:

- CAI CHAPTER: Bay Area/Central California Chapter ( ) California North Chapter ( )
Channel Islands Chapter ( ) Coachella Valley Chapter ( )
Greater Inland Empire Chapter ( ) Greater Los Angeles Chapter ( )
Orange County Regional Chapter ( ) San Diego Chapter ( )

Make your check payable to: CAI-CLAC, and return to:
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