



2019-20 SESSION IN REVIEW

The 2019-20 Legislative Session has been as unique as the times. Formal session was scheduled to end on July 31. That date now represents a pause until debate resumes on major legislation in the fall. Notably included amongst these bills is the economic development bill, which includes the core of the Housing Choices bill, one of MAR's top priorities for the last two sessions. It also contains funding for community development, testing for crumbling concrete foundations, and extensions for building permits. We will continue advocating for these aspects of the bill.

Other advocacy accomplishments during this session include:

- Paid Family and Medical Leave Exemption for Realtors®
- Unanimous House passage of GreenWorks climate resiliency bill
- Enactment of appraisal management company licensing bill
- Short-term rental law clarifications and amendment

COVID-19 presented its own set of unique challenges for our members that required legislative and regulatory fixes including:

- Real estate declared an essential business
- Smoke and carbon-monoxide inspection deferrals
- Remote online notarization
- Licensing renewal extension
- Mortgage forbearance included in emergency housing law
- Decoupling eviction moratorium from the end of the state of emergency

**111 BILLS
ADVOCATED**

**50 SUPPORTED
45 OPPOSED
16 NEUTRAL**

**28 LEGISLATIVE
HEARINGS**

**4 REGULATORY
HEARINGS**

ADVOCACY IN OPPOSITION

We successfully opposed:

Rent Control
Transfer Taxes
Mandatory Energy Scoring
New Short-Term Rental Tax
Building Permit Surcharges
Expanded Eviction
Moratorium