



State Leadership Idea Exchange Council – Florida Realtors® A Century of Service

Since that humble beginning in 1916, hundreds of thousands of Realtors have helped millions of Floridians achieve the dream of owning a home or business. Florida Realtors' mission is to advance Florida's real estate industry by shaping public policy, teaching ethical practice and enhancing efforts of local associations to provide tools members need to succeed.

Florida Realtors is the largest trade association in the state, and its 155,000 members rely on the association for proprietary business forms, networking opportunities, education programs, market data and analysis, advocacy initiatives and much more. This year, we're looking ahead to the next 100 years as Florida's voice for real estate! Shaping public policy and protecting homeownership remains our top priority, our latest and greatest ideas focus on increasing response rates on Calls For Action (CFA) and strengthening our advocacy fund.

We believe that engaging in policy discussions through CFA's is as a privilege of membership and we'd like to seek out a greater population to take part. Our idea is to run a pilot program with local and regional MLS to list on the MLS log in page the button to respond to Calls for Action. We would inform the members of the actions taken and supply a badge, social media icon, etc. Our members in turn, would then be able to keep their customers informed with just a click or two of the actions REALTORS are taking to protect homeownership and community.

Together, we are a strong, united voice for our country. Here's a look back at the historic milestones we've achieved as over the last 100 years.

HISTORIC MILESTONES

- **1916**
Florida Association of Real Estate Boards is founded.
- **1921**
Legislature creates Florida Real Estate Commission.
- **1923**
Legislature passes laws preventing state income tax and inheritance tax.
- **1925**
The terms "real estate broker" and "real estate salesperson" are adopted and delineated by the Legislature, providing clarity for the profession and the public.
- **1930s**
The Legislature adopts the Homestead Exemption Act.
- **1955**
Florida Turnpike authorization.
- **1963**
Condominium Act is enacted.
- **1969**
A computer is used in property sales, transforming technology.
- **1972**
The Florida Legislature passes the Land Conservation Act, which creates the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) program.

- **1976**
Legislature enacts the Real Estate Recovery Fund.
- **1978**
Legislature passes Florida Housing Finance law.
- **1982**
Bill creates Division of Real Estate, which regulates the preparation and administration of exams. 1985 Growth Management Act passes.
- **1992**
William E. Sadowski Act creates two trust funds: a state government housing trust fund and a local government trust fund.
- **1995**
Private Property Rights Protection Act passes, mandating full compensation for the deprivation or devaluation of the lawful use of private property.
- **2002**
The Florida Supreme Court rules in favor of Realtors® and repeals the sales tax on services.
- **2005**
Two Commercial Real Estate Lien Acts are adopted.
- **2016**
Florida Realtors® celebrates 100th anniversary.