



Kansas REALTORS® 2026 Legislative Agenda

REALTORS® are committed to partnering with policymakers and stakeholders to increase the supply of housing, reduce barriers to homeownership, and protect private property rights.

Increasing Access to Homeownership

As Kansas REALTORS®, we reaffirm the goal of “a decent home and a suitable living environment for every family.” REALTORS® are committed to helping every single Kansan who so desires to realize the America Dream of homeownership. Increasing access to homeownership should also be a goal for the State of Kansas. Simply put, we need more housing to support the needs of our current and future workforce. A shortage of quality housing is an undeniable barrier to economic growth and development in any community, particularly those in rural areas.

Kansas REALTORS® support comprehensive housing solutions that expand access to attainable homeownership, empower local communities, invest in infrastructure, and modernize zoning to meet the needs of Kansas families. Those solutions include the following:

1. Infrastructure Financing for Local Governments

Provide revolving loan funding (administered by KHRC) to support infrastructure tied to Reinvestment Housing Incentive Districts (RHIDs).

2. Link Deposit Loan Program

Leverages idle state funds deposited in Kansas financial institutions to provide below-market mortgage rates.

3. Statewide Housing Incentive Program (SHIP)

Offers a 10% developer credit (up to \$30,000 on \$300,000 in costs) for designated owner-occupied housing. Funded by a revolving loan through KHRC, replenished via property taxes.

4. Zoning Reform

Encourages permissive zoning changes to expand attainable housing options. Allow cities to adopt forms based codes.

5. State Housing Budget Appropriation

The FY2026 housing appropriation was significantly reduced compared to recent years. Despite tight budget conditions, the state should consider adding funds to programs that create additional housing as a long-term investment in Kansas's future.

Property Tax Relief and Reform

REALTORS® believe real estate is burdened with an excessive share of the increasing cost in local government. While REALTORS® realize the importance of many programs funded through property tax revenues, we believe tax revenues should be equitably collected from a variety of sources and encourage taxing jurisdictions to consider the negative impact to the housing market and the economy associated with increases in property taxes.

Kansas REALTORS® support legislation that makes the property tax system more honest, transparent, and accountable. Legislative actions promoted as property tax relief should actually provide property tax relief and not simply shift the burden to other property owners or risk market distortions.



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