

2018 Candidates

The CAR interview team members take very serious the opportunity to interview candidates running for both statewide and legislative offices. These races include Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Treasurer every 4 years, and State Senators and State Representatives every two years. The interview committee is comprised of geographically diverse members from across the state with representation from each district for the statewide races and constituent REALTORS® from the state legislative districts for state Senate and state House seats. The interview teams undertake a thorough vetting process to select and endorse candidates who support the REALTOR® party issues. These interview committees review the policy records of incumbents, compare those records with information on potential challengers, and provide a critical evaluation of the facts surrounding a candidate's viability in their race and their positions on REALTOR® party issues. The candidate(s) are reviewed, discussed, and ultimately voted on by this interview committee first. The interview committee's recommendation is then sent to the CARPAC trustees for their approval and finally for statewide races put before the CAR Board of Directors.

Candidates, whether they are Democrat or Republican, are selected based upon whether or not the future public official supports the REALTOR® party issues. It's not an arbitrary process. Your local, state and national REALTORS® Associations care about your ability to succeed in the real estate business and that's why they put in the time and effort to offer suggestions on which candidates are the most REALTOR® friendly.

Candidates were asked about several issues including: data privacy and protection of consumer data, the use of eminent domain relating to private property rights, transfer taxes and document fees, housing growth limits and affordable housing, on-bill financing and solar leases that potentially encumber residential property, construction litigation reform and arbitration, home inspector licensing, water, transportation, wildfires, and recent ballot initiatives.

CAR as an organization supports candidates on both sides of the aisle. In fact, this far in the 2018 electoral cycle we supported 18 Democratic friendly incumbents and 19 Republican friendly incumbents and supported all 4 state caucuses in both the House and Senate. Additionally, in our new legislator of the year awards, CAR chose 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans. All of these decisions are made based on the REALTOR® party issues that we advocate for at the State Legislature and in the ballot box. And truly the legislature is one of the most important areas for CAR as an organization to engage because it is the first line of defense and offense. Our advocacy at the Capitol allows CAR to champion positive public policy that enables REALTORS® to pursue their businesses but it also protects against negative public policy that could harm the real estate industry and homeownership. Statewide races are a second line of defense that can be utilized if CAR faces hurdles in the legislative arena.

The 2018 statewide interview team unanimously selected the 2018 candidates who have also received a second approval from the CARPAC trustees. The CAR Board of Directors gave the final approval of the CARPAC trustee decision with 80% of the vote for each statewide candidate individually.