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## West San Gabriel Valley REALTORS® Met with Lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to Advocate for Policies to Promote Housing Availability and Increase Access to Homeownership

Meetings took place during the 2025 REALTORS® Legislative Meetings

San Gabriel, CA (June 4, 2025) – During the 2025 National Association of <u>REALTORS® Legislative Meetings</u>, three members of the West San Gabriel Valley REALTORS® met with members of Congress in Washington, D.C., to advocate for policies that will increase the housing supply and improve access to homeownership.

Members of the West San Gabriel Valley REALTORS® met with Congresswoman Judy Chu and discussed:

- Private property rights;
- Building housing supply and opportunity for all;
- Support for self-employed professionals;
- How NAR research products show the impact of real estate on the economy and the vital role it plays for consumers;
- The importance of property ownership in building safe, resilient communities.

"Real estate represents nearly one-fifth of the United States' GDP. The meetings on Capitol Hill were an opportunity for West San Gabriel Valley REALTORS® to talk directly with lawmakers about the positive impact REALTORS® have in local communities and for the broader economy," said West San Gabriel Valley REALTORS® President Yin Bihr.

NAR and West San Gabriel Valley REALTORS® support policies that will address the estimated 4.7 million home shortage in America. Increasing the supply of housing, easing market constraints, and making it easier for Americans to find homes they can afford will stabilize prices, revitalize communities, and support the American Dream of homeownership.

"Homeownership builds generational wealth, but a 4.7 million home shortage threatens middle-class prosperity. The members of Congress we met with were receptive to our ideas and appreciated that REALTORS® are hardworking entrepreneurs who make the American Dream of homeownership possible," added Bihr.

NAR, and state and local associations organized the meetings on Capitol Hill as a part of their advocacy efforts on behalf of the real estate industry.

## **About the West San Gabriel Valley REALTORS®**

The West San Gabriel Valley REALTORS®, established in 1922, is a trade organization with more than 3,000 REALTOR® members. For over 103 years, WSGVR has served REALTORS® throughout Southern California, specifically in Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and Temple City. The Mission Statement of WSGVR is to safeguard private property rights by promoting an adherence to the REALTOR® Code of Ethics and professional competency of our members. ####