# Greater Boston Association of Realtors® Strategic Plan Draft

## **GBAR's Realtor® members are its primary focus.**

### Mission:

The Greater Boston Association of Realtors® empowers our members to achieve success through engagement, education, and advocacy to serve consumers in an informed, professional, and ethical manner.

## A. Advocacy

- 1. Promote the value and importance of Realtor® participation in issues, advocacy activities, RPAC, and GBREBPAC investments
- 2. Enhance the exchange of information regarding local issues
- 3. Promote private property rights and homeownership
- 4. Encourage and support Realtor® members to seek election for public office, to serve in local and state government, and to speak to industry public policy issues
- 5. Use Issues Mobilization Fund to invest in local issues
- 6. Support, promote, and defend the interest of GBAR's Realtor® members
- 7. Encourage members to participate in the GBREB Grassroots Alliance and the MAR State Political Coordinator program
- 8. Promote the principles of sustainability and resiliency balancing the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

## **B.** Communication and Engagement

## Meet people where they are

- 1. Realtors®
  - a. Communicate the Value of Realtor® membership for recruitment and retention
  - b. Create public awareness campaigns (Leverage NAR)
  - c. Increase participation in the association and its programs
  - d. Create two-way communication systems using multiple mediums/channels: i.e., broker, agent, YPN members, global, influencers

#### 2. Public:

- a. Communicate the Value of Realtors® to Consumers and create awareness of the steps of a real estate transaction
- b. Provide education and information to consumers on legislation, regulation, and public policy issues, including smart growth, workforce housing, etc.
- c. Promote the Realtor® Code of Ethics and enhance professionalism
- d. Articulate the distinction between Realtors® and real estate agents

## C. Professional Development

GBAR is committed to the success of our members

- 1. Promote the success of members by improving skills and knowledge of all Realtors  $^{\tiny{\$}}$
- 2. Promote real estate as a career and an entrepreneurial opportunity
- 3. Provide dynamic and engaging training and education
- 4. Support and promote designations, certifications, and endorsements (add hot links)

- 5. Promote, support, and enforce the Code of Ethics
- 6. Provide programming to support our members for different markets and market conditions

## **D. Community Engagement**

- 1.Initiate, collaborate, and leverage relationships with other multicultural organizations and affinity groups to build more inclusive communities
- 2. Improve consumer awareness of the impact of good public policy on real estate and communities.
- 3. Celebrate Realtors® as being good neighbors in their communities
- 4. Provide community service and find opportunities and ways to support communities (e.g., seeking grants from NAR and other entities)
- 5. Promote philanthropy throughout the communities we serve.

## E. Organizational and Leadership Excellence

- 1. Provide members with superior customer service
- 2. Provide organization with stewardship and oversight
- 3. Measure and report efforts and outcomes of association programs, activities, and initiatives
- 4. Provide necessary human and fiscal resources to achieve GBAR's organizational purposes and goals
- 5. Identify, invite, and mentor leaders
- 6. Engage new leaders in positions on all levels of organized real estate
- 7. Identify Realtor® content experts to provide expert advice
- 8. Set the standard for innovation and excellence

## F. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- 1. Proactively protect and defend the fair housing laws
- 2. Enhance the culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion
- 3. Promote and deliver DEI: i.e., At Home With Diversity, Fairhaven, etc
- 4. Measure and report representation of diversity within membership
- 5. Encourage members to recognize and combat implicit bias
- 6. Continue to collaborate with multicultural and affinity groups
- 7. Welcome, invite, value, and support the diversity of our membership