

Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of REALTORS® Hot Issues: Business License Tax/Fee



CSMAR is in opposition of a Business License Tax/Fee

BUSINESS LICENSE TAX/FEE – OPPOSED

Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors opposes any tax/fee of REALTORS® individually as independent contractors. Business license tax/fees should be solely on the broker of each office, which is the case today based upon where the office is located. It has only been recently that some cities have sent individual agents a notice requiring that an individual agent secure a separate business license. We oppose a business license tax/fee on both individual agents and employing brokers.

CSMAR

Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of REALTORS® (CSMAR) boundaries contain five cities: Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills; in two counties: Ventura and Los Angeles. We also have three Municipal Advisory Councils areas: Oak Park, Santa Rosa Valley, and Casa Conejo. A great deal of coordination is required in dealing with overlapping rules, regulations, and ordinances which may affect real estate and property rights. Our Board of Directors has adopted Position Papers on issues which affect real estate the most. We believe it is important to articulate our positions on these issues to our roughly 2,000 members, citizens, and those in civic leadership positions.

WHY CSMAR IS OPPOSED

- Brokers carry a business license tax/fee for their office and agents. The tax/fee is based on gross proceeds which includes all agent commissions. To ask an agent to pay for an individual business license is double taxation/fees.
- Business tax only in the city where the actual office is located.
- Under the Professions Code, only Brokers, not individual agents, can sell real estate.
- The Bureau of Real Estate licenses all licensees to conduct business anywhere in the state of California.
- It is only recently that some cities have instituted a policy for business license tax/fee for individual agents.
- The California Association of REALTORS® has a position opposing business tax license fee for individual agents.

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