



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

2022

### From the Chair

A message from Jessica Reinhardt, DMAR Board Chair:

Welcome to your 2022 Annual Report. This is a brief recap of the activities the Board of Directors and Denver Metro Association of Realtors® staff performed on behalf of you, our member. From advocacy to education, it was our privilege to serve our membership this year.

This year we brought several new and exciting initiatives and programs to our membership. First, I want to highlight our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts. Our leadership team and task force of DMAR members reviewed and revised our Association bylaws to reflect current practices, and align with our vision of making DMAR more diverse, equitable and inclusive. As a result, we added two new seats to our Board of Directors: one for the Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA) and one for the LGBTQ+ Real Estate Alliance. These two seats are in addition to the seats we already proudly reserve for the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals® (NAHREP) and the National Association of Real Estate Brokers. Being a more diverse and inclusive Association will allow us to better serve our members and communities.

Another project that came to fruition this year was the launch of our new charitable foundation, DMAR Gives. This program envisions a Denver Metro community in which everyone has access to stable housing, equality in the homebuying process and support in achieving self-sufficiency in life. DMAR Gives will provide funding to programs that improve the quality of life for Coloradans and create a path toward stable housing and homeownership, as well as housing-related disaster relief in the communities where our members live and work.

We introduced several new programs and member offerings this year but two stand out. First, in the spring of 2022, we hosted our first-ever consumer-facing event: Housapalooza. This first-of-its-kind housing fair was an excellent one-day experience for first-time home buyers and sellers and their Realtors®. We had some incredible panels and speakers, and it was certainly a memorable and highly informative day for all who attended. Second, we launched a brand-new app that is free for all members and their clients. The DMAR Home Kit makes finding local professionals and housing market updates as easy as a tap of your finger. It's your one-stop-shop for connecting with top home service pros near you, accessing exclusive discounts and offers, finding award-winning market stats and more.

We would be remiss if we did not recognize the leaders of our 2021-2022 Board of Directors:

#### 2022 - 2023 Board of Directors

Chair, Jessica Reinhardt
Chair-Elect, Jen Routon
Vice Chair, Mike Bruce
Immediate Past Chair, Milford Adams
John Ball
Bailey Dolian
Tyler Draheim
Keri Duffy
Malisa Eakins

Brenna Harper Amy Hulsey Neymar Lopez Chris McGrath Lisa Nguyen Shari Peck Sarah Phillips Shyla Rogers

Michelle Schwinghammer

David Walsh

The Board of Directors is responsible for setting the organization's direction based on the goals from our Strategic Plan. Special thanks to Directors **Theda McDonald**, **Melanie Morgan**, **Mike Papantonakis**, **Stephany Overmyer** and **David Schlichter**, whose terms came to an end this year.

On behalf of the DMAR Board of Directors and staff, we want to thank you for being a member. Please continue reading for an overview of the work done on behalf of your membership. I look forward to a great 2023 and beyond!

Sarah Gallegos

Sincerely,
Jewica Reinhardt

Jessica Reinhardt | 2022-2023 Chair

# **Political Participation & Advocacy**



\$187,900

raised for the Realtors® Political Action Committee (RPAC)

**35%** 

RPAC participation rate

54

DMAR members recognized as RPAC Major Investors (i.e. members who invested at least \$1,000 in RPAC)

## **Events & Classes**

40

free events

60

free classes and 47 free hours

5

economic updates from national, state to county level

1

Chili Cook Off

3

networking events per month

5

Social Media Bootcamps

2

Realtor® Toolbelt vendor expos

# **Cutting-Edge Tech**

1,000+

downloads of the free DMAR Home Kit app

**500+** 

downloads of the SafeShowings app

12

new tech offerings for DMAR members

# **Exposure & Reach**

2

CAR distinguished service awards



## \$25+ MILLION

in earned media value, setting a new record for DMAR's media exposure of Realtors® and the Realtor® value

16,000+

followers on social media

30,000+

pageviews for DMAR's monthly market trends reports

330+

**DMAR Industry Partner members** 

# **Giving Back**

\$10

dues reduction, making DMAR 20% less on average than neighboring Associations

\$20,000

donated by DMAR and our charitable foundation, DMAR Gives

## **Advocacy**

Thanks to our members, 2022 was another strong advocacy year for DMAR. We continue to advocate for property rights and responsible development policies that foster much-needed housing supply to address our growing affordability crisis.

#### **Issue Wins**

- Defeating Denver Initiative 306. DMAR provided a significant contribution to the opposition campaign against Initiative 306, which would have charged property owners a \$75 fee per rental unit. Had it passed, funds collected would have gone towards an eviction defense fund for tenants. Fortunately, the city already has ample funds allocated for this purpose. The \$75 fee per unit would have been duplicative and passed onto tenants only making housing less affordable in Denver.
- Supporting Sensible Policies to Combat Gentrification. DMAR has and continues to work with numerous jurisdictions on supporting sensible accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and short-term rental (STR) policies that allow individuals to age in place while providing valuable assistance to pay off their mortgage. In 2022, Denver and Wheat Ridge passed legislation bolstering the construction of ADUs while cities such as Lakewood and Lone Tree continue to move forward on the legalization of STRs.

#### **Candidate Endorsements**

To be successful on issues, it is critically important that DMAR continue to build relationships with candidates and elected officials who understand the importance of the real estate industry and carry a sense of pragmatism into their service. We are pleased to report that all of the candidates endorsed by DMAR in November 2022 were re-elected:

- Emma Pinter Adams County Commissioner District 3
- Steve O'Dorisio Adams County Commissioner District 4
- Jason Gray Castle Rock Mayor
- Kevin Bracken Castle Rock Town Council District 3
- Abe Laydon Douglas County Commissioner District 1
- Lesley Dahlkemper Jefferson County Commissioner District 3
- Anne Barrington Parker Town Council At-Large
- 📀 Josh Rivero Parker Town Council At-Large

#### **RPAC Investments**

Your significant Realtor® Political Action Committee (RPAC) investments in 2022 gave us the ability to provide strong support for the candidates listed above and will help us as we enter an extremely important election season in 2023. We hit two of our three RPAC goals in 2022 and set a new association record for dollars raised.

- ★ We achieved our RPAC fundraising goal of \$187,900.
- We achieved our goal of hitting 54 RPAC Major Investors.
- 🜟 We ended the year with 35% RPAC participation, just below our goal of 37%.

#### RPAC Major Investors | Members who have invested \$1,000+

Nobu Hata Scott Franks LaDawn Sperling John Lucero Laura Ruch Piper Knoll Mike Papantonakis Justin Knoll Amanda Fein Keri Duffy Karen Frisone

Dale Nordby Angela Hutton-Hall Karen Levine Peter Wall Kylie Russell Liz Hotz Jennifer Routon Larry Hotz Amy Hulsey Mark Kruse Michel Brossmer

Greg Zadel Tammy Marasia Heidi Greer Jessica Reinhardt Milford Adams Richie Averill Jace Glick Libby Levinson-Katz Deb Miller Jason Peck

Anneliese Schneider

Diane Sorensen Mark Trenka Michelle Schwinghammer Dave Kupernik Andrew Abrams **Brandon Brennick** Michael Bruce Amy Cesario Amanda DiVito Parle Chris Djorup Christine Dupont-Patz

Scott Grossman

Matt Hendricks Phil Heter Kristen Miller Gretchen Rosenberg Steven Thayer Alice Van Westenberg Pat Wall Scott Webber

## DMAR Recognition Awards

DMAR congratulates the following members who were recognized for their service and commitment to the Association and industry at-large.



DBJ DE&I Award
2022 Recipient: Milford Adams
CAR Diversity & Inclusion Award
2022 Recipient: Milford Adams



Oliver Frascona Lifetime
Achievement Award
2022 Recipient: Julie Hummel



**Broker Manager of the Year** 2022 Recipient: Shyla Rogers



**Realtor® of the Year** 2022 Recipient: Jill Schafer



**Industry Partner of the Year** 2022 Recipient: Andrew Sams



**Rookie of the Year** 2022 Recipient: Alison Vuijsters



**Support Person of the Year** 2022 Recipient: Colby Miller



**Community Service Award** 2022 Recipient: Bob Bell

## 2023 - 2025 Strategic Plan

This year, the DMAR Board of Directors revised the Association's Strategic Plan and updated our Mission Statement and Values.

### **Our Mission**

DMAR is the Voice of Real Estate® in the Denver Metro Area. We are advocates, educators and industry leaders for Realtors® and our communities.

## **Our Values**

Service Excellence | Professionalism | Diversity | Integrity | Forward-thinking

## **Our Strategic Plan**



#### **ELEVATE**

DMAR raises professionalism through ethics, education and professional standards.



#### **ADVOCATE**

DMAR is the voice of real estate in the Denver region protecting and influencing property rights policy and access to housing for all.



#### **SUCCEED**

DMAR supports the success of its members and is essential to all stages of their careers.



#### **PROMOTE**

DMAR promotes its real estate voice through market trends, public relations and community service.



#### **GROW**

DMAR continues its growth through leadership outreach, shared resources and strategic expansion.



# **THANK YOU**

for your membership