

AABOR 2006 RPAC Report

RPAC funds are raised at the local Board level. These funds are forwarded to the state Association, which processes the funds. The state Association separates the funds, with 70 percent split between the state and local associations for support of state and local candidates, and 30 percent being forwarded on to the National Association of REALTORS® for support of candidates for U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

Local Board entitlements are based on RPAC funds raised the previous year. The Akron Area Board of REALTORS® 2006 local entitlement of \$19,123.05 was based on the \$51,000 raised in 2005. Akron has not received the amount of its 2007 entitlement based on the \$41,600 raised as part of the 2006 RPAC Campaign. Entitlement funds not used by a local Board during the year are rolled over to the next year and added to the incoming entitlement. Local Board RPAC contributions to candidates vary based on the local election cycle. Soft dollar RPAC funds (corporate donations), by law, cannot be contributed to candidates. Soft dollar RPAC funds are used to help offset the cost of fundraising, for example covering part of the cost of the annual RPAC Auction.

Ohio Association of REALTORS® RPAC Trustees determine contributions for state legislative candidates. There are 13 OAR RPAC Trustees appointed by the OAR President. Trustees receive input on contributions to state legislative candidates from local Boards, who interview the candidates and make recommendations. Local Boards make the decisions regarding contributions to local candidates (city council, mayors, county council, etc.). NAR RPAC Trustees determine contributions for U.S. House of Representatives and Senate candidates based on recommendations from local Boards and the state Association.

Prior to making recommendations to the OAR RPAC Trustees regarding contributions to Akron area state legislative candidates, the AABOR Legal & Governmental Affairs Division conducts candidate interviews. Interview questions focus on the candidate's views on private property rights, zoning, eminent domain, land use, etc. In 2006, State Legislative Candidate Interviews were held July 17 and July 24. Eight candidates were interviewed over two days, with a total interview time of approximately six hours.

RPAC contributions made to local candidates, political parties and state legislative candidates allow AABOR representatives to attend political fundraisers where they have the opportunity to discuss real estate related issues with the candidate and other public officials in attendance.

Following are 2006 RPAC contributions at the local, state and federal level for Akron:

2006 Local Akron RPAC Contributions

Summit County Republican Party	\$1,500
Summit County Democratic Party	\$1,500
McCarthy Campaign Committee (Summit County Executive)	\$120

Citizens for Hudson for Commissioner (Portage County Commissioner Elect Crossland Committee (Summit County Council)	\$500
Elect Ilene Shapiro (Summit County Council)	\$100
Chris Grimm and Friends (Tallmadge Mayor)	\$100
Citizens Committee Akron Public Schools (Issue 6)	\$1,000

2006 State RPAC Contributions for Akron Area

State Senator Kevin Coughlin	\$5,000
State Representative Brian Williams	\$1,000
State Representative John Widowfield	\$2,500
Candidate for State Representative Christine Croce	\$2,500
State Representative Vernon Sykes	\$1,000
State Representative Bob Otterman	\$1,000

2006 Federal RPAC Contributions for Akron Area

Congressman Tim Ryan	\$5,000
Congresswoman Betty Sutton	\$5,000

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2005 Local Akron RPAC Contributions

Summit County Republican Party	\$2,000
Summit County Democratic Party	\$2,000
Joyce Sawyer (Akron Clerk of Courts)	\$750
Jim Laria (Akron Clerk of Courts)	\$950
Michael Williams (Akron City Council)	\$300
John Otterman (Akron City Council)	\$300
John Conti (Akron City Council)	\$300
Mary Stormer (Akron City Council)	\$300
Gary Moneypenney (Akron City Council)	\$100
Don Robart (Cuyahoga Falls Mayor)	\$1,000
Kathy Hummel (Cuyahoga Falls Mayor)	\$1,000
Tim Gorbach (Cuyahoga Falls City Council)	\$200
Janet D'Antonio (Stow City Council)	\$200
Tony Cocozzo (Stow City Council)	\$200

2005/2006 Pre-Primary State RPAC Contributions for Akron Area

State Senator Kevin Coughlin	\$5,000
State Senator Kim Zurz	\$5,000
State Representative John Widowfield	\$2,500
State Representative Barbara Sykes	\$1,000

2005 Federal RPAC Contributions for Akron Area

Congressman Tim Ryan

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