



## **CAI GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE**

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**FEBRUARY 9, 2016 - SUMMARY**

### **Priority Lien Law Attack**

David Ramsey, Esq. Chair, CAI Government & Public Affairs Committee, Scott Canady, CAI Federal Lobbyist and Dawn Bauman, SVP, Government Affairs

It is expected that the priority lien laws in the 22 states and District of Columbia will be under attack during the 2016 legislative season. We believe the priority lien laws at state level will be under some level of attack by the mortgage banking industry. Mortgage bankers have threatened to not issue mortgages in states where community association lien priority exists. Some states are considering escrowing assessments as an alternative to priority lien. CAI will be organizing a task force to discuss the policy position of escrowing assessments. [Priority Lien Public Policy](#)

### **Federal Issues Update**

Ronald Perl, Esq. Chair of CAI Federal LAC, Scott Canady, CAI Federal Lobbyist and Dawn Bauman, SVP, Government Affairs

#### **Brief overview of Current Federal Issues**

There are three main federal issues being addressed by the CAI Government Affairs team.

- The [Ham Radio Parity](#) Act. H.R. 1301 and S. R. 1685. H.R. 1301 has been progressing through the House Subcommittee on Energy and Commerce. CAI will be meeting with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) to further discuss a compromise on the bill.
- [Disaster Relief in Community Associations](#) - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). We spoke to a staffer from Representative Israel's (D-NY) office. H.R. 3863, The Disaster Assistance Equity Act of 2015, a bill proposed by Rep. Israel needs help moving forward. CAI will continue efforts of asking members of congress to co-sponsor H.R. 3863. [Ask your representative to co-sponsor.](#)
- [Housing Finance Reform](#). FHA - H.R. 3700, The Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016. H.R. 3700 which proposed several changes which would simplify FHA's condominium recertification process passed the House and has been sent to the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Banking.

### **State Legislative Sessions Update/Resources**

Matthew Green, Senior Manager, State Affairs

[State by state legislative tracking reports](#)

Tracking reports by issue (see what other states are considering on specific issues)

- [Assessment Super Priority Lien](#)
- [Assessments, Fees and Fines](#)
- [Board Power and Covenant Restrictions](#)
- [Common Areas and Landscaping](#)
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- [Foreclosure](#)
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- [Smoking Restrictions](#)

**State Facts & Figures Sheet** have created one page information sheets for each LAC state which brings together several sources and significant statistics all on one page which can be distributed to legislators and the general public. Each states page has facts and figures specific to that state as well as general information on community associations. [Click here to find and download the Facts & Figures sheet for your state.](#)

**Rap Index Survey** your personal connections with federal and state legislators matter. [Take this survey](#) to let us know who you have relationships with and what you can do to help CAI's efforts. Survey reports can provide LACs with the names and information of constituents with good relationships with the legislators they are working with.

## **LAC Exchange of Ideas and Issues**

LAC members and lobbyists from around the country had an opportunity to ask questions of other LAC members and share information and insight into what is going on in their state.