



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS OVERVIEW

- AOBA's Government Affairs program is what distinguishes us most from other BOMA and NAA affiliates in other US metropolitan regions.

- A full-time government affairs professional covers each jurisdiction in the region:

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- We cover the State legislatures in MD and VA and the Council of the District of Columbia; and all of the Counties and localities in metro Washington

- We perform three basic functions:

Issues Advocacy

Political Action

Litigation (when necessary)

- In doing so, our focus—our primary goal—is to keep the State and local governments from making your life as a commercial or multifamily property manager more difficult than it already is. Broadly speaking, our efforts usually involve:

- **Building and land regulation** and **Tax policy and administration**

- How can you help? Get involved! We rely on members to:

- **Keep us informed** about government actions affecting the member that may be appropriate for AOBA engagement
- **Advise us as to impact** a proposed law, rule or other government action may have on members, and as to the position AOBA should take
- **Express a position to elected officials** on behalf of the member and in support of AOBA's position