

DCAR September 2026 Roundup - Your Monthly Update on Advocacy, Market Trends, & Member News

The Future of Real Estate: A Conversation with NAR Chief Economist Dr. Lawrence Yun

DCAR brought together over 50 REALTORS® and industry leaders for a powerful conversation about the future of D.C. real estate!

A huge thank you to NAR Chief Economist Dr. Lawrence Yun, for sharing timely insights on market trends, the national outlook, and the policies shaping what comes next. And shout out to Chair Brandon Scott and the entire Public Policy Committee for organizing this wonderful event and meeting!

This is DCAR at work – bringing the right voices into the room, keeping our members informed, and helping shape the future of real estate in the District.



Terinee Bonds Urges DC Council to Protect Homeowners' Equity in Tax Sales

DCAR Public Policy Committee (PPC) Member Terinee Bonds testified before the Committee of the Whole this month in favor of the Tax Equity Amendment Act. This would bring the District into compliance with recent supreme court jurisprudence that prohibits property owners from losing more of their equity in their homes than the amount of their debts and costs during tax sales.

"As a REALTOR® working with District residents, I see firsthand how difficult it can be to achieve homeownership and how the equity built in a home can become a family's financial stability and long-term wealth. For many owners, that equity represents generations of investments in their home and their community. Those efforts should be recognized and any remaining equity should be returned to them after any financial challenges are resolved." ~ Terinee Bonds



DC Market Snapshot: August 2026 Prices Rise, Sales Slow, Inventory Remains Tight

The DC housing market saw modest price growth in August. The median home price reached \$681,500, up 1.7% year over year, while closed sales declined 19.5%. New listings fell 15.9%, new pending sales declined 14.6%, and active listings were down 4.4%.

What this means for members:
Buyers have more choices now than earlier in the year, but new supply remains limited and overall market activity has softened. The data reinforces what DCAR continues to say in policy conversations: DC needs more housing options, not policies that make housing harder to provide.

DC Housing Stats vs. Previous Year		
Closed Sales	Closed Sales YTD	Median Sales Price
438 ↓ 19.5%	4,285 ↓ 3.5%	\$681,500 ↑ 1.7%
New Pending Sales	Active Listings	New Listings
373 ↓ 14.6%	2,514 ↓ 4.4%	571 ↓ 15.9%

Read the full **monthly market report** and use the data in your client conversations.

DCAR Invites You to NAR NXT 2026!

Get ready for the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) NXT Conference, happening November 6 - 8 in New Orleans!

As REALTORS® and real estate professionals, this is an opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the country, gain insights from industry leaders, explore the latest tools and innovations, and bring fresh ideas back to your business.

From inspiring speakers and educational sessions to networking opportunities and the NAR Expo, NAR NXT brings the future of real estate into one unforgettable experience.

NAR NXT 2026
Friday, November 6 - Sunday, November 8
New Orleans, Louisiana

DCAR encourages our members to register and be part of the NAR NXT experience! Register by October 4 and save \$50 per registration.

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