BOMAPAC Information and Contributions

Please see below for information on BOMA Baltimore’s Political Action Committee (PAC), why it was formed, and what it means if you contribute.

What is a PAC?
While you may know that the “PAC” in BOMAPAC stands for political action committee, you may not know what a political action committee is or what it does. A PAC is a limited political committee: one that is not a political party, central committee, slate, legislative party caucus committee, authorized candidate campaign committee or ballot issue committee. Generally, a PAC is a committee that supports the political effort of a particular candidate or candidates. For BOMAPAC, that usually means candidates for one or more of the 188 legislative offices in Maryland (47 Senators and 141 Delegates), or a Statewide office such as Governor.

Why is it useful?
A PAC serves an important function as part of the overall relationship with elected officials whose actions may directly affect the businesses that comprise BOMA membership. While BOMA advocacy, through communications by both our lobbyist and our members, seeks to educate these officials about the impact of proposed legislative initiatives (bills) on our members, and thereby seeks to influence their actions, BOMAPAC contributions can be an important tool as well. PAC contributions not only help those legislators stay in office, they provide an important incentive to create an additional channel of advocacy from the legislators we support to their colleagues. That channel reaches not only the other members of the legislative committees to which bills are assigned; it also reaches other legislators with whom the recipient of our PAC contribution has a relationship. It is those legislator-to-legislator relationships that allow BOMA to leverage its PAC contributions. Therefore, while BOMAPAC may support a relatively small number of elected officials in total, the beneficial effect can be much broader.

What does it mean if I contribute?
Any member may contribute to BOMAPAC, but during each four-year election cycle, an individual or company may not contribute more than $6,000 to any one Maryland campaign finance entity (candidate or PAC) or $24,000 to all campaign finance entities. The current election cycle is 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2019.

Membership entities (organizations like BOMA that collect membership dues) may collect voluntary contributions for a related PAC on the organization’s membership dues statement and payment may be made via one check to the organization. Again, this is a voluntary contribution and members may decline to contribute without reprisal. Any contributions are subject to the limits listed above. Please also note there are additional regulations for contributions made by multiple related business entities.

Contribute Now!
BOMAPAC is a very useful tool for us to support important candidates who are champions for commercial real estate. We greatly appreciate your interest and contributions to our effort. Contributions may be made along with your annual dues payment or by check directly to BOMAPAC, 9 Newport Drive, Suite 200, Forest Hill, MD 21050. Please contact Jennifer Thornton at 443.966.3855 x151 with any questions.