

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

C.A.R. REVIEW OF SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

The NAR Professional Standards Committee approved a motion to allow California to adopt a procedure for implementation of a pilot program (2 years) so that a suspension or expulsion that is imposed by a local Association of REALTORS® for violation of the Code of Ethics shall be reported to C.A.R. to be reviewed by a panel of state directors, and possibly imposed on a statewide basis.

The Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS® is participating in this program.

If you are suspended or expelled by your local association as a result of conduct that is in violation of the Code of Ethics, SDAR will file with C.A.R. a Suspension/Expulsion Report, which names you as respondent. The report will be reviewed by C.A.R. and referred for hearing, before a panel of three (3) C.A.R. Directors, to determine whether the suspension or expulsion should be imposed on a statewide basis.

You will be given an opportunity to file a written statement explaining why you believe the suspension or expulsion should not be imposed on a statewide basis.

There will be no hearing for you to attend with C.A.R. A panel of C.A.R. Directors, in a closed session, will consider the documents submitted by your local association, along with your written response, and will determine whether to impose your suspension or expulsion on a statewide basis.

The decision made by the Directors at such a hearing does not disturb the findings or recommended discipline of the local Association that initially imposed the discipline, but only determines whether or not there is a state-wide imposition of the same discipline. A decision by C.A.R. to impose the suspension or expulsion statewide shall be disseminated to all participating associations in the state.

If you have any questions, please contact the <u>Risk Management Department</u> at the Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS®.