

# ADVOCACY

# **2017 Legislative Victories**

### **State Milestones**

- ✓ Proposals to adopt a capital gains tax, increase the real estate excise tax (REET) and increase the B&O tax defeated.
- ✓ NAIOP Members testified before legislative committee on SEPA reform.
- $\checkmark$  No state rent control legislation.

# Advocacy Effort

In 2017, NAIOP Washington and its PAC spent nearly \$200,000 to fund issues and candidates that support responsible development practices in Puget Sound. In addition, members volunteered countless hours in support of our agenda, including testifying in front of legislative committees, serving on community business coalitions, and working to negotiate various issues.

Total Legislative Expenditures	\$193,505
Total PAC Contributions	\$39,500
Local	\$54,000
State	\$77,400
Issues Funding	\$7,000
PAC Funding (AWB, WCR, WCIC)	\$7,000
GA Related Expenses	\$8,605

For more information and to get involved, visit NAIOPWA.ORG/INFLUENCE.

#### Local Milestones

- ✓ HALA upzone downtown & SLU passed by Seattle City Council.
- ✓ Supported election of Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan.
- ✓ Defeated Seattle "head tax" in 2017 city budget.
- Engagement on potential major central waterfront package.
- ✓ Continued expansion of support to eastside cities, as well as south sound region.



## **2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

#### **State Issues**

- Pass multifamily tax credit legislation.
- Defeat any attempts to further dilute vesting protections. If a viable proposal emerges, statewide vesting reform.
- Seek reform to DOE voluntary cleanup program.
- Address any state tax proposals such as B&O, REET and capital gains taxes, including new taxes associated with McCleary education funding.

#### Local Issues

- ▶ Continue engagement on HALA and Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) rezones.
- ▶ Continued work on Seattle Mayor's Industrial Lands Task Force.
- Expand presence on regional issues, especially Eastside, Everett/Snohomish County and South Sound.
- Monitor status of proposals for rent control, Seattle jobs tax, local income tax, proposal to require landlords to compensate/credit renters whose rents are raised >10%, and taxes on developers to support housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.