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## **Texas REALTORS® announces new legislative structure**

AUSTIN—Sept. 16, 2019—Texas REALTORS® announced today that Daniel Gonzalez, the association's Director of Legislative Affairs and Chief Lobbyist, is establishing an independent lobby firm and the association will be his primary client.

Travis Kessler, Texas REALTORS® President and CEO, said the transition is mutually beneficial for Gonzalez and the statewide association.

"Daniel's forward-thinking approach has positioned Texas REALTORS® as a powerhouse among advocacy organizations. He has our full support as he enters this new role, and our association gains increased flexibility to respond to the fluid dynamics of the Texas Capitol," Kessler said.

The move is effective Jan. 1, 2020, strengthening the association's position in advance of the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature convening in 2021.

"I look forward to advising Texas REALTORS® in this enhanced role and representing the association's members as leaders in real estate advocacy," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez joined the association's governmental affairs department in August 2000, after serving as Legislative Director for former State Rep. Tony Goolsby and as clerk to the Committee on House Administration.

"Daniel is the best in the business when it comes to ensuring lawmakers understand public policy that protects Texas real estate consumers and professionals, and we are fortunate to have him on our team," Kessler said.

### **About Texas REALTORS®**

With more than 120,000 members, Texas REALTORS® is one of the largest professional membership associations in Texas. The association represents Texas REALTORS® involved in all aspects of real estate and advocates on behalf of the real estate industry and private-property owners. For more information, visit [TexasRealEstate.com](http://TexasRealEstate.com).