

Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® Economic Development Statement

The Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR) is vitally interested in the future of the communities where REALTORS® do business. As an organization, we want those communities to be a great place for families to live and visit. Communities with prosperous businesses, plentiful jobs, convenient services and amenities, and a healthy environment ultimately translate into a higher standard of living.

Our members and their clients make an investment in the communities where they do business. In order to protect their investment, we as an organization will:

- **Maximize the effectiveness of those organizations whose mission is to increase jobs, wages and the labor force; and**
- **Maximize the level of understanding by elected and appointed officials of the need for economic vitality and community wealth.**

Our vision of a healthy real estate market includes housing stock whose availability and demand grow in balance in all of our communities. A regional collaboration exists to ensure the “product” continues to be attractive, viable and sustainable.

(over)



METROPOLITAN INDIANAPOLIS BOARD OF REALTORS®

1912 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46202
317/956-1912 FAX 317/956-5050
www.mibor.com

Questions? Contact MIBOR's Government Affairs
Department at 317/956-5000 x258

MIBOR has positioned itself to become an active participant in economic development activities throughout central Indiana.

We are achieving this by:

- ◆ *Making a direct contribution to every local economic development organization in our jurisdiction and providing a knowledgeable local REALTOR® to participate in their leadership and direction setting process.*
- ◆ *Developing a “Healthy Real Estate Market” model detailing how REALTORS® can influence their community’s economic future.*
- ◆ *Utilizing the “Healthy Real Estate Market” model to educate REALTORS® throughout the state of Indiana about the importance of economic development.*
- ◆ *Creating our own Economic Development Council to be supportive of efforts that advocate regional cooperation.*
- ◆ *Making neighborhood level investments, such as investing in Local Economic Development Organizations in central Indiana and in the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership (INHP) challenge grants for CDCs.*
- ◆ *Boldly investing directly in job retention and creation. For example, MIBOR’s investment in the venture capital operation of the Lynx Fund provides direct funding to minority businesses in central Indiana wishing to expand or begin a business.*
- ◆ *Participating and investing in the “Central Indiana Branding Initiative,” a multi-organization effort to brand Metropolitan Indianapolis to current and potential residents, visitors and business investors.*
- ◆ *Raising the awareness of local and state officials of the need for strong public policy and tax structure that enables healthy economic development within and between regions of the state.*
- ◆ *Supporting safe, decent and affordable housing options for central Indiana’s homeless residents through fundraising efforts and grant distribution via our philanthropic arm, the REALTOR® Foundation.*

MIBOR: SOLD ON BETTER BUSINESS