

From Crisis toward Recovery:

Supporting Public Policy for a Post-Pandemic Environment

FEBRUARY

28 “Roundtable Weekly” begins weekly coverage of COVID-19

Tax Policy Advisory Committee convenes to discuss tax issues associated with COVID-19

MARCH

5-6 Jeff DeBoer discusses effects at the Pension Real Estate Association

9 Commissions research to track federal policymakers’ views of COVID-19

18 Urges White House, Nancy Pelosi, and Mitch McConnell to minimize businesses closures and unemployment

20 Encourages Treasury and IRS to provide temporary relief and flexibility for debt restructurings

23 Asks Treasury to postpone deadlines for like-kind exchange transactions

23 Roundtable members host a “Townhall” conference call to address pandemic priorities

24 Joins in writing the Federal Reserve, Treasury, and Federal Housing Finance Agency to reestablish liquidity, stabilize asset prices, and expand TALF to include non-agency CMBS

24 Calls on owners and operators to proactively engage tenants respecting rent obligations and for regulators to encourage lender-borrower cooperation to achieve debt restructuring

25 Joins to ask the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to specify proposed relief for mortgage loan modifications

25 Jeff DeBoer shares industry views and perspectives in GlobeSt, “[Where CRE Liquidity Stands Today](#)”

26 Homeland Security Task Force hosts Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases with the CDC

27 Releases a full analysis of the CARES Act on the day of its passage, and real estate implications

31 Joins in writing President Trump, Steven Mnuchin, Mitch McConnell, Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi, and Kevin McCarthy in support of a recovery fund

APRIL

1 Asks the Financial Accounting Standards Board and SEC to suspend new Current Expected Credit Losses accounting standard

2 Sustainability Policy Advisory Committee convenes to discuss CDC and EPA cleaning protocol changes in energy use and occupancy

3 Roundtable Chair Debra Cafaro releases a COVID-19 Video Alert detailing how the industry is working to repair frozen liquidity conditions

4 Urges Treasury to issue critical tax guidance ensuring partnerships and real estate businesses can access tax relief enacted in CARES Act

- 4** Joins a financial industry coalition and affordable housing advocates in support of a source for liquidity to mortgage servicers
- 8** Submits an 8-Point Plan to improve the Payroll Protection Program
- 9** Supplements annual membership survey to collect perspectives and priorities in light of COVID-19
- 10** Urges the Financial Condition Committee of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to expand the Guidance for Troubled Debt Restructurings
- 14** Urges for more immediate action from Treasury, the Fed, and the Federal Housing Finance Agency
- 14** President Trump names ten Roundtable members to a task force of business leaders to guide the reopening of the U.S. economy
- 16** Urges the SBA to issue guidance confirming that developers and landlords qualify for PPP
- 19** Establishes Building Re-Entry Working Group as government authorities begin re-entry protocols
- 20** Asks Steven Mnuchin to clarify, under his disaster tax authority, the scope of the deadline extension for like-kind exchange transactions
- 22** Joins NAREIT to urge Steven Mnuchin and Fed Chairman Powell to expand the Main Street Lending Programs
- 30** Jeff DeBoer joins BisNow to share perspectives on PPP, liability protection, and Pandemic Risk Insurance

MAY

- 5** RER Senior Vice Presidents participate in "The Policy Response to COVID-19: Implications for Real Estate," hosted by the Pension Real Estate Association

- 6** Dr. Joseph Allen, Assistant Professor at Harvard's School of Public Health and Director of its Healthy Buildings Program, joins Jeff DeBoer in a webinar conversation
- 6** Jeff DeBoer participates in the Urban Lab Podcast to discuss the pandemic's ongoing impact on CRE, recommendations for reforming the PPP, pandemic risk insurance and the "rent obligation chain"
- 14** Dan Neidich, former Roundtable Chairman, joins Jeff DeBoer to discuss responses to COVID-19 with the Stanford Alumni Real Estate Council
- 15** Convenes leaders of the property and casualty insurance industry to strategize a risk insurance program responsive to pandemic risk
- 19** Surveys SPAC members to inform US-EPA ENERGY STAR policies in light of lower building occupancy levels
- 20** Commissions third-party researchers to engage senior federal policymakers to track their perceptions of the real estate sector and priority policies for recovery
- 27** Joins coalition urging Congressional leaders to provide "safe harbor" to businesses against frivolous COVID-19 lawsuits.

JUNE

- 1** Supplements its annual membership research with interviews across the membership to better track member priorities and perspectives on COVID-19
- 8** Urges House Financial Services Committee to develop rental assistance programs for residential and business tenants impacted by COVID-19.