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## **Real Estate Finance Association July update: Annual Summer Panel & Reception will take place on August 7th**

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Boston, MA REFA's Fundamentals programs are tailored as 101-type educational events covering various relevant and timely industry topics. On July 18th, REFA will be holding its second Fundamentals program of the year on permitting and zoning. Lisa Serafin, founding principal with Redgate will be presenting on the topic. The program will be taking place at 100 High St., with registration beginning at 7:45 a.m., followed by the program from 8 – 9:15 a.m.

On Monday, July 22nd REFA members and guests will be participating in REFA's Annual Charitable Golf & Tennis Tournament, taking place at Dedham Country & Polo Club. This year's tournament beneficiaries are Rosie's Place and FamilyAid Boston, two organizations within the city whose missions are to help fight homelessness. More information regarding the tournament can be found on REFA's homepage.

The 2019 REFA Mentor Program participants will meet for a mid-program networking event in August, touring the new, highly anticipated Food Hall at 100 High St. This 7-month-long program is designed to bring together REFA's Emerging Leader membership with senior-level professionals within the industry. Now in its third year, the program continues to grow and now has 30 mentor/mentee pairings.

Please save the date for REFA's Annual Summer Panel & Reception, taking place on August 7th! Hosted by the REFA Emerging Leaders, the Summer Panel & Reception is held every August, featuring a panel of industry leaders who cover hot real estate/finance topics within the Boston market.

REFA is delighted to be honoring Jonathan Davis, founder and CEO of The Davis Companies at the Annual REFA Gala. As the 31st recipient of the Swain Award, Jon joins an elite list of award honorees, all of whom have made outstanding contributions to the Greater Boston community, both through their professional career and charitable work. This year's REFA Gala will be held on Thursday, October 17th from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Westin Copley Place.

The REFA Gala is the largest gathering of the Real Estate Finance Association and brings together over 500 members of the real estate finance community to network with colleagues, reflect on the year, as well as recognize their peer(s) with the Swain Award, named in honor of the late Robert S. Swain, Jr.

## Who We Are:

REFA, a division of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board (GBREB), is a commercial real estate business association providing members with high-quality networking and educational opportunities. REFA strives to maintain its reputation for excellence by promoting the exchange of information between professionals in the real estate finance community, fostering a platform for growth and development for its Emerging Leader membership and maintaining a central role within the commercial real estate industry – one that is at the center of it all.

What We Do: Real estate professionals from a variety of institutions join REFA to network and exchange ideas through educational programs, networking events and committee participation. From forums featuring senior-level executives to the Annual Gala, REFA programs are well attended with leaders from the industry and provide excellent opportunities for industry updates and networking. Formed in 1988, REFA currently has over 700 members, 100 corporate sponsors, and hosts 30 educational and networking events per year. REFA has built a strong Emerging Leaders program with a membership of 250 members.

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