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Homes Sales Dip in July, according to Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS®

Median Price Remains Above 500,000 and Inventory Continues to Rise

SAN DIEGO (August 8, 2014) – Home sales fell in July while the median sale price of single-family homes in San Diego County continued to stabilize above \$500,000, according to new housing statistics from the <u>Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS®</u> (SDAR).

Single-family resale homes sold in July decreased by about 13 percent compared to June, while sales of previously owned condominiums/townhomes fell about 2 percent.

The median price of single-family homes sold in July was \$517,000, down slightly from June, but still 7 percent higher than July 2013. Condos and townhomes sold at a median price of \$325,000, down by about 3 percent from June, and about the same as a year ago.

Meanwhile, the number of active listings in San Diego County is approaching 8,500 on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). That is the highest it's been in 2½ years, yet it represents only about 3 months of inventory. Six months of housing stock is generally considered a healthy inventory level, a point the San Diego market hasn't seen since 2011.

On average, homes continue to stay on the market less than 40 days and are selling 19 percent faster than a year ago and nearly 50 percent faster than 2012.

"Our real estate market has been seeking a sustainable equilibrium for some months now," said Leslie Kilpatrick, SDAR Board President. "Our local economy remains in a fragile healing stage, yet properly priced homes continue to sell quickly and inventory levels are still relatively low. Long-term, the San Diego region will need to see quality job growth and more first-time homebuyers to fuel greater sales volume and further price gains."

In July, the zip codes in San Diego County with the most single-family home sales were: 92028 (Fallbrook) with 49; 92071 (Santee) with 46; 92115 (College Grove) with 44; 92009 (Carlsbad) with 43; and 92128 (Rancho Bernardo), also with 43.

The most expensive listing sold last month in the county: a 7-bedroom, 8-bath, 8,700-square-foot home in La Jolla that sold for \$8.25 million.

SDAR's housing statistics are compiled monthly from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Click <u>here</u> for a detailed look at the numbers. Here is a summary:

MEDIAN SALES PRICE Comparing July 2014 to June 2014

• Single-Family: 2 percent DECREASE

July 2014 = \$ 517,288 June 2014 = \$ 525,500

Condos/Townhomes: 3 percent DECREASE

July 2014 = \$325,000 June 2014 = \$ 334,500

MEDIAN SALES PRICE Comparing July 2014 to July 2013

Single-Family: 7 percent INCREASE

July 2014 = \$ 517,288 July 2013 = \$ 485,000

Condos/Townhomes: 2 percent INCREASE

July 2014 = \$ 325,000 July 2013 = \$ 320,000

TOTAL SOLD LISTINGS Comparing July 2014 to June 2014

• Single-Family: 13 percent DECREASE

July 2014 = 1,698 June 2014 = 1,943

Condos/Townhomes: 2 percent DECREASE

July 2014 = 856 June 2014 = 870

TOTAL SOLD LISTINGS Comparing July 2014 to July 2013

• Single-Family: 25 percent DECREASE

July 2014 = 1,698 July 2013 = 2,253

Condos/Townhomes: 21 percent DECREASE

July 2014 = 856 July 2013 = 1,088

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