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Prices remain stable, higher than a year ago, according to Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS®

Home sales saw a seasonal drop in January

SAN DIEGO (February 7, 2014) --- Although home sales saw a seasonal drop in January, prices remained stable and much higher than a year ago, according to the regional housing statistics from the <u>Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS®</u> (SDAR).

Sales of existing homes in San Diego County dropped in January compared to December, a seasonal, after-the-holidays slump. Single-family homes saw a month-over-month drop of 22 percent, and were 21 percent lower than a year ago. Condos and townhomes also saw a drop of 16 percent from December, but the number of sales was comparable to a year ago.

The median price of previously owned single-family homes in San Diego County was \$475,000 last month – virtually unchanged from December, but 22 percent higher than a year ago. The median price of condos and townhomes sold in January 2014 increased by about 2 percent over the previous month, and is up more than 24 percent from a year ago.

"We are still waiting for inventory to pick up," said 2014 SDAR President Leslie Kilpatrick. "Sales have been slow, but I expect more sellers to jump into the market as we approach the spring buying season. My mantra has always been: 'The best time to buy is when you can.'"

In January, the zip codes with the most sales of single-family homes included: 92028/Fallbrook – 42; 91911/Chula Vista – 32; 92071/Santee – 31; 92114/Encanto – 29; and 92130/Carmel Valley – 29.

The most expensive San Diego County listing sold last month: A 4-bedroom, 5-bath, 4,500-square-foot home in La Jolla that sold for \$7.8 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 January 2014 to December 2013

- Single-Family: 1 percent DECREASE
 January 2014 = \$475,000
 December 2013 = \$478,500
- Condos/Townhomes: 2 percent INCREASE
 January 2014 = \$305,000
 December 2013 = \$300,000

Single-Family: 22 percent INCREASE

January 2014 = \$475,000 January 2013 = \$390,000

Condos/Townhomes: 24 percent INCREASE

January 2014 = \$305,000 January 2013 = \$245,000

TOTAL SOLD LISTINGS Comparing January 2014 to December 2013

• Single-Family: 23 percent DECREASE

January 2014 = 1,231 December 2013 = 1,591

Condos/Townhomes: 16 percent DECREASE

January 2014 = 683 December 2013 = 809

TOTAL SOLD LISTINGS Comparing January 2014 to January 2013

Single-family: 21 percent DECREASE

January 2014 = 1,231 January 2013 = 1,559

Condos/Townhomes: 1 percent INCREASE

January 2014 = 683 January 2013 = 673

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