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Home sales rise in August, according to Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS®

Inventory remains tight, homes are continuing to sell quickly

SAN DIEGO (September 9, 2014) – Home sales were up in August, and the median sale price of single-family homes in San Diego County remained above 500,000, according to new housing statistics from the <u>Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS®</u> (SDAR).

Resale single-family home sales rose 4 percent in August compared to July, while condos and townhomes sales were virtually unchanged. However, sales were down nearly 20 percent compared to a year ago.

The median price of condos/townhomes increased nearly 5 percent in August from the previous month, standing at \$340,000, which is 10 percent higher than a year ago. Single-family home prices in August, at \$510,000, were down slightly from July, but 6 percent higher than August of 2013.

The number of active listings on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) in San Diego County remained stable at about 8,400, with just over 3 months of inventory. (Six months of housing stock is generally considered a healthy inventory level.) Homes that sold in August were only on the market for an average of 40 days.

"It's encouraging to see that properly priced homes sell quickly," said Leslie Kilpatrick, SDAR Board President. "The market, overall, is stabilizing, but the impact of low inventory levels at key price points is present. If our local economy continues to rebound and produce job growth at good wages the market will benefit."

In August, the zip codes in San Diego County with the most single-family home sales were: 92127 (Rancho Bernardo) with 56; 92057 (Oceanside) with 54; 92078 (San Marcos) with 44; 92056 (Oceanside) with 43; 92028 (Fallbrook) with 42; and 92117 (Clairemont) also with 42.

The most expensive listing sold last month in the county: a 7-bedroom, 7-bath, 10,200-square-foot home in La Jolla that sold for \$9 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 August 2014 to July 2014

Single-Family: 1 percent DECREASE
August 2014 = \$ 510,000
July 2014 = \$ 517,288

 Condos/Townhomes: 5 percent INCREASE August 2014 = \$ 340,000

MEDIAN SALES PRICE Comparing August 2014 to August 2013

Single-Family: 6 percent INCREASE

August 2014 = \$ 510,000 August 2013 = \$ 483,000

Condos/Townhomes: 10 percent INCREASE

August 2014 = \$ 340,000 August 2013 = \$ 310,000

TOTAL SOLD LISTINGS Comparing August 2014 to July 2014

Single-Family: 4 percent INCREASE

August 2014 = 1,769 July 2014 = 1,698

Condos/Townhomes: 1 percent DECREASE

August 2014 = 849 July 2014 = 856

TOTAL SOLD LISTINGS Comparing August 2014 to August 2013

• Single-Family: 19 percent DECREASE

August 2014 = 1,769 August 2013 = 2,188

Condos/Townhomes: 22 percent DECREASE

August 2014 = 849 August 2013 = 1,084

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