MLSListings Silicon Valley and Coastal Regions Housing Market Overview

Condo/Townhome Inventory Remains the Story and the Challenge

In Santa Clara County, the condo and town home market remains tight with inventory at all-time lows for September – just 229 listings. That's down 11% from August, and 62% from September 2016. Closed sales were down 14% from August, and 8% from last September. Median price of \$725.500 dropped 3% from August, but gained 12% from the prior September. Average days on market (DOM) was 17, which shaved two days or 11% over August, and dropped 26% from a year ago. Median DOM hit an all-time low of eight days, meaning half of all the properties sold in September were only on the market for eight days.

San Mateo County continues to have the highest median price for condos and townhomes (\$768,000) in MLSListings territories. Although prices slipped 6% from August, they are up 6% from a year ago. Closed sales were down 18% from August, and 6% from last September. Inventory went from 125 units in August, to 124 units in September, a drop of less than 1%, although that is a 37% decline from September 2016. Average DOM is 24, up 41% from August and 4% from the prior year.

In Santa Cruz County, average DOM increased to 45 days or 25% over August, and 88% over September 2016. Median price settled 2% to \$540,000 from August, but is up 3% over September 2016. Closed sales dropped by 32% to 43 units, and 3% over last September. Finally, inventory ticked down 20% to 88 units, which is also 35% fewer units than September 2016.

September showed a 6% increase in closed sales from 34 to 36 units for condos/townhomes in Monterey County over August, and a 29% decrease from a year ago. Median price eased by 7% from the prior month to \$491,000, though up 14% from last September. DOM was up 35% from August at 62, and up 44% from the prior September. Inventory dipped by 6% in September over August, but showed a 1% increase from last September.

In San Benito County, there were three closed sales in September, after fives sales in August. The three sales represent a 50% decrease over the six sales in September 2016. Median sale price is up 14% from August, and 4% from a year prior. Average DOM dropped 50% from August, from 10 to 20 days. On a year-over-year basis, DOM decreased 57%. Finally, inventory at 13 units is flat over August but up 44% over the prior year.

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Condo/Townhouse - Current Month vs. Prior Month - September 2017 vs. August 2017 Inventory **Closed Sales** Median Price Days on Market County Sep-17 Aug-17 % Change Sep-17 Aug-17 % Change Sep-17 Aug-17 % Change Sep-17 Aug-17 % Change 46 35% Monterey 93 -6% 36 34 6% \$491,000 \$527,000 62 San Benito 13 13 0% 3 5 -40% \$385,000 \$337,500 14% 10 20 -50% San Mateo 124 125 -1% 117 143 -18% \$768,000 \$820,000 -6% 24 17 41% -3% Santa Clara 229 257 -11% 375 435 -14% \$725,500 \$750,000 17 19 -11% -32% -2% 36 25% Santa Cruz 88 110 -20% 43 63 \$540,000 \$550,000 45

Condo/Townhouse Year-over-Year - September 2017 vs. September 2016												
County	Inventory			Closed Sales			Median Price			Days on Market		
	Sep-17	16-Sep	% Change	Sep-17	16-Sep	% Change	Sep-17	16-Sep	% Change	Sep-17	16-Sep	% Change
Monterey	93	92	1%	36	28	29%	\$491,000	\$431,500	14%	62	43	44%
San Benito	13	9	44%	3	6	-50%	\$385,000	\$369,000	4%	10	23	-57%
San Mateo	124	196	-37%	117	124	-6%	\$768,000	\$725,000	6%	24	23	4%
Santa Clara	229	598	-62%	375	407	-8%	\$725,500	\$650,000	12%	17	23	-26%
Santa Cruz	88	135	-35%	43	45	-4%	\$540,000	\$525,000	3%	45	24	88%

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