

2020 Year in Review  
San Francisco

# Market Update



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As we look back on 2020, we see a year that many of us are more than happy to leave behind. But as difficult as 2020 was, in many ways it could have been much worse. Faced with unprecedented global shutdowns in March and April, it seemed possible that the real estate industry, and the entire economy, might completely collapse. But as we began to adjust to a new reality through the summer and fall, real estate in particular turned out to be a bright spot. New work arrangements inspired people to move or find space for a home office or classroom, historically low interest rates prevailed and the stock market proved more resilient than expected to the threat of the pandemic.

Our COVID-19 analysis starting on page eight reveals the surprising strength of the Bay Area real estate market. By most metrics, with the notable exception of final sale price to original list price, the closing months of 2020 actually outperformed the same period in 2019. The number of new listings remained higher throughout the fall, falling below 2019 levels only in December, and the number of pending sales, a critical measure of the market's health, stayed consistently higher in the second half of the year after recovering from a deep trough in the spring. The market even remained strong through the very final days of 2020, with more properties selling in November and December than in the same period the previous year, and our offices experienced the pleasant surprise of managing a large number of closings right through the holidays.

As a result, a year that initially seemed to spell disaster for the industry turned out well, and we thank our clients for this unexpected good fortune. We are incredibly grateful to both our long-term clients and those who worked with Sotheby's International Realty for the first time during this pandemic – in some cases completing 100% virtual sales! We are humbled and honored to work with each and every one of you.

Our success this year was also made possible by our world-class agents, who creatively adapted to changing circumstances. Many led virtual open houses and dramatically expanded their use of social media, video and Matterport 3D tours. In response to the enormous popularity of our global website, we also launched a completely updated sothebysrealty.com with enhanced functionality for finding listings and interacting with agents.

Our team of agents team is now stronger than ever after our historic acquisition of McGuire Real Estate in 2020. McGuire brings more than a century of experience and an impeccable reputation for quality to our network. The Sotheby's International Realty brand now offers 29 offices and more than 725 independent sales associates in the Bay Area.

We hope you find this market report to be a valuable resource, and we remain available to offer advice and consultation on any of your real estate questions. From Wine Country to Silicon Valley and across the globe, we look forward to being of service to you.



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# San Francisco

FEATURED NEIGHBORHOODS

- DISTRICT 1 JORDAN PARK, LAKE, LAUREL HEIGHTS, RICHMOND, SEA CLIFF
- DISTRICT 4 BALBOA TERRACE, DIAMOND HEIGHTS, WEST PORTAL
- DISTRICT 5 CLARENDON HEIGHTS, DOLORES HEIGHTS, NOE VALLEY
- DISTRICT 6 ALAMO SQUARE, HAYES VALLEY, LOWER PAC HGTS, NOPA
- DISTRICT 7 MARINA, COW HOLLOW, PACIFIC HEIGHTS, PRESIDIO HEIGHTS
- DISTRICT 8 FINANCIAL DIST, RUSSIAN HILL, NOB HILL, TELEGRAPH HILL
- DISTRICT 9 BERNAL HEIGHTS, SOUTH BEACH, SOMA, YERBA BUENA

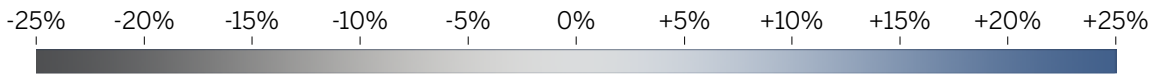
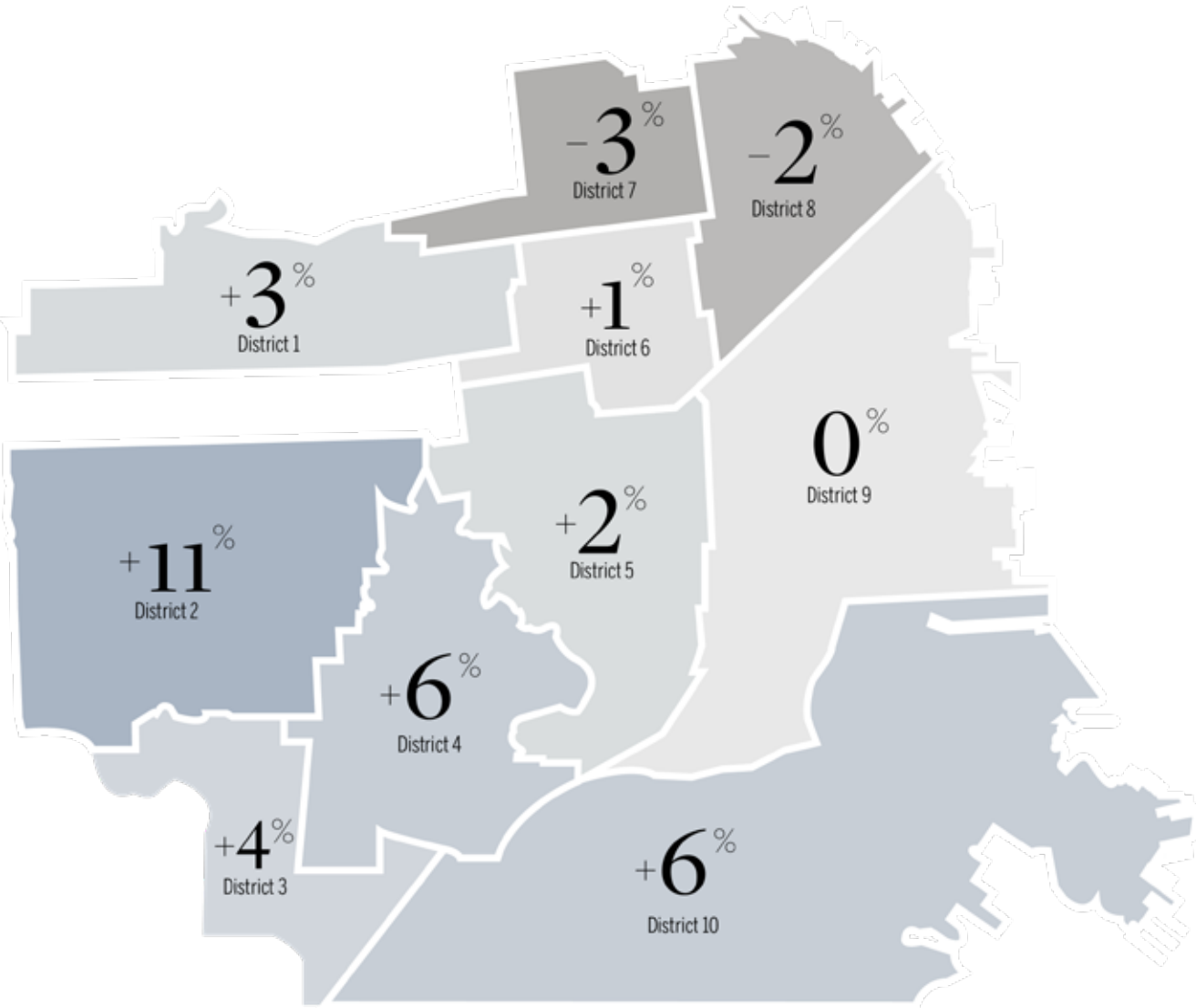


# San Francisco

Market Snapshot | by District

## Price Ratio by District

{Median Final Sale vs. Original List}



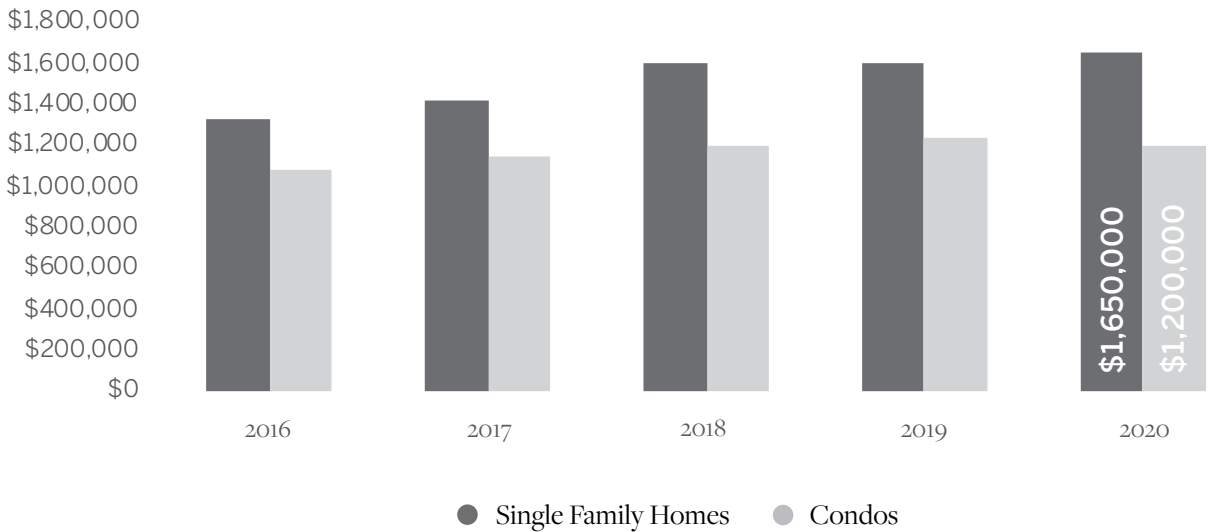
# 2020 Highlights

San Francisco

## San Francisco

Median Sale Prices

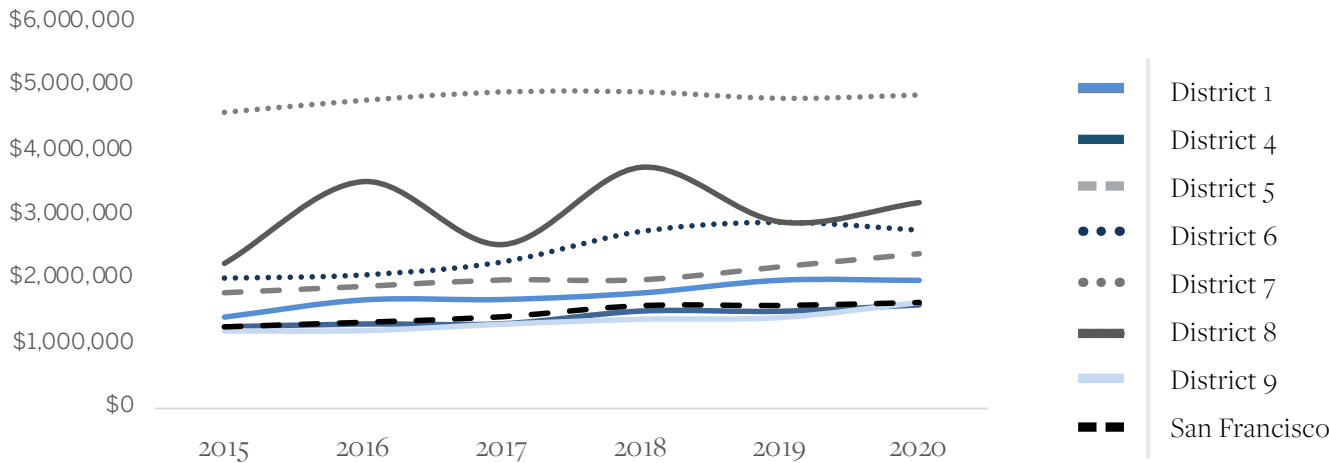
{Single Family Homes vs. Condos}



## Districts

Median Sale Prices

{Districts vs. San Francisco Overall}

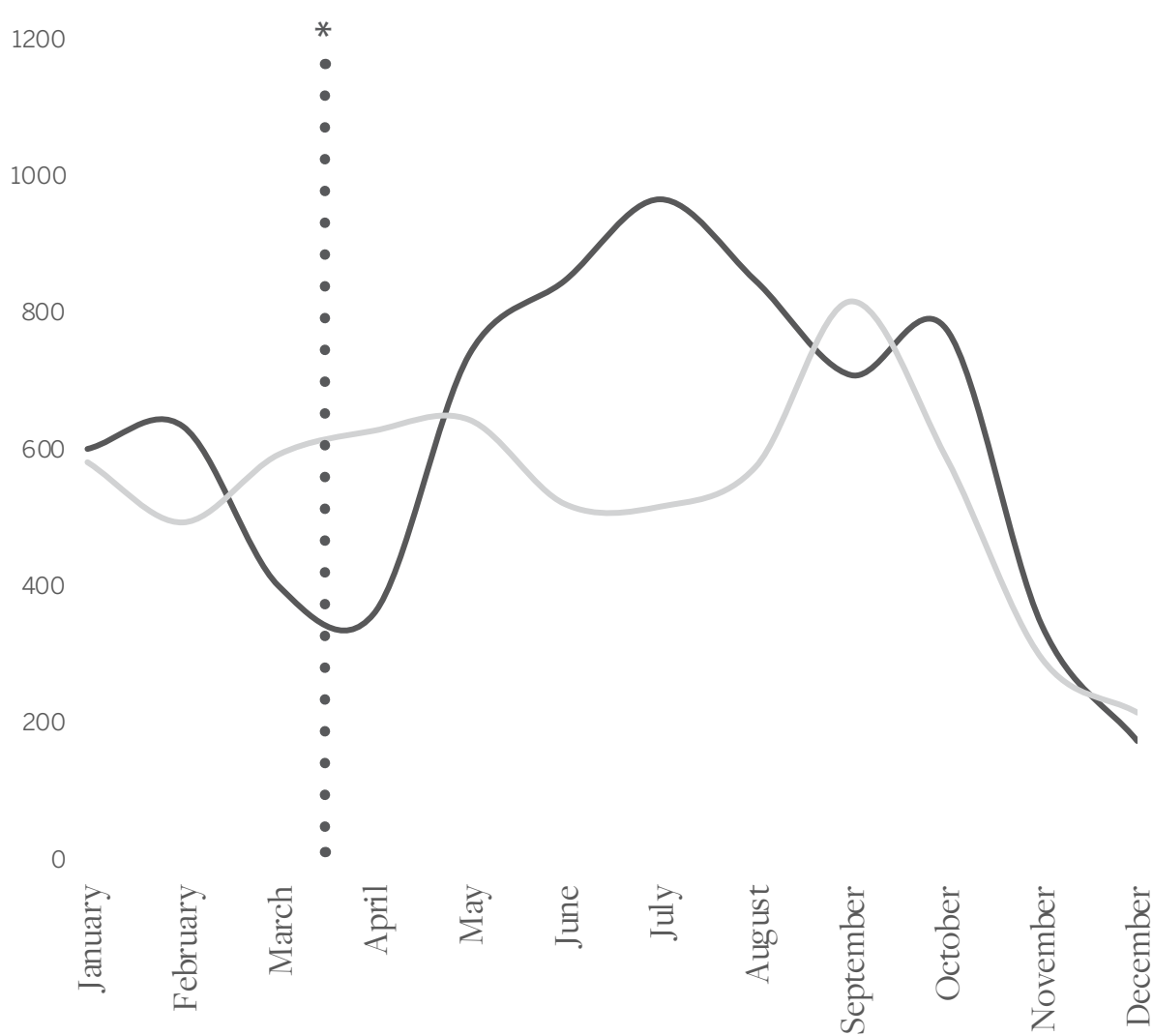


# COVID-19 Market Impact

# All San Francisco

2020 vs. 2019

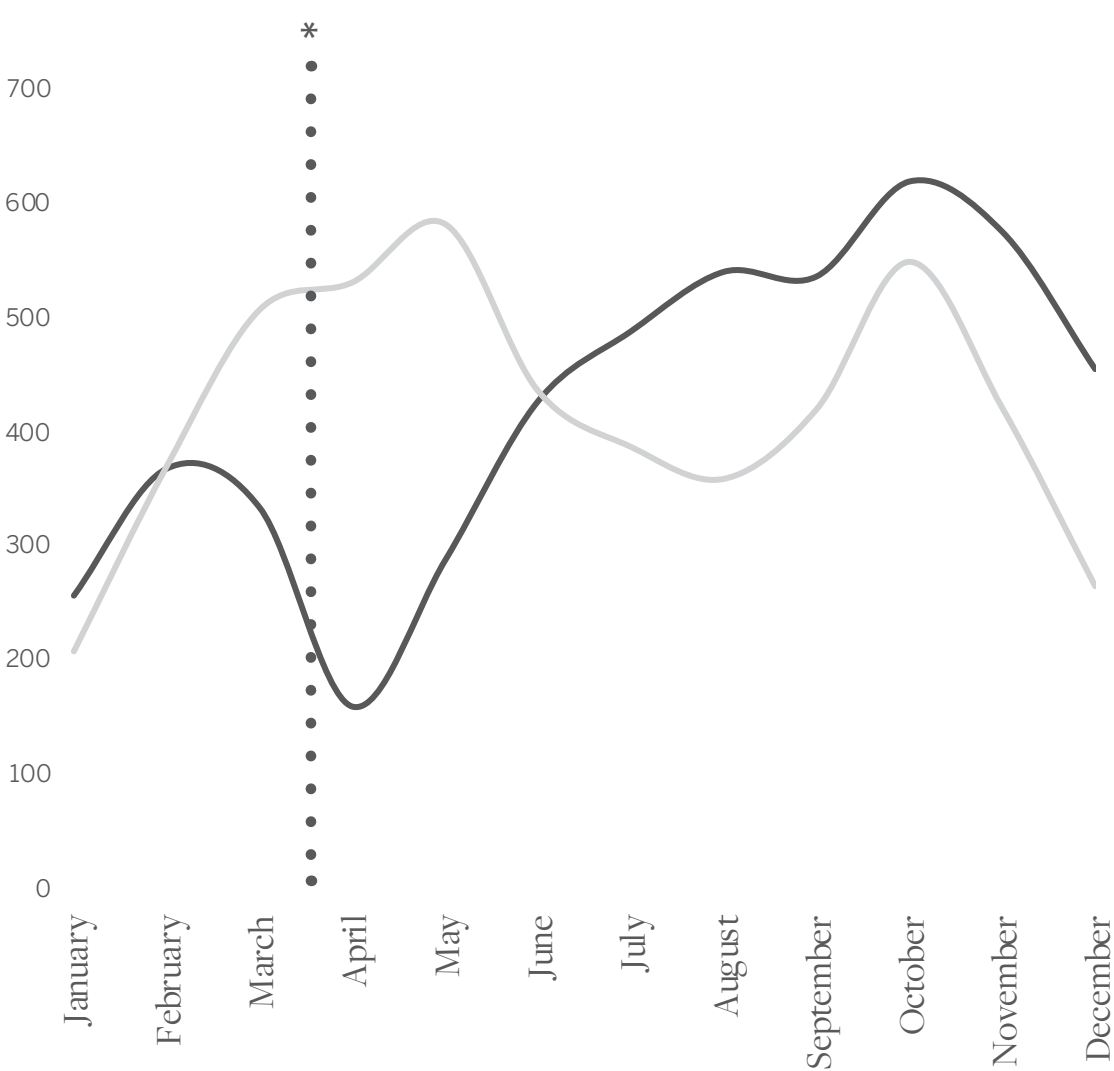
Number of New Listings



\*Shelter-In-Place Started March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

● 2019  
● 2020

Number of Pending Sales



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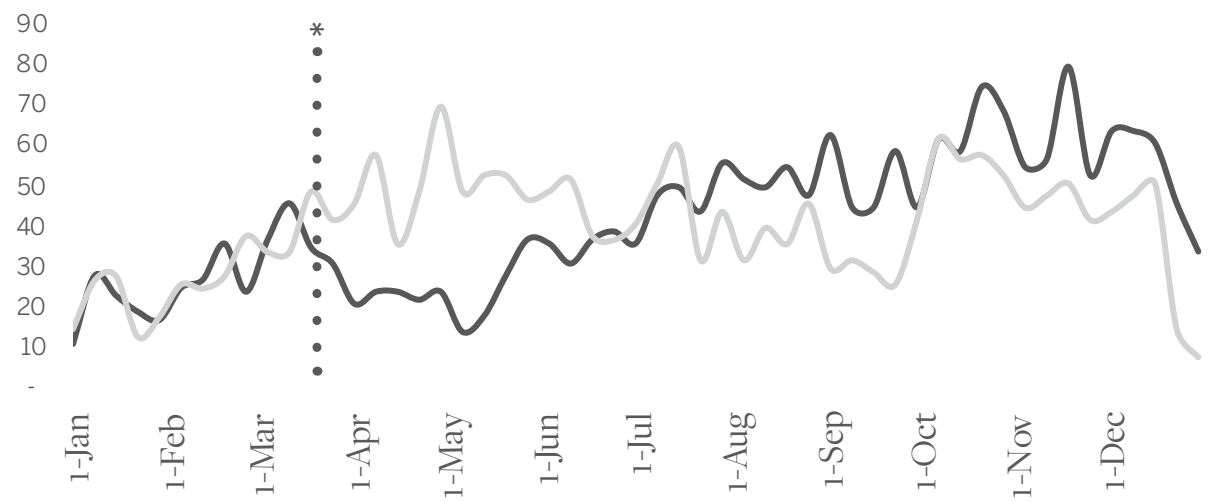
● 2019  
● 2020

# COVID-19 Market Impact

# All San Francisco

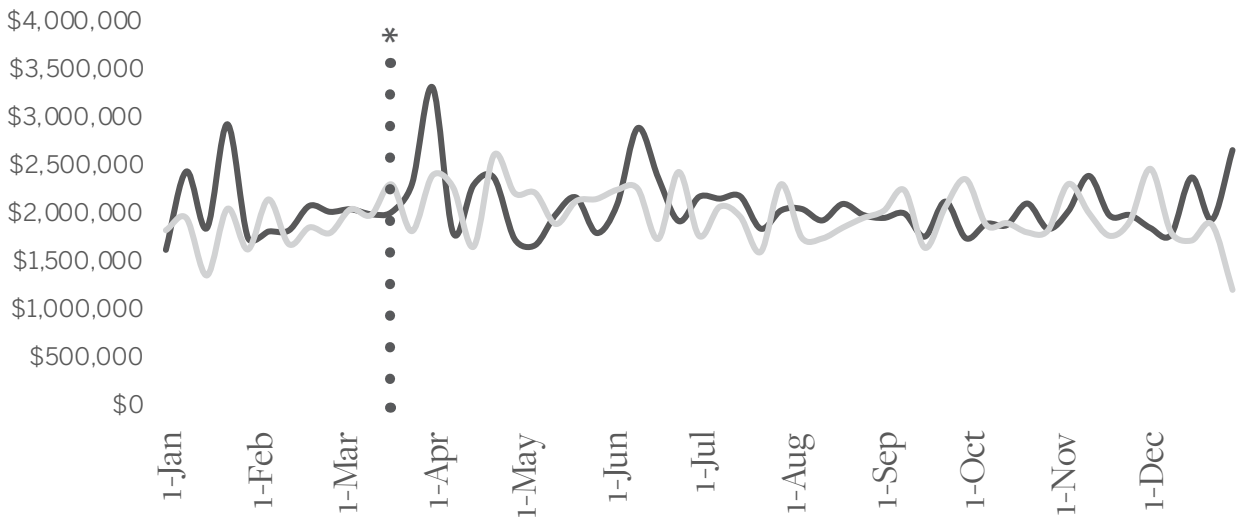
2020 vs. 2019

Number of Sold Properties



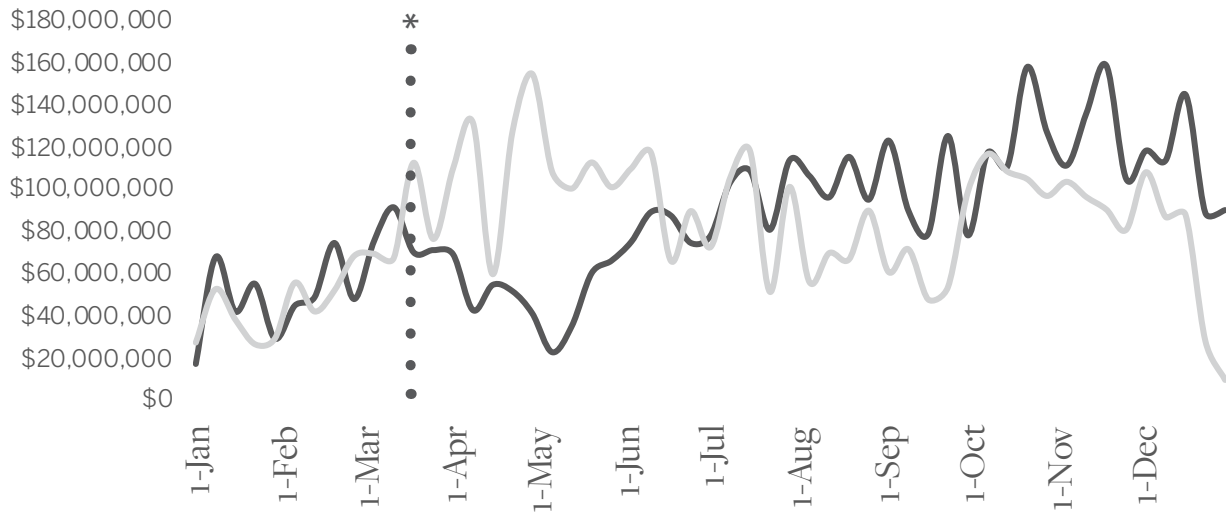
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Average Sale Price



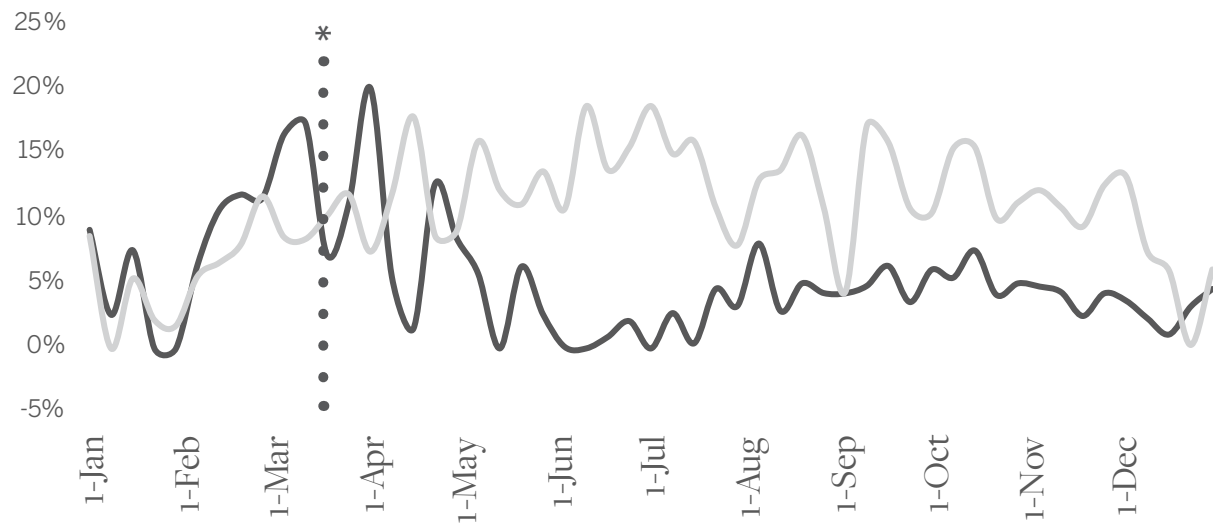
\*Shelter-In-Place Started March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Total Sold Volume



\*Shelter-In-Place Started March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Median Final Sale Price vs. Original List



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● 2019  
● 2020

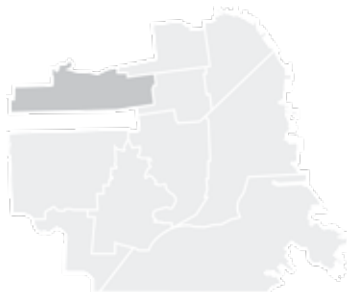
● 2019  
● 2020



{2020}  
at a  
glance

DISTRICT 1

- Jordan Park
- Lake Street
- Laurel Heights
- Lone Mountain
- Outer Richmond
- Central Richmond
- Inner Richmond
- Sea Cliff



386  
Total Units Sold  
{ Single Family Homes and Condominiums }

14%  
Change in Units Sold  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Condominiums }

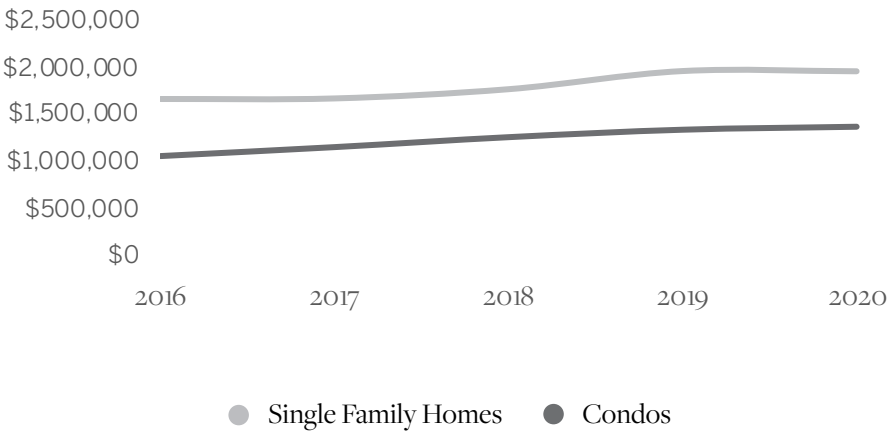
\$2.1m  
Median Sale Price  
{ Single Family Homes }

2%  
Change in Median Sale Price  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Condominiums }

District 1

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{2020 vs. 2019} Change	0%	25%	-2%	-	-5%
2020	\$2,100,000	218	\$1,010	6%	25
2019	\$2,106,250	174	\$1,029	6%	27
2018	\$2,000,000	189	\$994	11%	23
2017	\$1,900,625	164	\$928	12%	27
2016	\$1,820,000	181	\$862	8%	31

Median Sale Price | Single Family Homes vs. Condos



CONDOMINIUMS	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{2020 vs. 2019} Change	2%	14%	-2%	-	32%
2020	\$1,380,000	168	\$985	6%	37
2019	\$1,350,000	147	\$1,009	4%	28
2018	\$1,275,000	164	\$974	11%	25
2017	\$1,175,000	115	\$901	12%	28
2016	\$1,085,000	145	\$852	9%	34

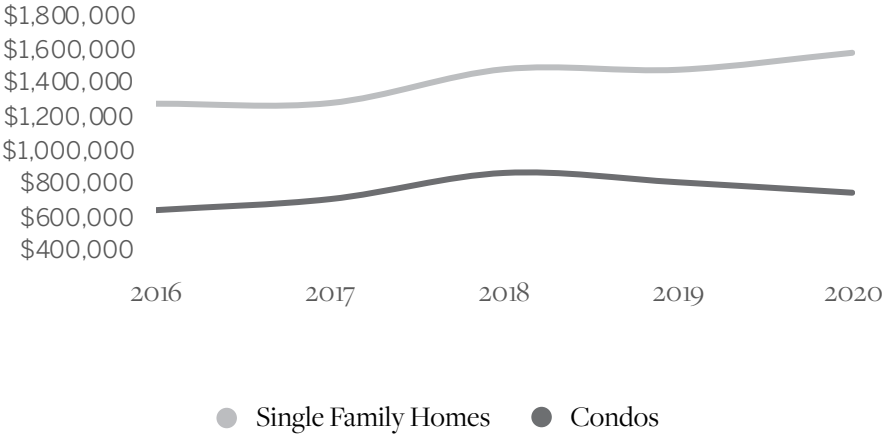


# District 4

## SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 } Change	3%	4%	3%	-	-1%
2020	\$1,750,000	307	\$993	10%	23
2019	\$1,700,000	295	\$961	14%	23
2018	\$1,735,000	324	\$974	16%	22
2017	\$1,575,000	302	\$944	21%	20
2016	\$1,437,400	316	\$834	11%	29

Median Sale Price | Single Family Homes vs. Condos

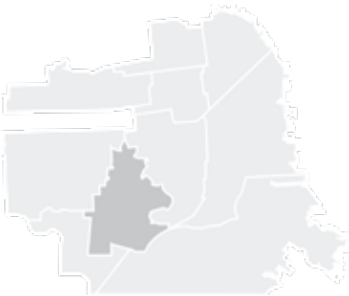


## CONDOMINIUMS

	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 } Change	-7%	-21%	-1%	-	3%
2020	\$762,500	52	\$846	5%	46
2019	\$824,000	66	\$852	7%	45
2018	\$879,000	53	\$790	7%	35
2017	\$725,000	43	\$794	12%	35
2016	\$660,000	25	\$798	6%	49

{2020}  
at a  
glance  
DISTRICT 4

- Balboa Terrace
- Diamond Heights
- Forest Hill
- Forest Hill Extension
- Forest Knolls
- Ingleside Terrace
- Midtown Terrace
- Miraloma Park
- Monterey Heights
- Mt Davidson Manor
- Sherwood Forest
- St. Francis Wood
- Sunnyside
- West Portal
- Westwood Highlands
- Westwood Park



359  
Total Units Sold  
{ Single Family Homes and Condominiums }

-21%

Change in Units Sold  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Condominiums }

\$1.8m

Median Sale Price  
{ Single Family Homes }

-7%

Change in Median Sale Price  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Condominiums }



{2020}  
at a  
glance  
DISTRICT 5

- Ashbury Heights
- Buena Vista
- Clarendon Heights
- Corona Heights
- Cole Valley
- Castro
- Dolores Heights
- Duboce Triangle
- Eureka Valley
- Glen Park
- Haight Ashbury
- Noe Valley
- Twin Peaks
- Mission Dolores



818

Total Units Sold  
{ Single Family Homes and Condominiums }

12%

Change in Units Sold  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Condominiums }

\$2.5m

Median Sale Price  
{ Single Family Homes }

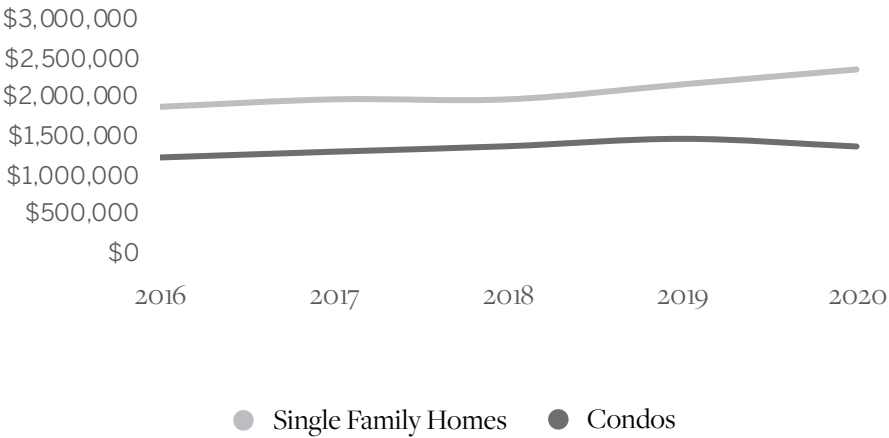
-7%

Change in Median Sale Price  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Condominiums }

District 5

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 }					
Change	-1%	8%	-1%	-	15%
2020	\$2,475,000	351	\$1,230	3%	27
2019	\$2,500,000	326	\$1,245	14%	23
2018	\$2,302,500	320	\$1,237	15%	23
2017	\$2,305,500	314	\$1,167	16%	27
2016	\$2,063,750	316	\$1,081	9%	31

Median Sale Price | Single Family Homes vs. Condos



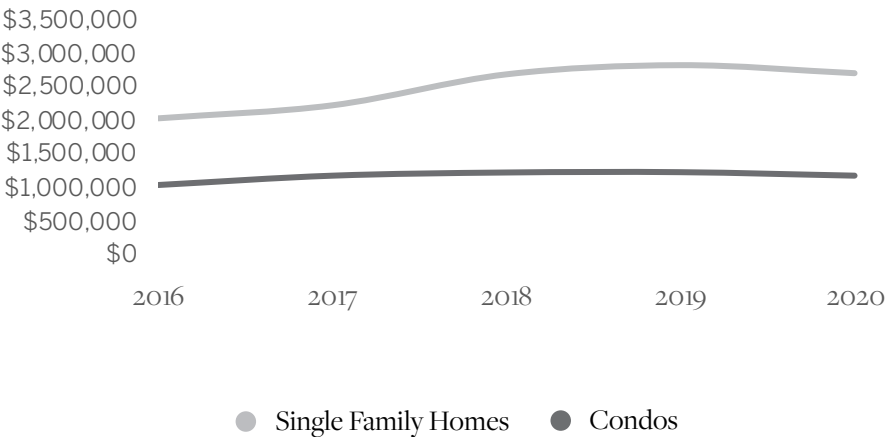
CONDOMINIUMS	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 }					
Change	-7%	12%	-9%	-	75%
2020	\$1,400,000	467	\$1,087	2%	35
2019	\$1,500,000	418	\$1,194	15%	20
2018	\$1,404,000	444	\$1,146	15%	22
2017	\$1,332,500	427	\$1,069	12%	26
2016	\$1,257,000	393	\$1,015	9%	33



# District 6

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 } Change	-3%	31%	-2%	-	12%
2020	\$2,800,000	51	\$1,117	2%	35
2019	\$2,900,000	39	\$1,143	1%	31
2018	\$2,755,000	40	\$1,084	1%	31
2017	\$2,535,000	35	\$1,096	13%	32
2016	\$2,277,500	36	\$1,060	11%	42

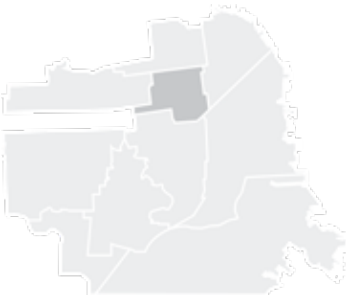
Median Sale Price | Single Family Homes vs. Condos



CONDOMINIUMS	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 } Change	-4%	14%	-1%	-	5%
2020	\$1,200,000	294	\$1,072	1%	34
2019	\$1,249,500	258	\$1,088	14%	32
2018	\$1,245,000	281	\$1,074	14%	34
2017	\$1,200,000	303	\$1,012	10%	33
2016	\$1,067,500	321	\$1,008	8%	36

{2020}  
at a glance  
DISTRICT 6

- Alamo Square
- Hayes Valley
- Western Addition
- Lower Pacific Heights
- Anza Vista
- North Panhandle (NoPa)



345  
Total Units Sold  
{ Single Family Homes and Condominiums }

31%  
Change in Units Sold  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Single Family Homes }

\$2.8m  
Median Sale Price  
{ Single Family Homes }

-3%  
Change in Median Sale Price  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Single Family Homes }

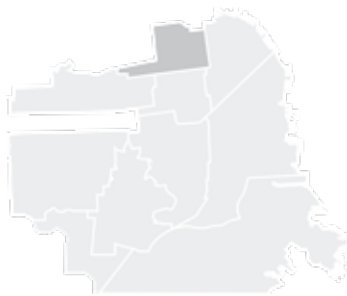






{2020}  
at a  
glance

DISTRICT 7  
The Marina  
Cow Hollow  
Pacific Heights  
Presidio Heights



417

Total Units Sold  
{ Single Family Homes and Condominiums }

-8%

Change in Units Sold  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Single Family Homes }

\$4.7m

Median Sale Price  
{ Single Family Homes }

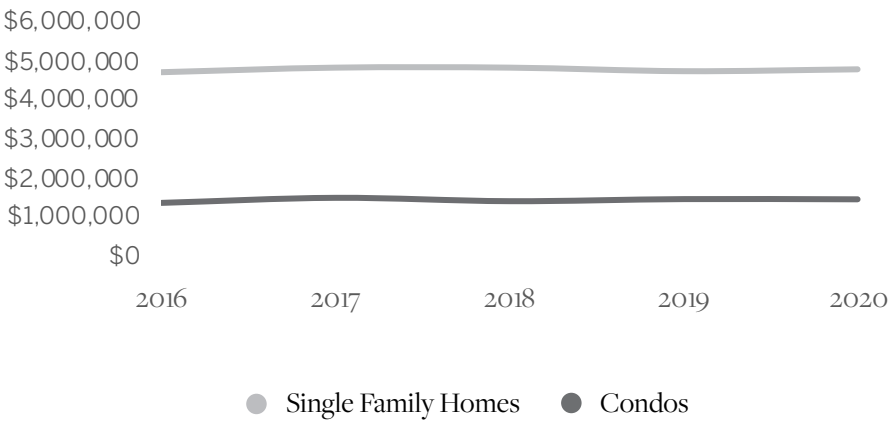
-6%

Change in Median Sale Price  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Single Family Homes }

District 7

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 }					
Change	-6%	-8%	-2%	-	6%
2020	\$4,650,000	93	\$1,444	-4%	42
2019	\$4,950,000	101	\$1,467	3%	40
2018	\$4,730,000	99	\$1,499	-3%	28
2017	\$4,800,000	97	\$1,427	-2%	40
2016	\$4,700,000	102	\$1,465	-2%	46

Median Sale Price | Single Family Homes vs. Condos



CONDOMINIUMS	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 }					
Change	0%	4%	-5%	-	17%
2020	\$1,540,500	324	\$1,187	-3%	38
2019	\$1,545,500	312	\$1,256	4%	33
2018	\$1,497,500	290	\$1,239	11%	24
2017	\$1,575,000	312	\$1,199	5%	28
2016	\$1,458,500	298	\$1,193	2%	34

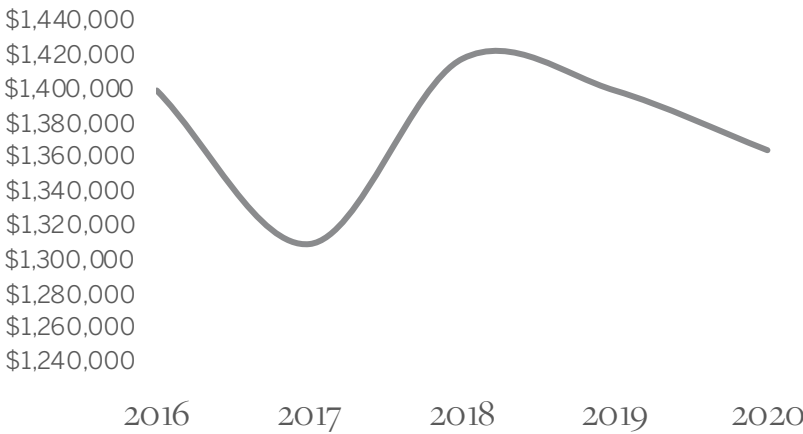


# Neighborhood Highlights



## Cow Hollow

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



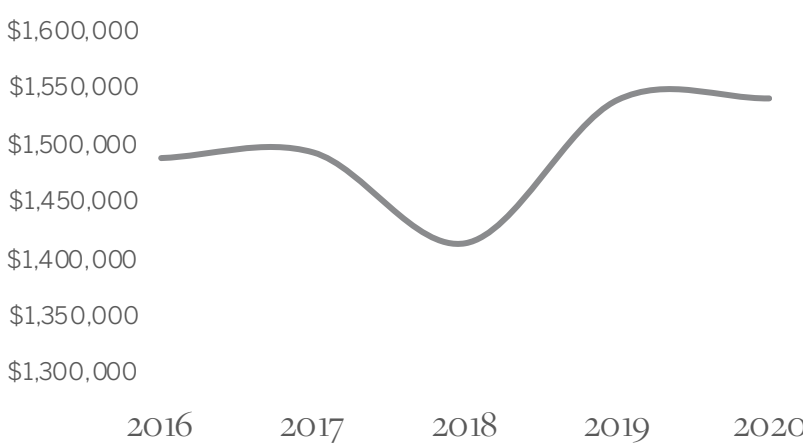
6%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

34  
Average DOM

\$1,196  
\$/Square Foot

## Pacific Heights

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



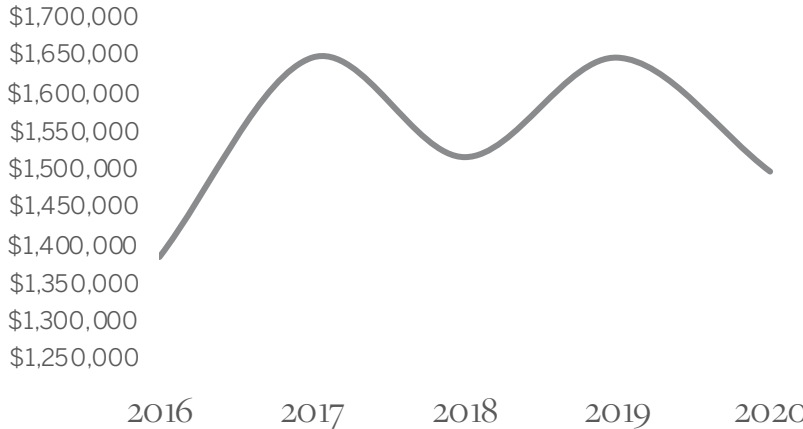
-3%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

39  
Average DOM

\$1,184  
\$/Square Foot

## Marina

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



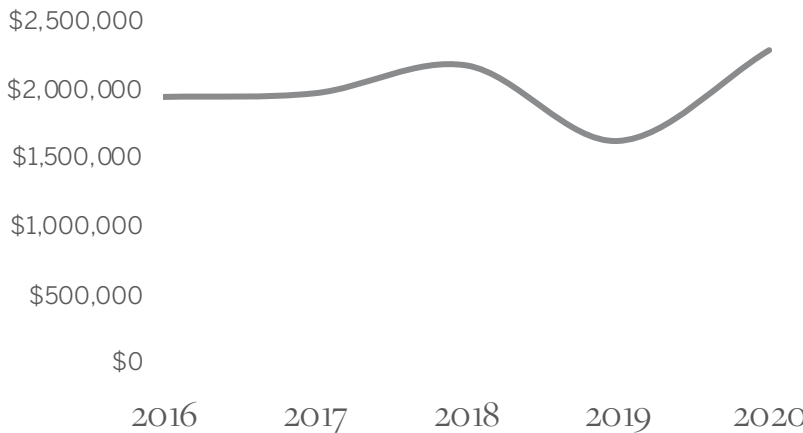
-2%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

38  
Average DOM

\$1,177  
\$/Square Foot

## Presidio Heights

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



-5%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

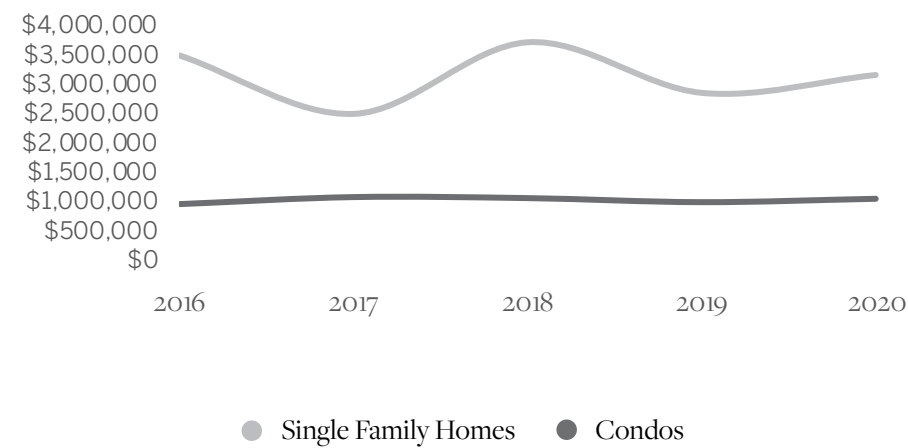
41  
Average DOM

\$1,241  
\$/Square Foot

# District 8

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 }					
Change	-3%	-40%	5%	-	18%
2020	\$3,000,000	15	\$1,500	-6%	57
2019	\$3,100,000	25	\$1,434	7%	48
2018	\$3,564,875	23	\$1,316	-5%	37
2017	\$2,497,500	24	\$1,110	-2%	48
2016	\$3,447,500	14	\$1,389	-2%	55

Median Sale Price | Single Family Homes vs. Condos

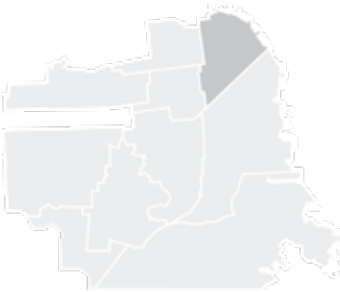


CONDOMINIUMS	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 }					
Change	5%	-11%	-3%	-	7%
2020	\$1,075,000	405	\$1,137	2%	51
2019	\$1,025,000	456	\$1,166	3%	48
2018	\$1,085,000	482	\$1,151	5%	40
2017	\$1,100,000	489	\$1,140	5%	44
2016	\$996,500	466	\$1,111	4%	36

## at a glance

DISTRICT 8

- Civic Center
- Downtown
- Financial District
- North Beach
- Russian Hill
- Nob Hill
- Telegraph Hill
- Tenderloin
- North Waterfront



420

Total Units Sold  
{ Single Family Homes and Condominiums }

-11%

Change in Units Sold  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Condominiums }

\$3m

Median Sale Price  
{ Single Family Homes }

-3%

Change in Median Sale Price  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Single Family Homes }





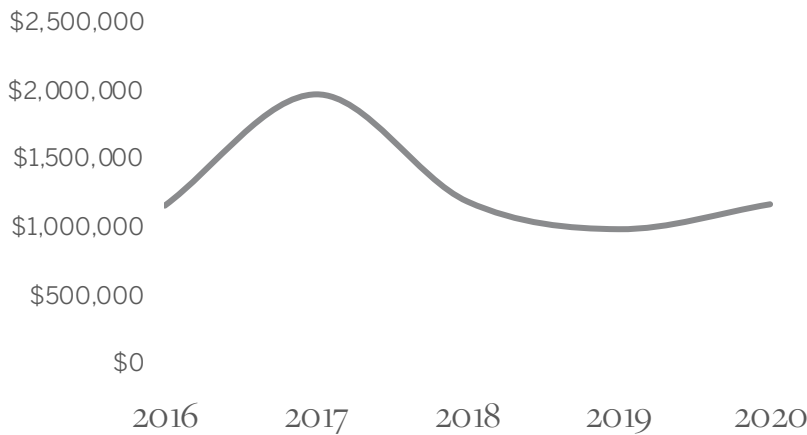
DISTRICT 8

# Neighborhood Highlights



## Financial District

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



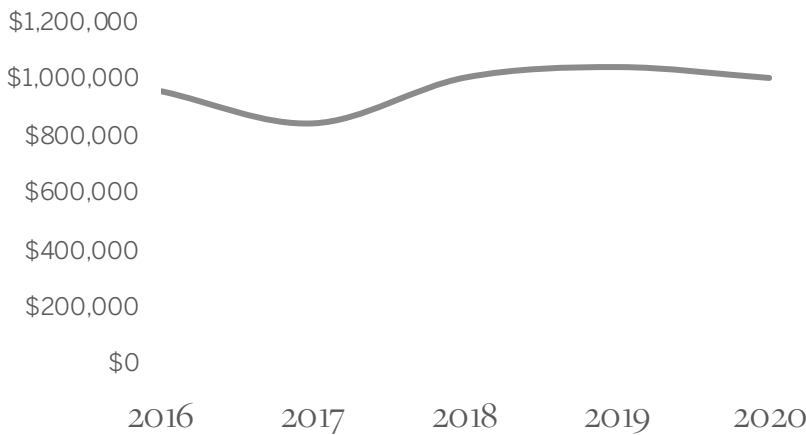
0%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

61  
Average DOM

\$1,235  
\$/Square Foot

## North Waterfront

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



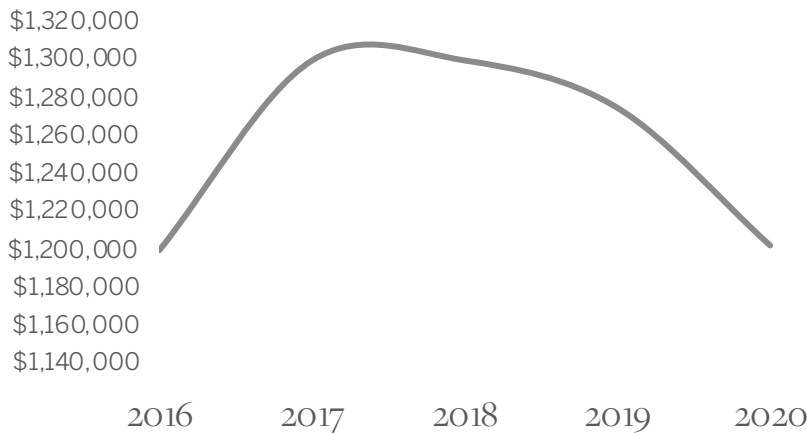
-4%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

59  
Average DOM

\$1,006  
\$/Square Foot

## Nob Hill

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



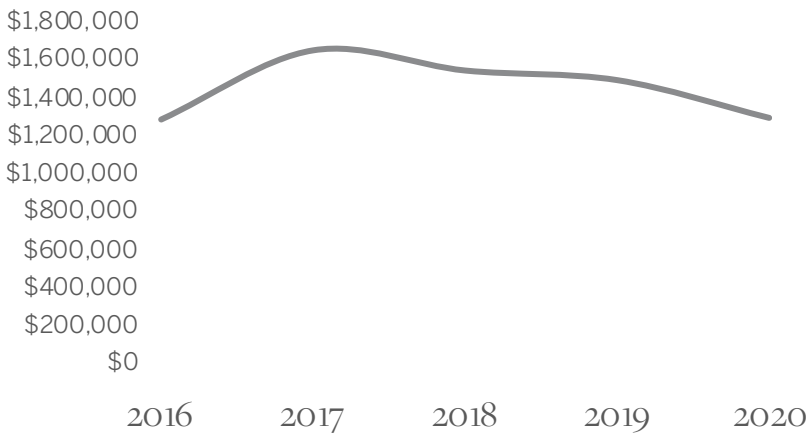
-2%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

57  
Average DOM

\$1,128  
\$/Square Foot

## Russian Hill

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



-3%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

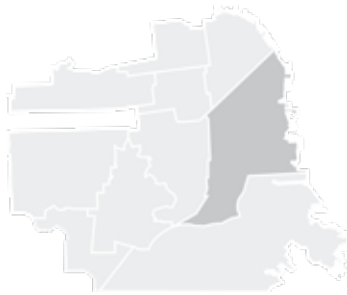
43  
Average DOM

\$1,277  
\$/Square Foot



{2020}  
at a  
glance

- DISTRICT 9
- Bernal Heights
  - Dogpatch
  - Inner Mission
  - Mission Bay
  - Potrero Hill
  - South Beach
  - SoMa
  - Yerba Buena



1,086

Total Units Sold  
{ Single Family Homes and Condominiums }

13%

Change in Units Sold  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Single Family Homes }

\$1.7m

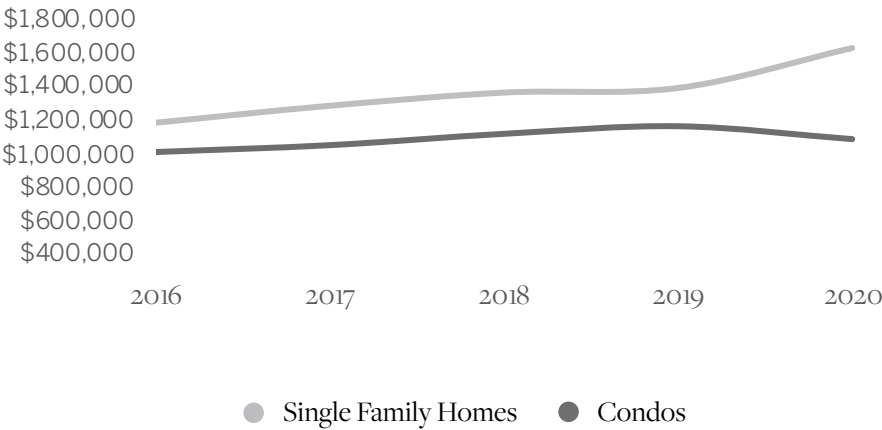
Median Sale Price  
{ Single Family Homes }

5%

Change in Median Sale Price  
{ 2020 vs. 2019, Single Family Homes }

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 } Change	5%	13%	-4%	-	5%
2020	\$1,720,000	256	\$1,076	5%	27
2019	\$1,642,500	226	\$1,123	17%	25
2018	\$1,617,500	240	\$1,062	18%	20
2017	\$1,523,000	263	\$1,036	18%	24
2016	\$1,405,000	247	\$1,000	18%	31

Median Sale Price | Single Family Homes vs. Condos



CONDOMINIUMS	Median Sale Price	Total Units Sold	Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	Median Sale vs. Original List	Average Days on Market
{ 2020 vs. 2019 } Change	-6%	-14%	-7%		30%
2020	\$1,100,000	830	\$1,087	0%	46
2019	\$1,175,000	962	\$1,165	5%	35
2018	\$1,131,000	1,085	\$1,152	5%	35
2017	\$1,065,000	1,033	\$1,055	7%	42
2016	\$1,027,500	953	\$1,053	3%	44

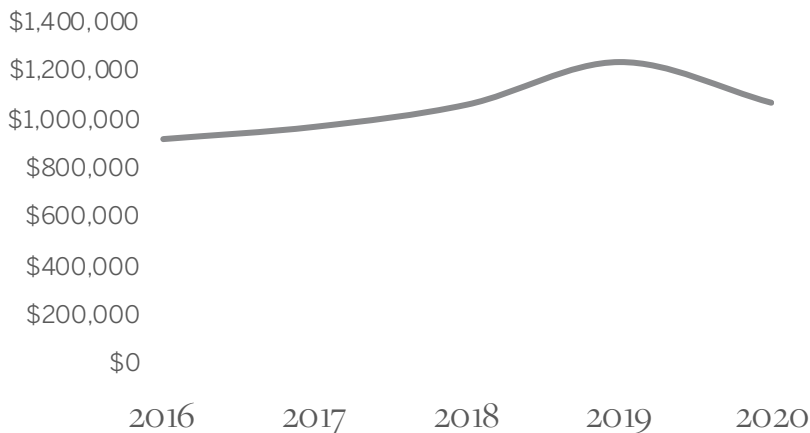


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# Neighborhood Highlights

## Bernal Heights

{Median Sale Price | Single Family Homes over Five Years}



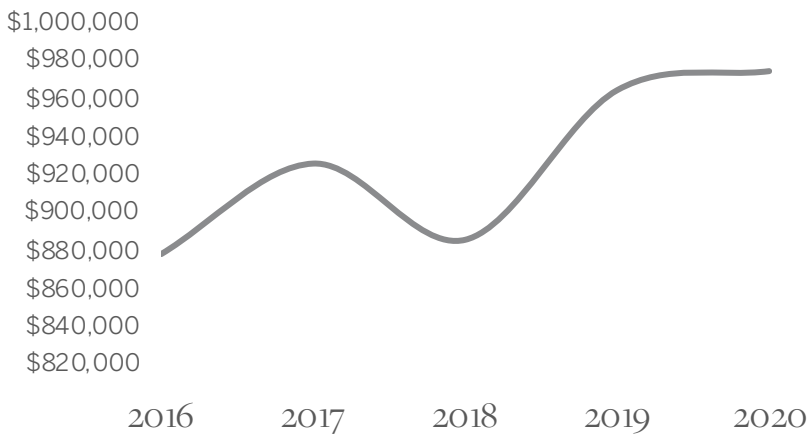
5%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

32  
Average DOM

\$1,029  
\$/Square Foot

## SoMa

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



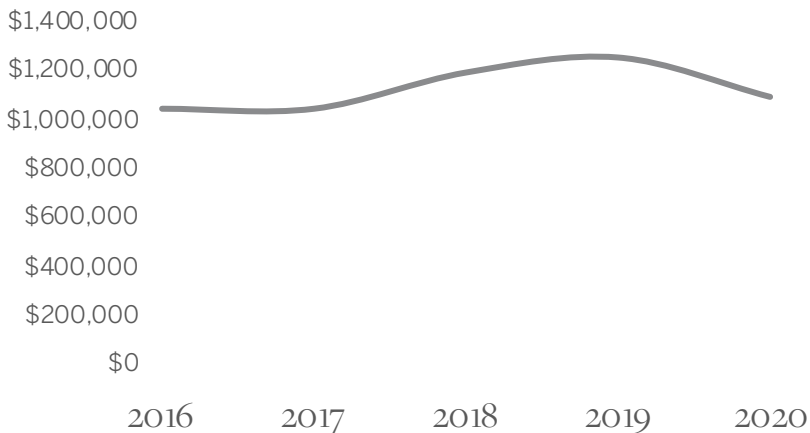
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Median Sale vs. Original List

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Average DOM

\$904  
\$/Square Foot

## Inner Mission

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



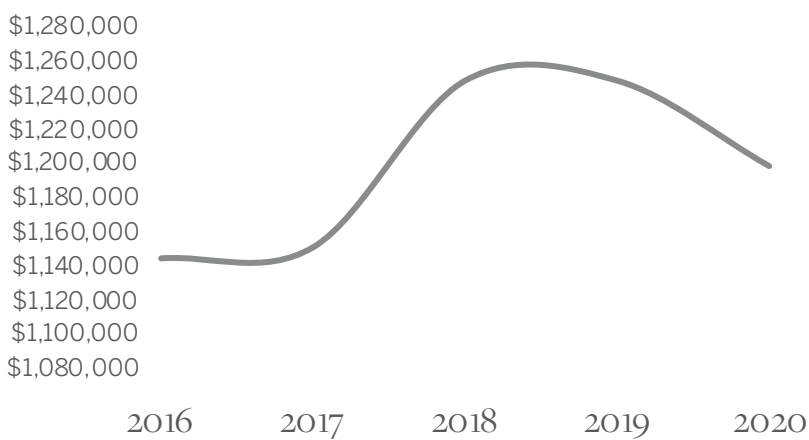
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Median Sale vs. Original List

44  
Average DOM

\$1,027  
\$/Square Foot

## South Beach

{Median Sale Price | Condominiums over Five Years}



1%  
Median Sale vs. Original List

47  
Average DOM

\$1,205  
\$/Square Foot



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\*IN ORDER FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM

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