



Just how long does it take to buy a home in the Bay Area?

Source: The Mercury News

Bay Area buyers are saving longer, paying more, getting less and commuting farther than they wanted, according to a new survey by the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®.

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Homebuyers could be forced to shrink their budget in 2019

Source: Market Watch

Even if prices cool off in the coming year, a new analysis from Zillow warns that prospective buyers could still be stung by reduced borrowing capacity resulting from increased interest rates.

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More homeowners turning to DIY as housing affordability bites

Source: Housing Wire

73 percent of home renovation projects conducted by Gen Y and Millennials were DIY, significantly smaller than the 27 percent

completed by a professional, according to a new report on remodeling.

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Realtor.com: Asking prices dip in SF, East Bay

Source: Curbed

The listing platform reports that the asking price for a home in the San Francisco metro area dropped 4.31 percent for the month and 3.72 percent year-on-year, based on its 4,834 listings during December.

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More than half of SD County renters 'burdened'

Source: KPBS

In 2017, 57 percent of San Diego County's renters spent 30 percent or more of their income on rent and utilities, compared to 38 percent of homeowners.

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Mortgage applications plummet nearly 10 percent

Source: CNBC

Total mortgage application volume dropped 9.8 percent at the end of last week from two weeks earlier, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association's seasonally adjusted index.

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