# Buyer's Package Steps to Making your Buying Process Easier!



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During her 31+ years in Chicago real estate, Debbie has honed her expertise to achieve the maximum results for her clients at every transaction and to make their experience effortless. Her keen insight into the industry offers clients indepth knowledge on community information, school district performance and changing trends in the housing market. Her experience reaches beyond the Chicagoland area as well. With a real estate license for the state of Montana and key contacts in all the premier sea, ski and sun destinations around the world, Debbie can help you find your prefect place, wherever it may be. She has served as the National Association of Realtor's President's Liaison to Costa Rica, held the Chicago President position of the International Real Estate Federation, and was a past Chair of the Chicago Association of Realtor's International Council.

Debbie's experience and dedication to her clients have also resulted in her being awarded as a Chicago Association of Realtors Top Producer and a Top Producer at Jameson Sotheby's International Realty. Her dedication to personal fitness also gives her the focus and strength to to power through challenges in the real estate business. She has competed in many triathalons and is a 4-time Ironman finisher. She is also very connected to her community and gives back through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Chicago. She also acts as President for Realtors to the Rescue, an organization that supports Chicago pet shelters and rescue centers.

With her business based 100% on referrals from existing clients, Debbie continues to build her strong reputation in the Chicago market. She currently splits her time between Chicago and NW Montana.



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# Partners for Life

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Throughout the year I take the time to celebrate you. Don't be surprised if you find cards in the mail to celebrate anniversaries or invitations to one of our holiday parties. Even after a sale is complete I try to stay in touch and continue to help in any way that I can. I have established relationships with companies all around Chicago to help with any household needs and connections with Agents around the world if you plan to relocate.







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# **OUR COMPANY**

Leading residential brokerage firm Jameson Sotheby's International Realty is the exclusive Chicagoland affiliate of the *Sotheby's International Realty* global network. As real estate's most celebrated luxury lifestyle brand, we offer unrivaled access to qualified people and distinctive properties around the world.

Our commitment to excellence reflects the Sotheby's experience and the outstanding level of service that has been the global benchmark for three centuries. With access to cutting edge technology, research and marketing, we are able to provide our clients a customized approach to real estate that is unsurpassed in the industry. Armed with the most sophisticated resources and the built-in integrity, exclusivity, and global reach of the *Sotheby's International Realty* brand, we are dedicated to artfully uniting extraordinary properties with extraordinary lives.

# **OUR CULTURE**

Jameson Sotheby's International Realty is recognized as where the exceptional aspire to be. Many of our agents have grown their business 20-150% in the past year and top agents that have joined us unilaterally say we have a platform and culture that just doesn't exist elsewhere.

# **TOP REASONS TO BUY**

- 1. Tax Advantages
- 2. Pride of Ownership, Control & Predictability
- 3. Homes have appreciated 4.7% on average annually since 1940
- 4. Equity/Principal Paydown (forced savings)
- 5. Bankruptcy Protection

# **OWN VS RENT**

Compare the advantages and considerations of owning after a 10 year period vs. renting a home.

CURRENT RENT	\$4,000	PRICE
PURCHASE PRICE OF HOME	\$700,000	REMAI
PERCENTAGE OF DOWN PAYMENT	20%	EQUITY
LENGTH OF LOAN TERM (YEARS)	30	AVG. N
INTEREST RATE	4%	TOTAL
YEARS YOU PLAN TO STAY IN THIS HOME	5	TOTAL
YEARLY PROPERTY TAX RATE	2%	
YEARLY HOME VALUE INCREASE RATE	2%	

	RENT	OWN
PRICE OF HOME AFTER APPRECIATION	-	\$775,000
REMAINING BALANCE AFTER 5 YEARS	-	\$505,521
EQUITY EARNED	-	\$75,000
AVG. MONTHLY PAYMENT OVER TIME	\$4,200	\$3,840
TOTAL PAYMENT	\$252,000	\$230,400
TOTAL SAVINGS	- \$252,000	+ \$129,479

Note: These items were not used in the above calculations: private mortgage insurance, homeowner's insurance cost, loan closing cost, cost of selling a home, property tax, homeowner's tax saving, and rent increases. **Results are estimates only.** 

# Introduction

While every financially significant investment poses risks, the 2020 Chicago, IL real estate market offers more opportunities than ever before. Whether you are an experienced real estate investor with a sophisticated and diverse portfolio, or a first-time homebuyer contemplating the purchase of your first home, it's important to educate yourself on the latest economic and real estate market trends, the basics of the home buying process and to understand the unique local market trends impacting your neighborhoods of interest. It's also essential that you select a skilled and experienced real estate advisor to help you navigate the process.

Jameson Sotheby's International Realty provides homebuyers with expert advice, accurate market and property information, prompt access to coveted properties and the highest level of service and discretion. We offer skilled and authoritative assessment of real estate opportunities, as well as exclusive access to some of the best properties on the market.



Finding and purchasing a home involves the general steps outlined in the following section; however, most homebuyers and real estate investors have unique financial, property and personal requirements that demand advice from a real estate advisor with specialized expertise. These include instances when you wish to purchase a:

- Home that is dependent on the sale of another property
- Vacation home
- Secondary or multiple investment property
- First home



## Step 1: Secure Financing

Before starting your home search, it's important to evaluate your financial situation, confirm your budget, familiarize yourself with mortgage options and secure pre-approval from your lender. This will help you conduct your search with confidence and negotiate your desired home successfully.

## • Establish Your Budget

As a general guideline, total monthly housing costs for your primary home, including mortgage payments, taxes, maintenance fees, insurance, interest charges and utilities, should not exceed 32% of your gross monthly household income.

Many financial advisors also suggest that total monthly debt, including mortgage payments, credit card and car payments, should not exceed 40% of your gross monthly income.

Those purchasing a real estate investment property should consult their real estate and financial advisor to understand tax and financial implications of their purchase.

#### Confirm Down Payment

If your down payment amount is less than 20 % of the total purchase price, you will need to purchase mortgage loan insurance that guarantees the debt against default. In most cases this will be added to the mortgage loan.

#### Check Your Credit Rating

Your credit report plays an important role in your mortgage approval process and in determining the interest rate and other loan terms that a lender offers you. Before meeting with a potential lender, you may wish to confirm your credit rating so you have time to resolve any issues. Contact Transunion.com, Experian.com or Equifax.com for more information.

## Understand Mortgage Basics

#### INTEREST RATES

Mortgage interest rates are fixed, variable or adjustable.

- Fixed: A fixed mortgage interest rate is a locked-in rate that will not change for the term of the mortgage.
- Variable: A variable rate fluctuates pending market conditions while the mortgage payment itself remains unchanged.
- Adjustable Mortgage Interest Rate: With an adjustable rate, both the interest rate and the mortgage payment change based on market conditions.

#### • Understand Mortgage Basics continued

Work with your lender to optimize your mortgage payment schedule for your unique situation. Many primary homeowners aim to pay off their mortgages as quickly as possible, which can be achieved with more frequent installments. Your mortgage may also be structured to allow an increase in payments as cash flow permits, and you may be able to make lump sum payments each year to be applied directly to the principal.

If you are purchasing real estate solely for investment purposes, other considerations such as tax implications come into play. Consult your mortgage and financial advisor for assistance.

## • Get Written Pre-Approval

In markets where there is high demand and a low volume of the type of home you wish to purchase, written pre-approval is essential and will give you the competitive edge in securing your desired home. For example, in a scenario where a seller receives two similar offers, one accompanied by a letter that confirms financing pre-approval, and another other without supporting documents, the former offer is frequently considered first.

## Step 2: Define Your Goals, Needs and Budget

Prior to meeting with your real estate advisor, it's important to clarify your budget, personal property preferences, and any anticipated life stage and lifestyle requirements that may impact the purchase of your home.

As a starting point for your consultation, complete the worksheet and review with your Jameson Sotheby's International Realty associate.

#### **BUDGET RANGE**

Target Budget	Maximum Budget _			
PREFERRED PROPERTY TYPE				
Condo/Apartment	Townhouse	Single-Family	Home	
Multiplex	Vacation Home	Other		
PRIMARY PROPERTY USAGE				
Primary Family Home	Vacation/Secondary Proper	ty		
Investment/Revenue Property	Other			
PROPERTY FEATURES		Need	Want	
How many bedrooms do you need?				
How many bathrooms do you need?				
Do you need space for a home office?				
What kind of parking facilities do you need	l? For how many cars?			
Do you require air conditioning?				
Do you require storage or hobby space?				
Do you require garden/outdoor space?				
Is a fireplace high on your list?				

# Step 3: Select Your REALTOR®

A REALTOR<sup>®</sup> represents your interests when purchasing a home, one of the most significant financial investments you can make. For this reason, it's essential to select an advisor with indepth knowledge of your local real estate market and specialized experience in the property types you are interested in.

## We offer our clients:

#### Local Expertise

Our associates offer in-depth knowledge of your local real estate market, from advice on the homes and developments with the best potential return-on-investment, to insight into the properties and neighborhoods that best match your life stage and lifestyle.

#### • Exclusive Access

In some areas, many homes are sold within hours and days of being listed on MLS. Other properties are marketed exclusively and privately within the Sotheby's International Realty network without ever being made available to the public. Our connection to over 20,000 associates worldwide gives you direct and priority access to real estate opportunities that would otherwise be difficult to view.

## Global Connections

With a network of over 1000 offices in 71 countries, Sotheby's International Realty provides unparalleled access to the global real estate market. We have the experience and contacts to facilitate international real estate transactions and to assist clients who wish to buy Chicago Illinois real estate from abroad.

#### • Real Estate Specialization

We assist clients in the purchase of real estate in several real estate categories: single-family homes, condos, townhomes and multiplexes, as well as properties that demand specialized knowledge such as waterfront real estate, luxury real estate, golf properties, ski resort properties, farm and ranch and golf properties.

#### Professional Service and Discretion

We commit to providing you with confidential, knowledgeable and responsive service. We guarantee discretion, monitor and promptly deliver listings that meet your criteria, facilitate viewings and property tours according to your individual needs and schedule, and facilitate the negotiation and purchase of your home professionally.

#### Seamless Sales & Marketing

Closed Sales

Market Time

Median Sales Price\*

Percent of Original List Price Received\*

If buying a home depends on the sale of your current one, we make the process efficient and seamless. Our real estate marketing program reaches the most targeted and qualified buyers through exclusive international, national and local publications, as well as online marketing that generates over 1 billion annual media impressions.

Local Market Update – January A Research Tool Provided by the Chicago Association of REALTORS® RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY ONLY   Data current as of February 14, 2020					1 Ch	icago LTORS
	+ 11	.8%	+ 44	1.4%	+ 1.	2%
Lincoln Park			Change in Closed Sales All Properties		Change in Inventory of Homes All Properties	
				Y	ear to Da	te
Detached Single-Family	1-2019	1-2020	+/-	1-2019	1-2020	+/-
New Listings	53	40	- 24.5%	53	40	- 24.5%
Closed Sales	5	9	+ 80.0%	5	9	+ 80.0%
Median Sales Price*	\$1,550,000	\$1,125,000	- 27.4%	\$1,550,000	\$1,125,000	- 27.4%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	91.7%	91.1%	- 0.7%	91.7%	91.1%	- 0.7%
Market Time	182	221	+ 21.4%	182	221	+ 21.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	95	90	- 5.3%			
		January		Y	ear to Da	te
Attached Single-Family	1-2019	1-2020	+/-	1-2019	1-2020	+/-
New Listings	202	245	+ 21.3%	202	245	+ 21.3%

40

\$490.000

95.4%

69

56

\$532.500

95 9%

124

+ 40.0%

+ 8.7%

+ 0.5%

+ 79.7%

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Inventory of Homes for Sale	330	340	+ 3.0%	
* Does not account for sale concessions and/or down payment assistance. Note: Activity for	one month can so	metimes look extr	eme due to small sa	Imple



#### Change in Median Sales Price from Prior Year (6-Month Average)<sup>+</sup>

ins that each of the 6 months used in a dot are propo according to their share of sales during that period.

Current as of February 14, 2020, All data from Midwest Beal Estate Data, Benort © 2020 ShowingTime

## Step 4: Conduct Your Home Search

Once your Jameson Sotheby's International Realty associate has an understanding of your budget and property preferences, you can expect them to provide you with:

#### Automatic Property Updates

As soon as a property that meets your desirable home criteria is posted on MLS, your real estate associate will contact you with pertinent information.

#### Advance Access to Exclusive Properties

In some neighborhoods, homes are sold within days, or even within hours, of being listed on MLS. Others are marketed and sold within a real estate company's network without ever being made available to the public. In some cases, your REALTOR® may be able to arrange for advance access to properties that are represented within their professional and company network.

#### • Property Tours

Your real estate agent will schedule walk-throughs of properties matching your preferences and needs. You may also review properties on glaciersir.com, then contact your REALTOR to schedule a private tour, should there be one that matches your needs.

## • Evaluation of Options

It can be challenging to determine the fair market value of a home and to assess whether it is "good value" for its listed price or for your budget. Variables that impact the value of a home or property include its location, neighborhood, community plan, proximity to amenities, lot attributes, views, property size, interior and structural condition, construction type, age, unique features, and the state of the local real estate market.

Your Jameson Sotheby's International Realty associate will assist you in assessing the pros and cons of the home(s) you are interested in, and provide insight on recent comparable property sales so you have the information you need to place an offer and negotiate effectively.

## Step 5: Submit Your Offer

It's important that you sit down with your agent to prepare your offer. Real estate laws vary widely from region to region, and it's essential that you protect your legal interests and account for any specific contractual contingencies that are unique to your area and desired property. Some general considerations include:

## Legal and Contractual Obligations

Making an offer commits you to legal and contractual obligations as soon as the other party has accepted it. Prior to submitting an offer, ensure you are clear on the legal obligations you are undertaking, should the offer be accepted.

#### • Valuation

Prior to writing your offer, your Jameson Sotheby's International Realty associate can provide you with information on recent area sales, local market information and background on whether there are competitive bids, which will help you determine your initial offer as well as your target price for this specific home.

## • Offer Details

The details of an offer typically include: your legal name, the legal address of the property, the price you are offering to pay, inclusions (items in or around the home that you think are included in the sale should be specifically stated in your offer, such as appliances, lighting fixtures or window coverings), amount of your deposit, dates you take legal and physical possession of the home, legal "contingencies" or "conditions" upon which the contract becomes final (such as satisfactory home inspection report or financing approval), and the date the offer expires. Your offer is a legally binding document and should be prepared by your real estate professional.

## Professional Inspection

Your REALTOR® can advise you as to whether a professional inspection should be conducted prior to or after submitting your offer. This will depend on the property age and type, and whether competitive bids are anticipated.

#### • Time Frame

Ensure that any time frames indicated in your contract are realistic, particularly if your offer is still subject to securing a mortgage loan. You should secure a mortgage loan pre-approval in advance. Increases in market activity as well as increased vigilance by lenders may mean that mortgage approval requires more time. Consult your Jameson Sotheby's International Realty associate and lender for more information.

## Step 6: Negotiate Successfully

## • Preparation

After submitting an offer, you should be prepared to negotiate, not just on the initial price, but on all key factors impacting the sale of the home including deposit, inclusions, dates for completion and possession, and deadlines for contingency removals. Ensure you know your budget and requirements prior to submitting your offer so you don't commit to additional costs in the heat of the process.

## • Multiple Offers

In high-demand, low-inventory areas, you may find yourself bidding against other buyers. Some sellers in high-demand niche markets may also intentionally list their home at a low price hoping to stimulate multiple offers. This doesn't necessarily mean that the price will be bid up significantly over the asking price, but it does mean that due diligence is required on your part and the part of your REALTOR® to ensure the offer you submit is strategic, competitive and reflective of what you are ultimately willing to pay for the property.

Whether you are anticipating competition or not, you should be preapproved for your mortgage prior to your home search and well in advance of writing an offer. In a multiple offer situation, this will impact your ability to negotiate successfully, particularly if others making an offer are already preapproved. It also lets you know the maximum you can afford in what may be a stressful situation.

## Potential Responses

You can expect one of three responses to your offer:

- Accepted as is: the deal is complete and once signed by the seller, the offer becomes a binding legal contract.
- Counter offer: the seller may make changes to your offer, such as adjustments to the price, closing date or conditions. You may accept the counter offer and close the deal by signing the document. Or, you may make another counter offer back to the seller.
- Rejection of the offer: the seller may choose to reject the offer and the sale will not go through.

## • Offer Acceptance

Once both parties come to an agreement, negotiations conclude and you move on to the next steps in the buying process. You will have a set period of time in which to satisfy the legal conditions ("contingencies") agreed to in your contract, such as completing a satisfactory home inspection report or securing financing.

## Step 7: Close the Deal

The closing or completion day is the day you take legal possession or your new property.

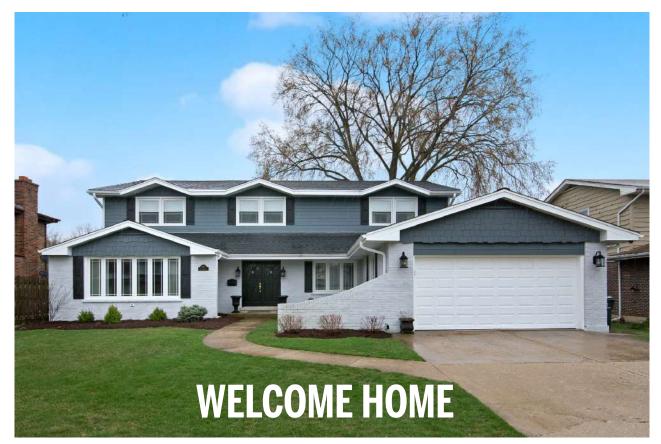
#### • Preparation

As this day nears, your REALTOR® and lender will monitor the progress of your transaction to ensure there are no last minute issues that need to be dealt with.

## • Completion (Closing) Day

On completion day itself, legal property ownership is transferred to your name. The mortgage amount is provided to your title company by your lender and you will receive a Closing Disclosure with costs payable, including: balance owing, legal fees, property transfer taxes and other completion costs. Your title company will pay the seller, complete necessary documents and transfer legal ownership.

On your closing day, your lender provides the mortgage money to your title company, you provide the down payment (minus your deposit) to your title company as well as remaining closing costs. Your title company pays the previous owner, registers the home in your name and provides you the deed to your new home.



## **TYPICAL PURCHASE TIMELINE**



Approximate timeline for guidance.

#### **TYPICAL CLOSING TIMELINE**

WEEKS UNTIL CLOSE						
	6	5	4	3	2	1
<b>1.</b> A	PPLY FOR HOMEOW	NER'S INSURANCE				
	2. CONSIDER P	URCHASING A HOME WAR	RANTY (TALK TO YOUR AG	GENT)		
	<b>3.</b> SCI	HEDULE MOVERS (SOME E	UILDINGS REQUIRE SCHE	EDULE AND FEE)		
			4. TALK TO YOUR ATTO	RNEY ABOUT HOW TO	) HOLD TITLE	
			5. HAVE YOU	R ATTORNEY SCHEDU	JLE CLOSING TIME	
			[see below] <b>6.</b>	ASK YOUR ATTORNEY	TO DETERMINE YOUR CLOS	ING COSTS
					7. SCHEDULE FINAL WA	LK THROUGH
					[see belo	w] 8. TRANSFER / SET-UI
						9. REVIEW CLOSING DOCUMENTS
						<b>10.</b> CLOSE – KEYS REMOTES / MANUALS
						<b>11.</b> MOVE IN
12.	AFTER CLOSE <u>– WI</u>	E STAY IN CONTACT <u>TO AD</u>	VISE, PROVIDE RES <u>OURCI</u>	ES & KEEP YOU U <u>P-TO</u> ·	-DATE ABOUT THE MARKET	
6. Transfer Fees, Title Fees, Escrow, Loan Fees, Legal Fees, Insurance, Appraisal, Inspection, Pro-Rations, Deposits, Property Tax, Assessments, Down Payment						
	UTILITIES	SERVI	CES ADDRI	ESS CHANGE	CITY	COMMUNITY
8.	Gas, Electric, Water,	, Phone Garbage, Clean Cable, A		scriptions, Bank, dit, School	Permits, Fees	School, Library, Health Club



## The Process of Buying Property

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- - esponsibilities to you

#### property you would like to purchase:

Time is of the essence......The market is very strong......

#### We will sit down and go over the contract and the terms we would like to

- All personal property to be included
- •
- •
- Attorney and inspection terms
- Completion of necessary riders (lead paint, property disclosure, etc.)
- Any other negotiable items
- We will review the comps and determine the offering price

#### When completed, you will sign the contract.

#### will contact the listing broker that we have an offer.

- I will then meet or discuss over the phone the terms of this offer
- The seller and the listing broker will review the terms of the offer to determine if and what their counter will be
  - oker will contact me to negotiate their counter offer We may negotiate back and forth multiple times

#### Once everyone involved agrees on the terms of the offer:

- The contract is signed by the seller and all parties involved receive a copy.
  - Receipt does not take place until we receive a copy, at which time, the "clock starts ticking".
- Sellers and buyers contact their attorneys.
- Copies of the contract are forwarded to the attorneys for their review as outlined in purchase con
- Copies of the contract are forwarded to the lenders and condo associations, when applicable.
- An inspection may or may not be performed upon your request (as outlined in purchase contract). After which, any mechanical o rn shall be negotiated with the seller to be remedied.
- Your lender/mortgage broker should be contacted to proceed with loan application as outlined in purchase agreement. Be sure t them with all necessary documents to complete your mortgage appli
- The listing agent coordinates any requirements by condo association, when applicable.
- You will provide, when applicable, to the condo association any additional documents, information, or funds.
- You will meet with the condo association, when applicable.
- The listing agent obtains certificate of insurance for condo, when applicable.
- I will provide your attorney with any additional documents they may request.
- As outlined in purchase agreement, terms of attorney's approval, property inspection and mortgage requirement are met in a timely matter.
- 48 hours prior to close of escrow you will do a final walk
- Close of escrow takes place and moneys are distributed.

#### CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW HOME!!!!!!!

Is important that all terms of the purchase agreement are met in a timely and responsible manner or it may constitute a breach of contract.

## 184 Things REALTORs® Do

Make appointment with seller for mail confirmation of listing appointment and

Research sales activity for past 18 months from MLS and publi

Research "Average Days on Market" for this property of this type, price

Download and review property tax roll information e "Comparable Market Analysis" (CMA) to establish fair market

Research property's ownership & deed type Research property's public record information for lot size &

Research property's land use coding and deed restrictions

Verify legal names of owner(s) in county's public property records Prepare listing presentation package with above materials Curb Appeal Assessment" of subject property Compile and assemble formal file on property Confirm current public schools and explain impact of schools on

Review listing appointment checklist to ensure all steps and actions

#### isting Appointment Presentation

Give seller an overview of current market conditions and Review agent's and company's credentials and accomplishments in the

Present company's profile and position or "niche" in the marketplace Present CMA Results To Seller, including Comparables, Solds, Current

ng strategy based on professional judgment and interpretation of current market conditions Discuss Goals With Seller To Market Effectively wer and benefits of Multiple Listing Service Explain market power of web marketing, IDX and REALTOR. Explain the work the brokerage and agent do "behind the scenes" and agent's availability on weekends Explain agent's role in taking calls to screen for protect seller from curiosity seekers Present and discuss strategic master mark Explain different agency relationships and determine seller's

Review and explain all clauses in Listing Contract & Addendum and seller's signature Once Property is Under Listing Agreement ew current title information Measure overall and heated square footage Measure interior room sizes Confirm lot size via owner's copy of certified survey, if available ded property lines, agreements, easements

Review house plans and make copy Order plat map for retention in property's listing file Prepare showing instructions for buyers' agents and agree on showing

Obtain current mortgage loan(s) information: comp

Verify current loan information with lender(s) Check assumability of loan(s) and any special requirements Discuss possible buyer financing alternatives and op Review current appraisal if available

Home Owner Association manager if applicable Verify Home Owner Association Fees with manager optional and current annual fee Order copy of Homeowner Association bylaws, if appl Research electricity availability and supplier's name and

Calculate average utility usage from last 12 months of bills Research and verify city sewer/septic tank system Water System: Calculate average water fees or rates from last 12

Well Water: Confirm well status, depth and output Natural Gas: Research/verify availability and supplier's name and

rent term of service and whether owned or

Verify if seller has transferable Termite Bond

Prepare detailed list of property amenities and assess market impact Prepare detailed list of property's "Inclusi

Compile list of completed repairs and maintenance items Send "Vacancy Checklist" to seller if property Explain benefits of Home Owner Warranty to seller Assist sellers with completion and submission of Home Owner

When received, place Home Owner Warranty in property file for

Verify if property has rental units involved. And if so: \* Make copies of all leases for retention in listing file

\* Inform tenants of listing and discuss how showings will be handled Arrange for installation of yard sig Assist seller with completion of Seller's Disclosure form "New Listing Checklist" Completed Review results of Curb Appeal Assessment with seller and provide suggestions to improve salability Review results of Interior Décor Assessment and suggest changes

Load listing into transaction management software program

#### **Entering Property in Multiple Listing S**

Prepare MLS Profile Sheet Agents is responsible for "quality control" and accuracy of listing data erty data from Profile Sheet into MLS Listing

Proofread MLS database listing for accuracy placement in mapping function Add property to company's Active Listings list Provide seller with signed copies of Listing Agreement and ML Profile Sheet Data Form within 48 hours Take additional photos for upload into MLS and use in flyers. cy of panoramic photography

#### **Marketing The Listing**

Create print and Internet ads with seller's input Coordinate showings with owners, tenan Realtors®. Return all calls Install electronic lock box if authorized by owner. Prog upon showing time windows Prepare mailing and contact list merge letters to contact list

Prepare flyers & feedback faxes Review comparable MLS listings regularly to ensure property competitive in price, terms, conditions and availability Prepare property marketing brochure for seller's review Arrange for printing or copying of supply of marketing

Place marketing brochures in all company agent mail boxes ting to company and agent Internet site, if applicable Mail Out "Just Listed" notice to all neighborhood residents Advise Network Referral Provide marketing data to buyers coming through international

g data to buyers coming from referral network Provide "Special Feature" cards for marketing, if applicable Submit ads to company's participating Internet real estate sites Price changes conveyed promptly to all Internet groups Reprint/supply brochures prom

Loan information reviewed and updated in MLS as required mails/faxes sent to buyers' agents after showings w weekly Market Study

Discuss feedback from showing agents with seller to determine

Place regular weekly update calls to seller to discuss marketing

Promptly enter price changes in MLS listing database

Receive and review all Offer to Purchase contracts submitted by

Evaluate offer(s) and prepare a "net sheet" on each for the owner for comparison purposes Counsel seller on offers. Explain merits and weakness of eac component of each offer Contact buyers' agents to review buyer's qualifications and

ax/deliver Seller's Disclosure to buyer's agent or buyer upon request and prior to offer if possible qualified by calling Loan Officer qualification letter on buyer from Loan Officer Negotiate all offers on seller's behalf, setting time limit for loan approval and closing date Prepare and convey any counteroffers, acceptance or amendments to buyer's agent t and all addendums to closing attorney or

When Offer to Purchase Contract is accepted seller, deliver to buyer's agent Record and promptly deposit buyer's earnest money in escrow

Deliver copies of fully signed Offer to Purchase contract to

/deliver copies of Offer to Purchase contract to Selling

Fax copies of Offer to Purchase contract to lender Provide copies of signed Offer to Purchas

Advise seller in handling additional offers to purchase

Change status in MLS to "Sale Pending" Update transaction management program show "Sale Pending" Review buyer's credit report results Advise seller of worst and

Provide credit report information to seller if prope

Assist buyer with obtaining financing, if applicable and follow

**Coordinate with lender on Discount Points being** 

Deliver unrecorded property information to buyer inspection, if applicable Receive and review septic system report and assess any possible impact on sale Deliver copy of septic system inspection report lender & buy Deliver Well Flow Test Report copies to lender & buyer and

termite inspection ordered Verify mold inspection ordered, if required

#### **Tracking the Loan Process**

**Confirm Verifications Of Deposit & Buyer's Employment Have** 

Follow Loan Processing Through To The Underwriter Add lender and other vendors to your management program so agents, buyer and seller can track progress of sale Contact lender weekly to ensure processing is on track Relay final approval of buyer's loan application to seller

Coordinate buyer's professional home inspection wit Review home inspector's report Enter completion into transaction management tracking

Explain seller's responsibilities with respect interpret any clauses in the contract Ensure seller's compliance with Home Insp

Recommend or assist seller with identifying and negotiating with trustworthy contractors to perform any required repairs payment and oversee completion of all required repairs on seller's behalf, if needed

Provide comparable sales used in market pricing to Appraiser

Enter completion into transaction management program ssist seller in questioning appraisal report if it seems too low

#### **Closing Preparations and**

Contract Is Signed By All Parties Coordinate closing process with buyer's agent and lender Update closing forms & files Ensure all parties have all forms and information needed to

Select location where closing will be held sing date and time and notify all parties Assist in solving any title problems (boundary disputes, easements, etc) or in obtaining Death Certificates 's agent in scheduling and conducting buyer's

tax, HOA, utility and other applicable prorations Request final closing figures from closing agent (attorney or

Receive & carefully review closing figures to ensure accuracy

Forward verified closing figures to buyer's agent equest copy of closing documents from closing agent Confirm buyer and buyer's agent have received title insurance

Provide "Home Owners Warranty" for avail Reviews all closing documents carefully for errors Forward closing documents to absentee seller as requested Review documents with closing agent (attorney) Provide earnest money deposit check from escrow account to

te this closing with seller's next purchase and resolve

rises" closing so that seller receives a net proceeds check at closing Refer sellers to one of the best agents at their destination, if

to Sold. Enter sale date, price, selling broker and agent's ID numbers, etc. ing in your management program

#### **Follow Up After Closing**

Answer questions about filing claims with Home Owner Warranty company if requested Attempt to clarify and resolve any conflicts about repairs if

calls and provide any additional information required from office files.

# **The Process**

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#### How Does the Commission Get Distributed? How Realtors Are Paid...

As a consumer in the real estate market, you will benefit from the services of an experienced Realtor throughout the selling or buying process. Therefore, it is important that you understand how real estate agents are paid.

Basically, the seller pays a commission to the listing broker based on a percentage of the selling price. The listing broker then shares this commission first with the broker representing the buyer and then with the listing agent.

Jameson's agents are paid the same regardless of whether a buyer purchases a home listed ally (by Jameson) or with another firm.

As your agent, I represent you and owe a responsibility This applies whether or not I am representing you as a listing agent or as a buyers' agent.

Real estate agents are self employed and receive no salary. We have no paid vacation, company car, or expense accounts. We have ongoing out t expenses similar to those of any business.

#### Commission Distribution Breakdown Seller pays 100% of the commission to the listing broker

is retained by listing broker

is paid to buyer's broker

Listing agent is paid by listing

Buyers agent is paid by buyer's



Buyers Needs Evaluation

Name(s):	
Address:	
Phone: (Home) (Cells)	:
	Rent:
Children(s) Names:	Ages:
Why have you decided to move?:	
When would you like to move?:	
How long have you been looking?:	
Do you have any pets: If so, what kind(s) and	l weight?
Describe your present home?:	
What do you like most about your present home?:	
What do you like lease about your present home?:	
Hobbies & special interests:	
Are there any areas, neighborhoods or homes you like	o?:
What type of home would you like?:	
	Family Room: Separate Dining Room:
School District:	
Transportation needs:	Any other needs:
Is your home currently on the market?:	If so, at what price?:
ything which would preclude you from pure	chasing a home today?:



Buyer's Cost Estimated

rty Address:	
\$ \$	
Loan Origination Fee al Fee Credit Report	Recording Fees   Recording Fees   Tax Stamps   es
Interest Hazard Insurance urance axes ments	Additional Settle   Pest Inspections   Home Warranty   Home Inspection Fee   Other Fees
ees  itle and Closing Cha	lement Charges own Payment Total Estimate of Buyers Costs
d Title Fees Insurance Notary Fee Other Fees	Amount Financed \$%
	terest

NOTE: Lenders and other related services will vary in their charges; therefore, these figures are not and cannot be



## Mortgage Loan Checklist

In order to expedite the mortgage loan process, please be sure that you bring everything you need to make your appointment as smooth and efficient as possible.

Sales Contract (On the purchase of your new home)

of Sales Contract and certified copy of Closing Statement (On the sale of your present home)

Copy of driver license and Social Security Card (FHA only)

#### **Residence History**

- Past 24 months of residence with complete addresses
- Length of time you lived at each residence
- Name of landlord and their address (if currently renting) Employment History

#### **Employment History**

- Employers for the past two years with complete addresses Dates of employment for each place
- Most recent two years of W
- cent two years of tax returns (with all schedules and signed in blue ink)
- date profit and loss statement and current balance sheet (if self
- If there have been any gaps in your employment, be prepared to explain
- Creditors' names and addresses Account numbers
- Current total balances you owe
- Monthly installments, payments and how many months are left to pay
- Name and address of each financial institution
- Three months of bank statements for all accounts
- All account numbers
- All current balances and values

#### **Current Real Estate**

- Property addresses
- Estimated market values
- Outstanding loan balances
- Amount of monthly payment
- Amount of monthly rental income, if applicable

#### **Personal Property**

- Net cash value of your life insurance
- Year, make and value of your automobiles
- Value of your furniture and other personal property
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#### pplicable, the following

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- Certificate of eligibility & DD214 (VA Only)
- Check for appraisal and credit report fees



## nformation Needed at Loan Application

- Picture ID with proof of Social Security
- Residence Addresses
- Addresses
- •
- Addresses,

statements.

- Addresses,
- Payments
- Addresses of other real estate
- information
- Estimated
- Certificate
- •
- W2's (2 years) and current check stub.
- applicable.

**Payments** 

years. Gross



ualification Worksheet

Date:	:Requesting Agent:			
Borrower #1:	rower #1: Social Security #:			
		rity #:		
Address:		ty:		
Gross Monthly Incom				
Other:		Alimony:		
TOTAL INCOME:		Child Support:		
		Other:		
		TOTAL DEBT:		
	ount:	Source:		
	Bankruptcy:	dgements:		
	ayment:			
gram:		LTV:		
st Rate:		P&I:		
Margin:	Index:	Insurance:		
Caps:		PITI:		
:		otal Dept Ratio:		
Comments:				
's Associati	on:	Dues:		



# Important Phone Numbers

Electric	ComEd	800.334.7661
	People's Energy	312.240.7000
Phone	Ameritech	800.244.4444
		800.362.9689
	Comcast	800.266.2278
		800.746.4726
Police (Non Emergency)		312.746.6000
Poison Control		800.942.5969
Fire Department		312.744.6666
		312.836.7000

Note: It is advised that you order your phone service & cable 3 weeks prior to occupancy date.

**\*\***Cancel current utilities the day after you've moved from the residence.



## Vendor List

Applia	nce Repair:		
	Sterling	800.492.2121	(Especially SubZero)
	Herman Washington	815.530.8044	(Northside)
	Appliance King	847.677.4220	www.appliancekingchicago.com
Cleane	rs:		
	Waldo Cleaning	630.440.2961	
	Mighty Maids	773.472.7711	
	Spotless Cleaning Chicago	312.488.1113	(Carpet/Especially Wool) www.SpotlessCleaningChicago.com
Design	ers:		
	Allenby & Grove	312.576.4252	shayna@allenbyandgrove.com
Dog Sit	tters & Walkers:		
	Dogs Deserve It	773.573.8216	www.dogsdeserveit.com
	Rover.com		www.rover.com
	Tuckers Pooch Hotel	312.432.2700	www.poochhotel.com
Electri	cian:		-1
	Alltown Electric	773.491.2929	
	Rudy Ortega	773.520.7717	
Firepla	ce:		
	Hearth & Home Inc.	847.259.7550	ryan@hearthandhomeusa.com
	Green Forest Fireplace	773.348.9111	ti ni ni malanzi mana di sana di kana kana kana kana kana kana kana kan
Handy	man:		
-	Zoran	773.569.6500	(& Painter)
	John	847.341.7031	
HVAC:			
	Sanitary	773.463.2500	
	BJ Seto	773.562.1200	bjhvac@gmail.com
	Joel	773.619.3488	
Kitche	n Cabinet Refinishers:		
	Lens Creations	630.330.3679	Brandt Lens
			(Restoration/Painting/Murals)
	Ed Brodzinski	708.612.4200	
	Neil Goldberg	773.732.5834	
	Tom Latimer	773.935.4447	
	The Maria's	773.988.5303	mciocan733@yahoo.com
	lggy Ignaczak	267.205.4317	
Landso			
	Pete Wodarz Milieu Design	847.366.5286	
	Patch Landscaping		www.patchlandscaping.com
	Kinsella Landscaping		www.kinsellalandscape.com
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Marble/Granite:		
Victoria Granite	708.652.5322	
Mold Remediation:		
Mold Solutions	815.666.3034	
Mold Testing:		
Windy City Home Inspections	847.926.4663	www.windycityhome.com
Moving:		
First Class Moving & Storage	847.272.9988	Movers: Aaron Masliansky
	1.800.GOT.JUNK	Moving Boxes & Moving Garbage
Two Girlz Packing, Inc	847.857.9859	Packers: Kristen Lazgang (Owner)
Low Cost Movers	888-8-LOW COST	www.lowcostmovers.net
USA Moving and Storage	800.626.4474	www.usamovingandstorage.com
Plumber:		
Oma	773.367.3044	
Ivan Snhir	773.474.6753	
Property Management:		
Ron Fritzler	312.513.7620	
High Fidelity Property Management	773.697.4112	www.hifipm.com
Roofers:		
JD & Sons	847.968.1266	
Sealing of Exterior Brick:		
ROMA Chicago	773.348.0065	www.romawaterproofing.com
Snow Removal:		
Priority Property Solutions	773.590.9200	kesses@pri-property.com
Adam Medina	773.410.1070	Does my building Good/Honest
Jim Amatore	773.517.7110	
Stagers:		
MD Staging	773.677.2529	mark@mdstagingdesign.com
Brook Furniture Rental	312.345.0051	ccoughlin@bfr.com
Sizzle Productions	847.748.8592	www.sizzleproductions.biz
Tree Service:		
Montoya Tree Service	847.867.5509	www.montoyatreeservice.com
Title Work:		
Adopipho Moreles	773.443.2329	
Windows/Seals:		
North Shore Glass	773.745.3461	
Window Wizards	773.467.0861	
Chicago Window Repair	708.343.8800	
Painter:		
lggy Ignaczak	267.205.4317	



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#### **Mortgage Brokers**

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**Buyers Protection Group** 

**Kerfin Inspections** 

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**Riverside Appraisal Services** 

**Nicholas Conteduca** 

**Alpha Appraisal** 

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Lawyer

losing

#### The following is a list of those tasks & details with which your lawyer will attend to:

#### Review the contract & make any necessary changes or

**Contact the Realtor and other party's attorney:** This is to confirm closing date and resolve any lingering issues. (i.e. change in closing, property inspection issues.)

Order a payoff letter: This is ordered from your present mortgage holder.

#### Water bill certification:

**Prepare and examine title insurance policy:** This is an insurance policy which the seller of the property must procure for the buyer. This is to insure the title is free of liens and encumbrances, which may

Property is transferred by a deed from the seller to the buyer. This is then recorded at the Office of the Recorder of

**Prepare an Affidavit of Title:** This is prepared by the seller's attorney to arantee that during the time the seller ordered title insurance up to the time of closing, the seller did not incur any liens encumbrances on the property. (i.e.: unpaid repairs, etc.)

This transfers title of personal property on the premises. (i.e. : stove, dw, etc.)

The attorney will insure the required current survey is available at closing.

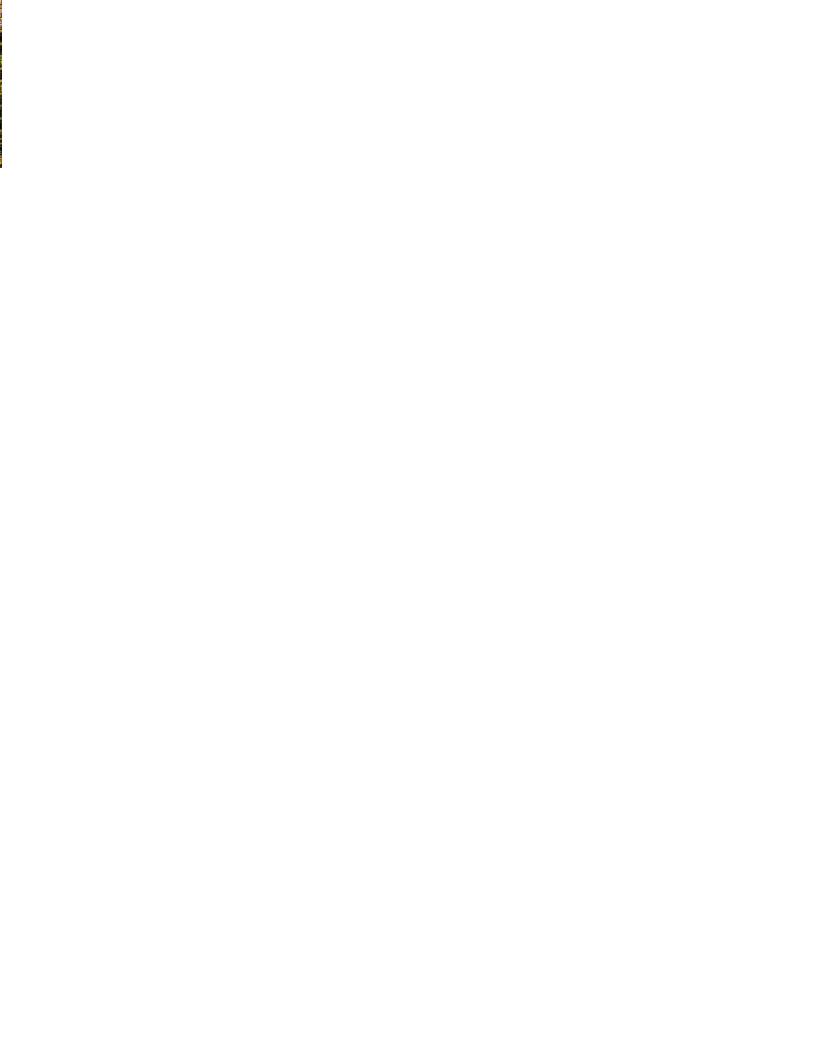
All transfers of property in the State of Illinois are subject to an Illinois, County and City Transfer Tax. Th make sure that the transfer tax declarations are property prepared, reflecting appropriate amounts due.

**Closing Statement:** This is a statement of all of the figures involved in the transaction. It must include a pro ration of any taxes are unpaid at closing and any other credits or debits to reflect the transaction.

: transfer of liability insurance, leases and pro rations of rents, security deposits, notices to tenants if property is income property, condominium documents or a power of attorney to execute the Deed if you cannot be present at the closing, releases necessary to clear title or release liens and roof or appliance warranties.

**Attend the closing:** that everything is property executed, passed successfully, funds are distributed to the proper individuals, keys are passed.

Bring proper identification & your checkbook (just in case there are any



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