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**COLORING CONTEST** 

Entry Deadline 12:00 P.M. Courtesy of the Member Engagement Committee

Anytime Before 12:00 P.M. Hosted by the Diversity & Inclusion Committee

SCAVENGER HUNT

11:30 A.M. Hosted by the GMAR Young Professionals Network



By JAMES CRISTBROOK - 2020 GMAR President President@gmaronline.com

## The American Dream

For Realtors® the American Dream has meant the pride and joy of homeownership. After all, homeownership is the cornerstone of our economy and the livelihood of our families, colleagues, and friends.

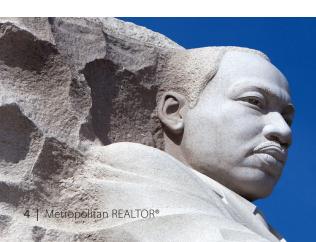
The American Dream can be defined as the ideal by which equality of opportunity is available to any and all Americans allowing the highest hopes and goals achievable. It is a cherished aspiration and ambition shared by millions of citizens across the country.

The big question that we must ask ourselves now is to whom the American Dream will be granted? Is the Dream within reach of all Americans or only those who were born into a position of perceived or actual privilege? When a segment of our society feel that they can't walk down the street without fear because of the color of their skin then we have failed in creating and sustaining a world of equality, equity and just plain fairness. The potential of the American Dream becoming an American Reality becomes more challenging and difficult to achieve for those that have been deemed unworthy simply because of who they were born to be.

During the month of July, Americans celebrate our freedom achieved through a revolution from tyranny. We do this amid a surreal time of extreme fear and unrest in our world. We fear a virus called COVID-19 that

has existed as a pandemic for only 6 months but has taken thousands of lives without discrimination. And we recognize and have become paralyzed by a plague called racism that has existed for hundreds of years and has taken millions of lives through ignorance and discrimination. We know that we will likely see a vaccine for the virus within the foreseeable future. Sadly, we have been unsuccessful in finding an effective cure for deep-seated racism and bigotry within our population. It is a persistent blemish on our society that is rooted in blatant hatred and a system that has nurtured an imbalance in our country.

Freedom is the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint. It is our time right now to breathe life and truth into those words. We do not have a moment to lose! We cannot bear the sorrow and shock of another George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, or any of the countless other black men and women who have died to a great extent simply because of the skin that they were born with. As Realtors® we must be committed to replacing the anger, hate, and divisiveness with love, peace, and the hope of turning the American Dream into a reality for all people. We attest and aspire to it in our Code of Ethics. It is not only who we should be. It is Who We "R".



"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

- Dr. Martin Luther King

## **APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DUE TO COVID-19**

The GRF is proud to announce that the Benevolent Fund program is now available, and applications are open online. Realtor® members who find themselves in troubling times are encouraged to seek assistance.

The Realtors® Helping Realtors® Benevolent Fund is designed to give assistance to any eligible individual, couple,

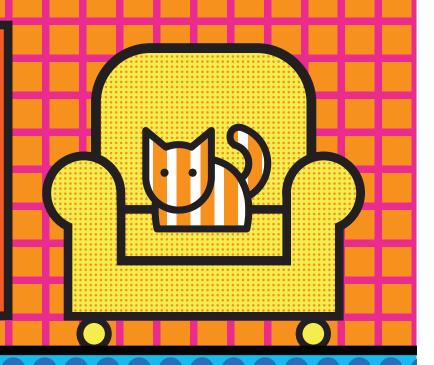
or family who is in need and fits the eligibility criteria. Economic strain can strike anyone for reasons outside of their control and we hope this fund will help to provide some relief.

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By VICKEY LIVERNOIS Chief Executive Officer

# Michigan's Economic Outlook

As we head into the busy Summer months, it's refreshing to hear some amazing statistics from Dr. Lawrence Yun, NAR's Chief Economist. Just earlier today, we had the honor of Dr. Yun presenting to many of our members on the outlook for Michigan as it relates to the real estate industry and share some encouraging news for the Metro Detroit area.

While he shows that unemployment rates are still high within our State, and we continue to have lower inventory available, buyers are out there and looking to make a purchase due to the lower interest rates. He also indicated that the number of sales could be better this summer than they were last year! He attributed some of this to the fact that many Americans were home over the last few months and, while online shopping continued for many, many were saving the additional funds received from the Government to help with down payments. He also stated that the middle market home prices will continue to remain solid because of both the inventory and the mortgage rates.





He also indicated an importance of maintaining social distancing, wearing masks and doing what we can to continue to be safe while out enjoying the warmer weather will all contribute to the comeback of the industry. The models he presented were assuming that we don't have another stay home order or shut down of the economy, which is why its important for us to continuing to lead the industry and the Realtors in Michigan to work within the best practices provided by the Michigan Realtors®.

While the Federal Budget is showing quite a deficit, the Federal Reserve is helping to alleviate some of the financial burden, which means that inflation will occur in the next 5-6 years and prices for everything will be on the rise, everything except mortgage finance payments that will be locked in at todays rates. So encourage your clients who may be unsure that now is a great time to buy!



I wanted to personally thank all those who took part in this presentation – Dr. Yun is a full of knowledge and experience and helps to provide guidance for what the future of the industry holds. If you didn't have a chance to make the presentation, we have posted it on our social media and YouTube pages for viewing at a later time.

Thanks to all for being a #Greater Realtor. Looking forward to "seeing" everyone virtually at our Family Fun Event on July 18th!

Summer in the Park Coloring Contest

As part of our Summer Fun event, we are having a coloring contest! Coloring page templates, details, and more can be found at <a href="mailto:gmarcoloringContest">gmarcoloringContest</a>.

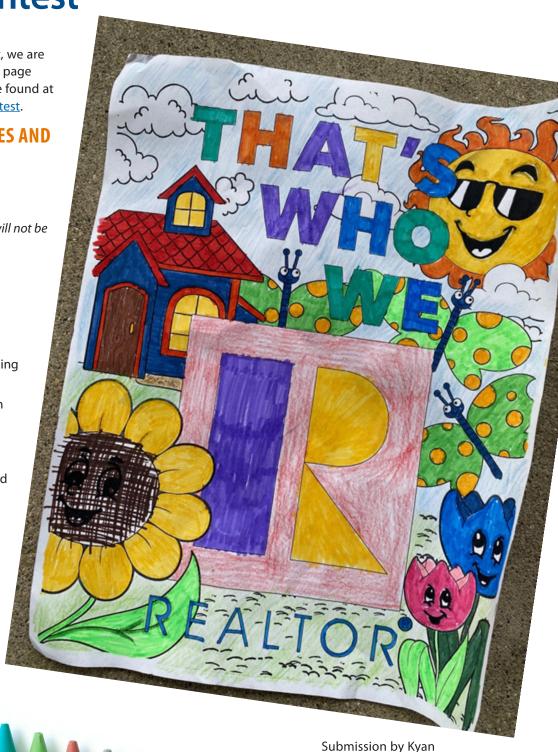
# THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES AND A \$100 PRIZE FOR EACH:

- Ages 10 and under
- Ages 11-17
- (Adults are welcome to color but will not be entered for the prize drawing.)

#### **HERE'S HOW YOU ENTER:**

- 1. Download and print any of the coloring pages
- 2. Color your best!
- 3. Snap a photo of your child holding their completed page
- 4. Load that photo onto Instagram and/or Facebook and be sure to tag GMAR with the hashtag #virtualfunday
- 5. Submissions can also be emailed to <a href="mailto:August@gmaronline.com">August@gmaronline.com</a>
- We will contact you to find out the age of your child before the drawing.

Deadline for entering the coloring contest: Saturday, July 18th by noon. Winners will be announced on July 21st.





By TRAVIS GREER GMAR Director of Realtor® and Community Affairs

# GMAR Announces Primary Election Endorsements

To say that June was a wild ride would simply be an understatement. GMAR's Candidate Endorsement Task Force met 21 times totaling 72 hours conducting interviews of 140 candidates running for federal, state, and local office.

Each of those 140 candidates were asked about why they're running for office, why they sought our endorsement, and tough questions on issues impacting the way we do business. GMAR is incredibly grateful to the 30 dedicated Greater REALTORS® who spent countless hours away from their business to ask tough questions of these candidates—and we will be greater because of your efforts!

As REALTORS®, we are all members of the REALTOR® Party, focused on real estate issues--nothing else. While the 2020 election may be one of the most partisan elections in recent history, it was inspiring to see so many of our REALTOR® members from different political perspectives focus solely on issues impacting the industry when deliberating endorsement recommendations.

It's important to note that while GMAR's Endorsements are listed by party, it was done for ease of use! Michigan law prohibits voters from voting for candidates from both parties in the August Primary Election. Meaning, those who vote in the Republican primary can only vote for Republicans, and vice versa for Democrats. When you vote in the coming weeks, be sure to consider supporting GMAR's Endorsed Candidates with respect to the party primary you are voting in!

It's also important to note that you do not have to go to the polls to vote! Consider voting with an Absentee Ballot, which you can now request online by visiting <a href="mvic.sos.state.mi.us/application">mvic.sos.state.mi.us/application</a>. Voting from the safety and convenience of home has never been easier!

# MACOMB



#### **Democratic Primary Endorsements**

US Senate - Gary Peters (I)
Congressional Dist. 9 - Andy Levin (I)
Michigan House Dist. 22 - Richard Steenland
Michigan House Dist. 25 - Nate Shannon (I)
Michigan House Dist. 25 - Lori Stone (I)
Michigan House Dist. 31 - William Sowerby (I)
County Commission Dist. 31 - Andrey Duzyj (I)
County Commission Dist. 5 - Robert Mijac (I)
County Commission Dist. 9 - Antoinette Wallace R
County Commission Dist. 10 - Robert Leonetti (I)
County Commission Dist. 11 - Harold Haugh (I)
County Commission Dist. 12 - Pamela David
County Commission Dist. 12 - Julie Matuzak

#### **Republican Primary Endorsements**

Congressional Dist. 10 - Gen. Doug Slocum (ret.)
Michigan House Dist. 24 - Steven Marino (I)
Michigan House Dist. 30 - Diana Farrington (I)
Michigan House Dist. 32 - Pamela Hornberger (I)
Michigan House Dist. 33 - Jeff Yaroch (I)
Michigan House Dist. 36 - Doug Wozniak (I)

Macomb County Treasurer – Lawrence Rocca (I) County Commission Dist. 4 – Joseph Romano (I) County Commission Dist. 6 – Jeff Farrington County Commission Dist. 13 - Liz Roe Bruce Twp Clerk - Alex Roncelli Chesterfield Twp Supervisor – Dan Acciavatti (I) Chesterfield Twp Clerk - Cindy Berry (I) Chesterfield Twp Trustee - Kathy Vosburg (I) Chesterfield Twp Trustee – David Joseph (I) Harrison Two Supervisor - Kenneth Verkest (I) Harrison Twp Clerk - Adam Wit (I) Harrison Twp Trustee – Zachary Eineman Macomb Twp Supervisor - Frank Viviano Macomb Twp Treasurer – Leon Drolett Macomb Twp Trustee - Daniel Hickson Macomb Twp Trustee - Peter Lucido III Shelby Twp Treasurer - Michael Flynn (I) Shelby Twp Trustee - John Vermeulen (I) Shelby Twp Trustee - Darlene Doetzel Washington Twp Supervisor – Dan O'Leary (I) Washington Twp Clerk – Stanley Babinski

#### **Non-Partisan Endorsements**

Mount Clemens City Comm.: Kathleen Kelchner 🔃



# Greater Realtors Vote on AUGUST 4th

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# THESE CANDIDATES

In the August 2020 Primary Election

Indicates this person is a REALTOR® (1) Delimits current incumbent office holder.

# OAKLAND

#### **Democratic Primary Endorsements**

US Senate - Gary Peters (I) Congressional Dist. 8 - Elissa Slotkin (I) Congressional Dist. 9 - Andy Levin (1)
Congressional Dist. 11 - Haley Stevens (I)
Congressional Dist. 14 - Brenda Lawrence (I)
Michigan House Dist. 26 - Jim Ellison (I) Michigan House Dist. 27 – Regina Weiss Michigan House Dist. 35 – Kyra Bolden (I) Michigan House Dist. 37 – Samantha Steckloff Michigan House Dist. 38 – Kelly Breen Michigan House Dist. 40 – Mari Manoogian (I) Michigan House Dist. 41 – Padma Kuppa (I) County Commission Dist. 13 – Marcia Gershenson (I) County Commission Dist. 14 - William Miller (I) County Commission Dist. 17 - Yolanda Charles County Commission Dist. 18 - Dan Cherrin County Commission Dist. 19 - David Woodward (I) County Commission Dist. 20 - Gary McGillivray (I) County Commission Dist. 21 - Janet Jackson (I) Bloomfield Twp Trustee - Linda Ulrey

#### **Non-Partisan Endorsements**

#### **Republican Primary Endorsements**

Michigan House Dist. 39 – Ryan Berman (I) Michigan House Dist. 44 – Matt Maddock (I) Michigan House Dist. 45 – Mark Tisdel Michigan House Dist. 46 – John Reilly (I) County Commission Dist. 2 – Robert Hoffman (I) County Commission Dist. 3 – Michael Spisz (I) County Commission Dist. 6 – Eileen Kowall (I) County Commission Dist. 8 – Phillip Weipert (I) County Commission Dist. 15 - Adam Kochenderfer (I) Bloomfield Twp Clerk – Tom Smyly **R** Bloomfield Twp Treasurer – Brian Kepes (I) Bloomfield Twp Trustee - Michael Schostak (I) Lyon Township Trustee – Lise Blades (I) Lyon Township Trustee - Kristofer Enlow (I) Lyon Township Trustee – Sean O'Neil (I) Lyon Township Trustee - Robert Swain Oakland Township Trustee – Lana Mangiapane (I) White Lake Township Clerk – Anthony Noble White Lake Township Trustee – Liz Fessler Smith (I) White Lake Township Trustee - Michael Powell (I)

#### **Democratic Primary Endorsements**

US Senate - Gary Peters (I) Congressional Dist. 11 - Haley Stevens (I) Congressional Dist. 13 - Rashida Tlaib (I) Congressional Dist. 14 - Brenda Lawrence (I) Michigan House Dist. 10 – Marcus Cummings Michigan House Dist. 21 – Ranjeev Puri Michigan House Dist. 11 - Jewell Jones (I) Michigan House Dist. 12 – Alex Garza (I) Michigan House Dist. 16 - Kevin Coleman (I) Michigan House Dist. 19 – Laurie Pohutsky (I) Michigan House Dist. 20 – Matt Koleszar (I) County Treasurer - Eric Sabree (I) County Register of Deeds - Bernard Youngblood (I) County Commission Dist. 8 - David Knezek (I) County Commission Dist. 12 – Glenn Anderson (I) Redford Township Supervisor - Patrick McRae Redford Township Trustee – Lynn Ellyn Redford Township Trustee - Linda Jackson (I) Redford Township Trustee - Elizabeth Kangas (I)

#### **Republican Primary Endorsements**

Michigan House Dist. 17 – Joe Bellino (I) Plymouth Township Supervisor - Kurt Heise (I) Plymouth Township Clerk – Jerry Vorva (I) 🔃 Plymouth Township Trustee - Bob Doroshewitz (I) Plymouth Township Trustee - Charles Curmi (I) Plymouth Township Trustee - John Stewart Northville Township Supervisor - Robert Nix (I) Northville Township Treasurer – Fred Shadko (I) Northville Township Trustee - Mindy Herrmann (I) Northville Township Trustee – Kevin Johnston Northville Township Trustee – Christopher Roosen (I) Sumpter Township Trustee - Don LaPorte (I) Van Buren Township Clerk – Leon Wright (I)



By MELISSA BOTSFORD **GMAR RPAC Chair** 



## What a Year it has Been!

It's hard to believe we are halfway through 2020. And what a year it has been! 2020 has proven to challenge us in ways we never could have predicted. I'm proud of the steps our REALTOR® community has taken to keep each other safe and our clients safe.

The candidate interview process was a great success in the new virtual format. We were able to utilize virtual Zoom meetings to interview candidates from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties. The format proved to be convenient and efficient as we were able interview more candidates than years previous. Thank you to all who took part in the interviews!

The RPAC Committee is excited to announce the annual RPAC Poolside BBQ, is a go! Final details are being worked out and will be announced soon. This is always a fabulous RPAC fundraising event with great food and drink while enjoying time with one another. Stay tuned for more details!

The REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) is the best way a REALTOR® can protect their business. Think of it as your insurance policy. RPAC is the only grassroots and issues mobilizing force that exists to protect and promote home ownership and real estate investment.

By contributing to RPAC, you can support REALTOR®-friendly legislators who believe in our industry and believe in protecting private property rights, preserving the American dream of home ownership, and fighting for tax reforms and regulations on our business.

If you haven't made your 2020 investment in RPAC, it is not too late to do so.

Please consider investing a minimum of \$50 or more to RPAC for 2020. For MemberMax™ Members, you can invest \$15 in RPAC with no additional cost to you. Visit www.gmaronline.com/optin/ to have GMAR send \$15 of your August dues to RPAC on your behalf. To make a one-time investment to RPAC, visit www.gmaronline.com/invest/.

# Thank You GMAR RPAC Investors



GMAR would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the members who have made their investment in RPAC, the REALTORS® Political Action Committee. By investing in RPAC, these members are supporting REALTOR®-friendly legislators and policy initiatives that reflect the REALTOR® core values; protecting private property rights, reducing burdensome regulations on the industry and preserving the American Dream of Homeownership.

#### Below we recognize and applaud GMAR members who invested in RPAC for the month of June 2020.

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Guest access to the Commercial Board of Realtors.							
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Placemaking grant opportunities to strengthen communities.							
Scholarships for Realtors and their children.							
Over \$500 in tailor-made education.	0						
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Multiple Legal Update courses to choose from							
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Members will need to select their time slot when placing their order.

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# Maureen Francis & YEARS DOGS LIVES Dmitry Koublitsky of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel Donate to Help Michigan Veteran

The Greater Metropolitan Association of REALTORS® (GMAR), the largest local association of Realtors® in the state of Michigan, is currently on the fourth year of its <u>5 years</u>, <u>5</u> dogs, 5 lives saved campaign in partnership with Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc. Over the past three years, the GMAR community has raised nearly \$100,000 which has gone towards the training of three medical service dogs that were paired with three Michigan veterans.

Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc. trains medical service dogs to mitigate the challenges associated with several disabilities, including PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), Traumatic Brain Injury, seizure disorders, glucose imbalance, mobility issues, and more. At Guardian Angels, no recipient is ever charged for their service dog. Since 2010, Guardian Angels is proud to have paired more than 200 individually trained medical service dogs with deserving recipients.

Over the last three years, with donations from our local Realtors® and Brokers, GMAR has been able to provide the necessary funds to adequately train three medical service dogs for placement with a veteran in need. In the campaign's first year, Matthew was able to welcome into his family Guardian Angel Medical Service Dog, Cobalt Realtor® Blue®. Year two, thanks to the kind donations totaling \$53,715, Dwayne welcomed Guardian Angel Medical Service Dog, Thor, to the family. Due to last year's donation efforts from people such as Maureen Francis & Dmitry Koublitsky of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel who graciously donated \$2000, Independence (Indy) is currently being trained and will find her new home with another Michigan veteran in need.

Continuing GMAR's mission in its fourth year, CEO of Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors®, Vickey Livernois, together with members of our Board of Directors, has been visiting various companies, brokers, and community members who have donated to 5 years, 5 dogs, 5 lives saved campaign to present them with a life-size cut out of the medical service dog they helped to sponsor as well as a plaque to show our appreciation for their commitment to their communities.

GMAR CEO, Vickey Livernois, stated, "We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our members, the Realtor® community, and all of the donors. We're pleased with the results of the campaign and look forward to continuing to create positive change in the lives of veterans."



Indy, our 2018 dog, at 7 months old.



Maurren Francis & Dmitry Koublitsky of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel & Veteran Matthew with his Guardian Angel Medical Service Dog, Cobalt Realtor® Blue®

# **Local Market Update – May 2020**A Research Tool Provided by Realcomp



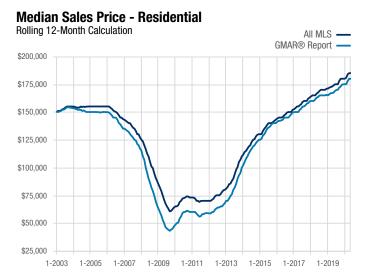
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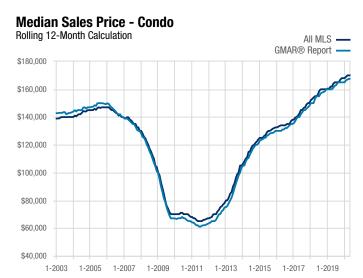
Covers the Greater Metropolitan Area of Detroit, including but not limited to locales in Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties.

Residential		May		Year to Date			
Key Metrics	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 5-2019	Thru 5-2020	% Change	
New Listings	7,203	5,573	- 22.6%	26,917	19,574	- 27.3%	
Pending Sales	4,387	3,997	- 8.9%	18,341	14,305	- 22.0%	
Closed Sales	4,291	1,334	- 68.9%	16,243	11,742	- 27.7%	
Days on Market Until Sale	32	40	+ 25.0%	40	46	+ 15.0%	
Median Sales Price*	\$181,000	\$177,250	- 2.1%	\$163,500	\$173,000	+ 5.8%	
Average Sales Price*	\$227,930	\$220,027	- 3.5%	\$206,874	\$214,575	+ 3.7%	
Percent of List Price Received*	98.2%	96.9%	- 1.3%	97.1%	96.8%	- 0.3%	
Inventory of Homes for Sale	10,554	7,926	- 24.9%			_	
Months Supply of Inventory	2.9	2.4	- 17.2%	_		_	

Condo		May		Year to Date			
Key Metrics	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 5-2019	Thru 5-2020	% Change	
New Listings	1,221	1,039	- 14.9%	4,869	3,855	- 20.8%	
Pending Sales	837	665	- 20.5%	3,421	2,650	- 22.5%	
Closed Sales	848	252	- 70.3%	3,032	2,336	- 23.0%	
Days on Market Until Sale	32	51	+ 59.4%	38	47	+ 23.7%	
Median Sales Price*	\$172,500	\$187,590	+ 8.7%	\$164,000	\$167,000	+ 1.8%	
Average Sales Price*	\$203,525	\$214,634	+ 5.5%	\$197,247	\$198,454	+ 0.6%	
Percent of List Price Received*	98.0%	97.1%	- 0.9%	97.4%	97.3%	- 0.1%	
Inventory of Homes for Sale	1,809	1,794	- 0.8%	_	_	_	
Months Supply of Inventory	2.6	2.9	+ 11.5%		_	_	

<sup>\*</sup> Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.





A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point. Current as of June 1, 2020. All data from Realcomp II Ltd. Report © 2020 ShowingTime.

# Single-Family Real Estate Market Statistics

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#### May Pending Sales, Showing Activity Signals Recovery COVID-19 Economic Effects and Government Stay-at-Home Order Stall May Sales Activity, Down Nearly 68% YOY



#### May Real Estate Market Commentary

While the effects of COVID-19 in the broader economy continue, real estate activity began its recovery across much of the country. With pent up demand, showings are up 6% YOY for May locally – a positive early sign (and 2% above the national average). This amid a positive lending climate: According to Freddie Mac, mortgage rates have been below 3.3 percent for more than four weeks and are hovering near all-time lows, spurring strong interest by buyers and lifting showing activity up 4% nationally versus a year ago in the final week of May.

Another positive indicator of recovery: Pending Sales decreased by only 12.2 percent for Residential homes and 25.1 percent for Condo homes throughout the region. Closed Sales decreased 67.6 percent for Residential homes and 69.9 percent for Condo homes. Inventory decreased 23.4 percent for Residential homes but increased 2.6 percent for Condo homes.

The Median Sales Price decreased 1.3 percent to \$187,490 for Residential homes but increased 4.1 percent to \$182,250 for Condo homes. Days on Market increased 30.8 percent for Residential homes and 45.5 percent for Condo homes. Months Supply of Inventory decreased 16.1 percent for Residential homes but increased 14.8 percent for Condo homes.

Buyers have been quicker to return to the housing market in force than sellers, who have been showing a bit more reluctance to list their homes than is typical for this time of year. But trends are improving and as states and localities continue to moderate their COVID-19 policies, real estate activity is expected to continue to improve in the coming weeks.



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#### **Listing and Sales Summary Report**

May 2020



	Total Sales (Units)		Median Sales Prices			Average DOM			On-Market Listings (Ending Inventory)			
	May-20	May-19	% Change	May-20	May-19	% Change	May-20	May-19	% Change	May-20	May-19	% Change
All MLS (All Inclusive)	2,845	8,867	-67.9%	\$186,000	\$185,000	+0.5%	50	39	+28.2%	17,902	22,505	-20.5%
City of Detroit*	164	411	-60.1%	\$46,000	\$43,610	+5.5%	55	51	+7.8%	1,834	2,357	-22.2%
Dearborn/Dearborn Heights*	89	223	-60.1%	\$148,500	\$152,000	-2.3%	38	28	+35.7%	320	426	-24.9%
Genesee County	158	570	-72.3%	\$145,400	\$147,000	-1.1%	53	45	+17.8%	907	1,292	-29.8%
Greater Wayne*	484	1,596	-69.7%	\$165,000	\$162,500	+1.5%	41	28	+46.4%	2,427	3,092	-21.5%
Grosse Pointe Areas*	34	96	-64.6%	\$290,000	\$300,750	-3.6%	63	37	+70.3%	192	231	-16.9%
Hillsdale County	37	66	-43.9%	\$148,000	\$134,950	+9.7%	89	101	-11.9%	168	191	-12.0%
Huron County	5	14	-64.3%	\$85,000	\$107,250	-20.7%	118	165	-28.5%	62	84	-26.2%
Jackson County	85	219	-61.2%	\$165,000	\$135,000	+22.2%	90	75	+20.0%	586	527	+11.2%
Lapeer County	18	123	-85.4%	\$196,850	\$192,000	+2.5%	70	49	+42.9%	280	400	-30.0%
Lenawee County	60	118	-49.2%	\$167,950	\$170,750	-1.6%	105	80	+31.3%	371	388	-4.4%
Livingston County	99	351	-71.8%	\$283,800	\$280,000	+1.4%	38	38	0.0%	675	781	-13.6%
Macomb County	409	1,354	-69.8%	\$175,000	\$178,500	-2.0%	41	29	+41.4%	1,887	2,593	-27.2%
Metro Detroit Area*	1,707	5,702	-70.1%	\$192,500	\$200,000	-3.8%	41	32	+28.1%	10,715	13,935	-23.1%
Monroe County	66	174	-62.1%	\$227,450	\$184,700	+23.1%	67	57	+17.5%	354	463	-23.5%
Montcalm County	12	21	-42.9%	\$168,000	\$134,900	+24.5%	65	63	+3.2%	44	46	-4.3%
Oakland County	551	1,990	-72.3%	\$255,000	\$260,000	-1.9%	38	31	+22.6%	3,892	5,112	-23.9%
Saginaw County	56	191	-70.7%	\$132,000	\$111,750	+18.1%	48	47	+2.1%	248	459	-46.0%
Sanilac County	20	35	-42.9%	\$111,500	\$122,225	-8.8%	98	93	+5.4%	134	202	-33.7%
Shiawassee County	29	80	-63.8%	\$129,000	\$128,150	+0.7%	50	56	-10.7%	147	193	-23.8%
St. Clair County	86	191	-55.0%	\$147,950	\$169,000	-12.5%	55	60	-8.3%	432	554	-22.0%
Tuscola County	12	32	-62.5%	\$114,500	\$134,950	-15.2%	85	44	+93.2%	52	100	-48.0%
Washtenaw County	172	484	-64.5%	\$299,950	\$290,000	+3.4%	40	31	+29.0%	1,479	1,586	-6.7%
Wayne County	648	2,007	-67.7%	\$144,750	\$144,000	+0.5%	44	33	+33.3%	4,261	5,449	-21.8%

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The tentative launch date for Phase 3a of the new system has been MOVED TO AUGUST 25, 2020. The tentative launch date was July 28, 2020.

The delay is not due to any problems with the system, in fact, testing is going very well. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19, testing is being done remotely which is more timeconsuming. That combined with employee furlough days, that impact the hours we can spend on the project, has understandably slowed testing.

In order to allow time for migration of current licensing records into the new system, our office will be unable to process license applications, license renewals, or changes to licenses now between August 3, 2020, and August 25, 2020, for these professions only. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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