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Inventory of single-family, re-sale homes was down 23.5% compared to last year. That is the twentieth month in a row inventory has been lower than the year before. As of May 5th, there were 645 homes for sale in Santa Clara County. The average since January 2000 is 2,703.

Days of Inventory, or how long it would take to sell all homes listed for sale at the current rate of sales, fell six days to 15 days compared to March. The average since 2003 is 89.

It took only fifteen days to sell a home last month. That is the time from when a home is listed for sale to when it goes into contract.

The median sales price for condos was up 8.8% from last April. The average sales price gained 5.7% year-over-year.

Condo sales were up 176.4% year-over-year. There were 561 condos sold in April.

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Santa Clara County Real Estate Trends Report

Home Sales Prices Set New Highs, Again, in April

The median sales price for single-family, re-sale homes set a new high for the third month in a row. It was $1,647,500 last month, a gain of 18.5% compared to last year. That’s the eighteenth month in a row the median sales price has been higher than the year before.

The average sales price for single-family, re-sale homes also set a new high for the third month in a row. It was up 21.1% year-over-year.

The sales price to list price ratio went from 108.9% to 109.9%. Multiple offers continue to be the norm.

Sales of single-family, re-sale homes were up 119.5% year-over-year in April. There were 1,214 homes sold in Santa Clara County last month. The monthly average since 2000 is 987.

This was the eighth month in a row that home sales were higher than the year before.
Strength And Restraint

April 30, 2021 – If you’re looking for traditional reasons for interest rates to move higher, they’re not all that hard to find. Surging growth? Check. Rising price pressures? Check. All-in monetary policy? Check. Massive fiscal stimulus? Check. Expectations for more of each to come, in varying degrees? Check. Yet despite these items, interest rates and mortgage rates remain at levels closer to historic lows than not, well below what might be considered “normal”, and certainly a far distance from anything that could be considered high.

Sales of existing homes have been very solid but have little space to grow from present levels. Simply put, while there is plenty of demand from low mortgage rates, fantastic demographic tailwinds and a re-expanding economy, there simply isn’t anything to buy or buy at reasonable costs. With these conditions, that the National Association of Realtors Pending Home Sales Index managed any gain at all is pretty impressive, but a 1.9% rise for March isn’t exactly the kind of surge often seen as the spring homebuyer season gets underway. That said, sales are still some 23.3% above year-ago levels, so it’s not as though there’s no activity, just a strong market getting only marginally stronger. The PHSI is based on sales contracts signed during the month, which translates into actual sales when the deals close, usually 45-60 days in the future. As such, the March PHSI gain will likely be seen in May sales (released at the end of June).

With little to buy, applications for mortgage credit for purchases will struggle to move higher. Even with mortgage rates retreating below the 3 percent line last week again, refinancing requests can also only pick up so much, as we’ve tried this ground, leaving the pool of folks interested in refinancing at these rates at least partially sated already. In the week ending April 23, overall applications for mortgage credit shrank by 2.5% according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, pulled downward by 4.8% drop in purchase-money requests and a 1.1% slide in those for refinancing.

Despite a cascade of signals and news that have historically kicked interest rates higher, overall interest rates and mortgage rates in particular have remained restrained. How long this can continue to be the case is a very good question, but having run

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**Table Definitions**

Median Price
The price at which 50% of prices were higher and 50% were lower.

Average Price
Add all prices and divide by the number of sales.

SP/LP
Sales price to list price ratio or the price paid for the property divided by the asking price.

DOI
Days of Inventory, or how many days it would take to sell all the property for sale at the current rate of sales.

Pend
Property under contract to sell that has not closed escrow.

Inven
Number of properties actively for sale as of the last day of the month.

**Santa Clara County Condos - Median & Average Prices & Sales**
(3-month moving average—prices in $000's)
higher earlier this year based more on sentiment than evidence, we are now seeing an accumulation of evidence that supported the sentiment that led to those increases. Certainly, there are always tempering worries (the virus or proposed changes in tax policies, for example) that can damp upward pressure, but sooner or later the fundamentals of growth and inflation usually have their way, and rates press higher. Will that happen in the weeks ahead, or wait until, say, June when the next forward-looking Fed review comes? Hard to say, and while the reaction to the data this week was pretty muted, the next test comes next week, when the cascade of first-week-of-the-month data washes over the markets.

The Silicon Valley’s Real estate market is a derivative of the local economy—it prospers and withers depending on how well the local innovation-based sector performs. The San Jose Mercury News tracks the performances of the largest 150 publicly traded companies headquartered in Silicon Valley through an index called the SV150, which may be found at www.mercurynews.com. Stocks are valued based on several criteria, but one of the more important criteria is a company’s future earnings. Therefore, I see the SV150 as a leading indicator for Silicon Valley’s real estate market.

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