

Home viewing checklist

Look closely. Ask questions. Compare consistently.

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01 EVERYDAY FIT

- ☐ Note the address, asking price, viewing date, and estimated HOA dues.
- ☐ Observe layout, light, storage, accessibility, and parking.
- ☐ Consider your commute, nearby services, noise, and outdoor space.

02 VISIBLE CONDITION

- ☐ Note visible stains, cracks, odors, or signs of moisture to ask about.
- ☐ Ask about the age and service history of the roof and major systems.
- ☐ Observe doors, windows, appliances, and available storage.
- ☐ Ask about additions, permits, repairs, and available maintenance records.

03 COSTS & DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Ask about utilities, insurance availability, taxes, and association costs.
- ☐ Request applicable disclosures and HOA rules, budgets, and assessments.
- ☐ List issues for a qualified inspector or other appropriate specialist.

04 COMPARE & FOLLOW UP

- ☐ Record your three strongest positives and three main concerns.
- ☐ Compare against your must-haves, flexible preferences, and total costs.
- ☐ Ask which information still needs verification before an offer.
- ☐ Remember: a viewing checklist does not replace a professional inspection.

NOTES & QUESTIONS

Further reading: CFPB - consumerfinance.gov/owning-a-home/
California DRE - dre.ca.gov/Consumers/FirstHomeCalifornia.html

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