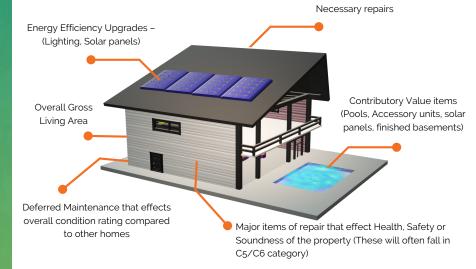


Appraisal 101

FOR YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS

What do appraisers look at?



How to Prepare for an appraisal

- Be prepared to provide the appraiser FULL access
 All rooms, and outbuildings
- List out recent improvements New roof, Water Heater, Kitchen counters, etc. Appraisers appreciate details of when improvements were made
- Declutter Make sure the appraiser can see undates
- Make sure smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are installed
- Make sure security bars have safety latches If the transaction is for a sale, remove or box personal photos/items – Refi? No worries, appraiser will blur them in the report

Biggest Impact on Value

Pools, Solar Panels (This is Market Driven)



Adding square footage!



Additional garage bays and/or outbuildings - Have connecting rooms? separate them out

Adding a closet to a den/office can increase your bedroom count for comparison

Price per Sq. Ft.



"The better (more similar) the comps the better the valuation"

Most neighborhoods will have a "price per square foot cost". This is used in MLS and often referred to in real estate transactions/comparison. However, appraisal is somewhat opposite. Price per square foot is determined by the appraised value.

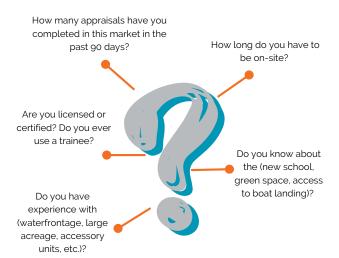


Above grade continuous space – heated/cooled

Finished and unfinished basements

Ceiling heights below 7 feet

Questions to Ask your appraiser?



What causes appraisal delays?



Deed or Title conflicts with public records or available appraisal data

Borrower is unavailable or access is not possible – Prepare your borrowers to provide access.

Conflicting information – MLS listing info not being consistent with Public Records can cause delays for the appraiser to research variances.

Unexpected additions, conversions, unpermitted areas – Please disclose these areas up front for the appraiser.



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