

Community Newsletter



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The Next Generation of REALTORS® Spreads Christmas Cheer



Chino, CA – December 22, 2016. The Young Professional Network (YPN) of the Tri-Counties Association of REALTORS® is pleased to announce the success of its most recent charitable efforts. Through the dedication of its volunteers, the Tri-Counties YPN donated hundreds of toys to the City of Chino Boxing Club and rose over \$500 at their annual holiday event. Children from all over the city had the opportunity to choose a toy from under the Christmas tree.

The City of Chino Boxing Club has had thousands of members over the years, both boys and girls. The goals of the program include: providing self-esteem, self-respect, character development, discipline, and to teach a sense of pride. Linda DiStefano, President of Tri-Counties, said, "It was very moving to watch how excited the kids were to pick a present from under the tree. What moved me the most was the kids that were clearly picking toys for their younger siblings."

One of the core goals of the Tri-Counties' YPN is to become exceptional members of their community by demonstrating a high level of REALTOR® professionalism and volunteering for causes they feel passionate about, such as the Boxing Club. "The kids were so grateful, it was really a moving experience," said YPN Chair, Lisa Mejri. "This is our second year being involved with the Chino Boxing Club; we find it such a worthwhile organization"

MARKET SNAPSHOT

Compared with last year: December 2015 vs. December 2016

	Median Est. Home Value	Median Est. Listing Price	Median Days in RFR	Sales Volume
CHINO HILLS	\$617K Up 4.5%	\$669K Up 7%	73 Down -1.4%	57 Down -19.7%
CHINO	\$441K Up 6.1%	\$460K Up 5.3%	78 Down -3.7%	49 Down -30%
HACIENDA HEIGHTS	\$610K Up 3.3%	\$575K Down -4.1%	71 Down -9%	24 Down -11.1%
DIAMOND BAR	\$659K Up 5.5%	\$699K Up 8.4%	71 Down -13.4%	47 Up 4.4%
WALNUT	\$759K Up 4.1%	\$839K Up 5.1%	83 Up 6.4%	28 Up 40%
ROWLAND HEIGHTS	\$598K Up 4.8%	\$649K Down -7.3%	93 Up 14.8%	22 Up 15.8%

Political Corner

The 2016 election proved once again that California is the political outlier in the country. While the nation was electing Donald Trump as president, a Republican majority in the U.S. Senate, a Republican majority in the House of Representatives, a vast Republican majority of Governors and State Legislators, California swung even harder toward the Democrats than in years past. At the presidential level, we see Republican Mitt Romney's 2012 showing in California of 37.1% was well above Donald Trump's 2016 level here, where he only got 31.8%. California's electorate also gave the Democrats a 2/3 "Super" majority in both the State Senate and State Assembly.

A consistent theme up and down the California ballot was the voters support for higher taxes. Prop 55 extended the "temporary" state income tax increases from 2012. Prop 56 increases the cigarette tax by \$2.00 a pack. Prop. 67 will charge you 10 cents per plastic bag at a store. Locally, tax increases passed in droves as well. Los Angeles County voters approved Measure A, a county-wide property tax that will fund parks. Los Angeles County also approved Measure M, an additional county-wide sales tax for transportation. School bonds were added to the taxpayer's burden in district after district.

Among the districts that approved school bonds were:

- Chino Valley Unified: \$750 million
- Hacienda La Puente Unified: \$148 million
- Pomona Unified: \$300 million
- Walnut Valley Unified: \$152 million
- West Covina Unified: \$143 million

Congratulations to the following candidates on their successful campaigns:

- Ed Royce – House of Representatives, 39th District
- Josh Newman – State Senate, 29th District
- Phillip Chen – State Assembly, 55th District
- Eunice Ulloa – Mayor of Chino
- Glenn Duncan – Chino City Council
- Tom Haughey – Chino City Council
- Cynthia Moran – Chino Hills City Council
- Art Bennett – Chino Hills City Council

Several laws went into effect January 1st, including:

- Banning "Redskins" as a mascot for any school
- Minimum wage going to \$10.50 an hour for businesses with 26 or more employees
- The right to liberate animals trapped inside cars on hot days, including the breaking of windows

