

Laguna Beach Real Estate

December 2018 Sales Report 2018 Review | 2019 Outlook



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My Take

<u>December.</u> Median closed sales were up \$200,000 and finished at \$1,750,000. The median price reduction was \$220,000 or just short of 13%. On extremely low volume - just 13 deals - the median \$ per square foot skyrocketed to over \$1,500 per square foot and the supply of homes spiked to 17.3 months.

2018 in Review. 2018 was another record year. The median price was up \$25,000 and finished at \$1,835,000. The median yearly \$ per square foot pierced \$1,000 for the first time ever and finished

at \$1,036 per square foot. The days on market was relatively low at 58 days. Significantly, there were 354 closings for the year.

<u>2019 Outlook.</u> Based on what we know now in January 2019, what can we expect for the upcoming year? In my studies, I have found a very high correlation between a high number of closings and future price increases. The sweet spot seems to be 350 annual closings. From 1999 to 2017 there were 13 years with 350 or more annual closings. All of the following years – except for 2015 – were up years. 2018's closings exceeded 350. Therefore, there is better than a 92% probability that 2019 will be an up year. No guarantees.

Why would this be correct? Why would the number of closings – or volume – be so determinant? High volume is the only indicator that buyers and sellers are both comfortable with the price. In a declining market Lagunans simply take their home off the market and volume goes down. Please note, the reverse is not true. Only half of the years with less than 350 transaction have been down years.

In addition to volume, I look at supply and rate of sales by market segment. As of January 1st, 27% of current listings were under \$2,000,000. Yet, in the last three months 60% of all sales were under \$2,000,000. The corollary? 73% of current listing are over \$2,000,000, competing for the remaining 40% of buyers. The bottom line, under \$2,000,000, Laguna is a sellers' market. Over \$2,000,000 it is a buyers' market.

December Closings

Determine Closings									
	Address	Date	Original Price	Closing Price	Reduction	% Reducti	\$ Per SqFt	DOM	
1	485 Cress Street	12/3/2018	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 150,000	10.7%	\$ 1,072	35	
2	25 Montage Way	12/3/2018	\$ 29,995,000	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 12,495,000	41.6%	\$ 2,104	1558	
3	111 Santa Rosa Court	12/4/2018	\$ 678,000	\$ 638,000	\$ 40,000	5.8%	\$ 418	27	
4	668 Ramona Avenue	12/7/2018	\$ 1,795,000	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 45,000	2.5%	\$ 1,223	14	
5	555 Through Street	12/10/2018	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 200,000	15.6%	\$ 1,516	15	
6	62 Emerald Bay	12/10/2018	\$ 9,999,000	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 3,249,000	32.4%	\$ 1,776	182	
7	1391 Dunning Drive	12/11/2018	\$ 1,695,000	\$ 1,475,000	\$ 220,000	12.9%	\$ 983	81	
8	955 Katella Street	12/13/2018	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 125,000	8.0%	\$ 848	100	
9	40 N La Senda Drive	12/14/2018	\$ 19,900,000	\$ 10,147,500	\$ 9,752,500	49.0%	\$ 2,862	32	
10	420 Linden Street	12/18/2018	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 400,000	12.5%	\$ 1,524	276	
11	835 La Mirada Street	12/21/2018	\$ 1,595,000	\$ 1,555,500	\$ 39,500	2.4%	\$ 808	35	
12	3 Montage Way	12/21/2018	\$ 25,995,000	\$ 19,000,000	\$ 6,995,000	26.9%	\$ 2,415	333	
13	6 Barranca Way	12/31/2018	\$ 10,995,000	\$ 9,394,552	\$ 1,600,448	14.5%	\$ 1,761	49	
14									
15					\$ 2,716,265	18.0%	\$ 1,485	210	Average
16				\$ 1,750,000	\$ 220,000	12.9%	\$ 1,516	49	Median

December 2018 Sales Data

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Median Median Days on Market (DOM) Median \$ per Square Foot	\$ 2,950,000	225 Listings 106 Days \$ 1,282
PENDINGS (As of January 1, 2019)		
Median Median DOM Median \$ per Square Foot	\$ 1,950,000	38 Listings 74 Days \$ 901
SOLDs (December 2018)		
Median Median Reduction Median DOM Median \$ Per Square Foot	\$ 1,750,000 \$ 220,000	13 Closings 12.9% 49 Days \$ 1,516
SUPPLY of ACTIVEs 3 Month Adjusted SUPPLY The SPREAD (ACTIVEs – SOLDs) The PENDING INDICATOR (PENDINGs - SOLDs)	17.3 Months	10.5 Months + \$ 1,200,000 + \$ 200,000
SOLDs 3 Month Median: (10/1/2018 – 12/31/2018) DOM \$ Per Square Foot	\$ 1,700,000	64 Closings 43 Days \$ 1,118
SOLDs 6 Month Median (7/1/2018 – 12/31/2018): SOLDs 12 Month Median (1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018)	\$ 1,850,000 \$ 1,835,000	162 Sales 354 Sales

Market Segment Analysis

Market Segment	ACTIVEs (As of 1/1/2019)	SOLDs (last 3 Months)	SUPPLY (Adj 3 Months)
\$1,499,999-	12.0%	<mark>40.6%</mark>	3.1 Months
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	<mark>14.6%</mark>	<mark>20.3%</mark>	7.6 Months
\$2,000,000 - \$2,999,999	27.1%	15.6%	18.3 Months
\$3,000,000 - \$4,999,999	17.7%	4.6%	40.0 Months
\$5,000,000 - \$9,999,999	14.6%	12.5%	12.3 Months
\$10,000,000+	13.7%	6.2%	23.2 Months



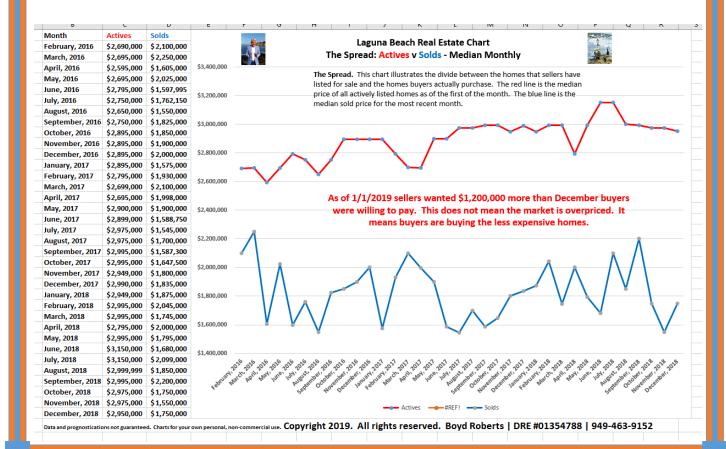
350 annual closings seems to be the sweet spot. Looking at the years with at least 350 closings (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017), every following year – except for 2015 – was an up year. The reverse is not as predictive. 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 all recorded less than 350 closing. Three of the following years (2007, 2009, and 2011) were down. Why? Lagunans tend to sell when they think the price is high enough. When it is not, they simply withdrawal from the

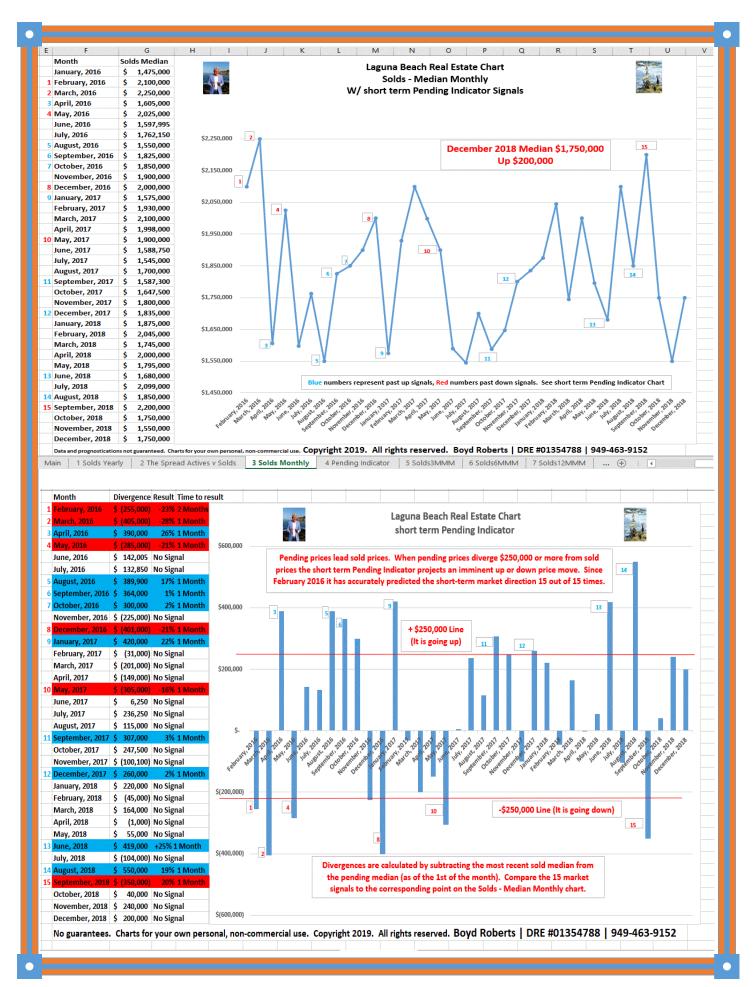
market. Volume over 350 closings seems to be the only indicator of an up market. Boyd Roberts is solely responsible for all content/statements/opinions/and conclusions. He is a licensed broker and

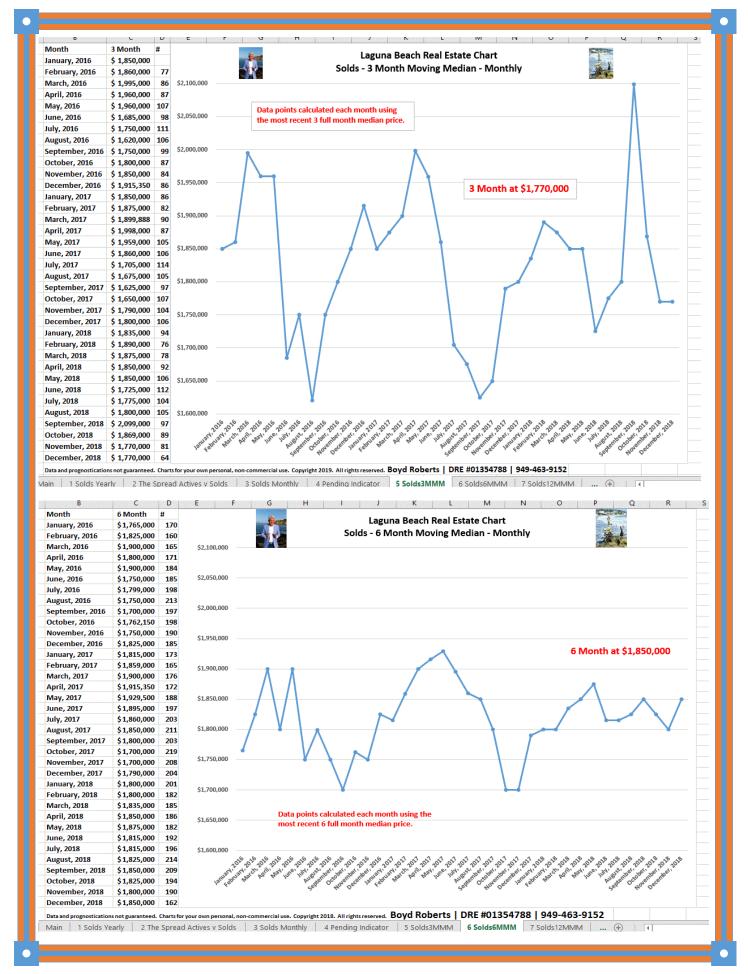
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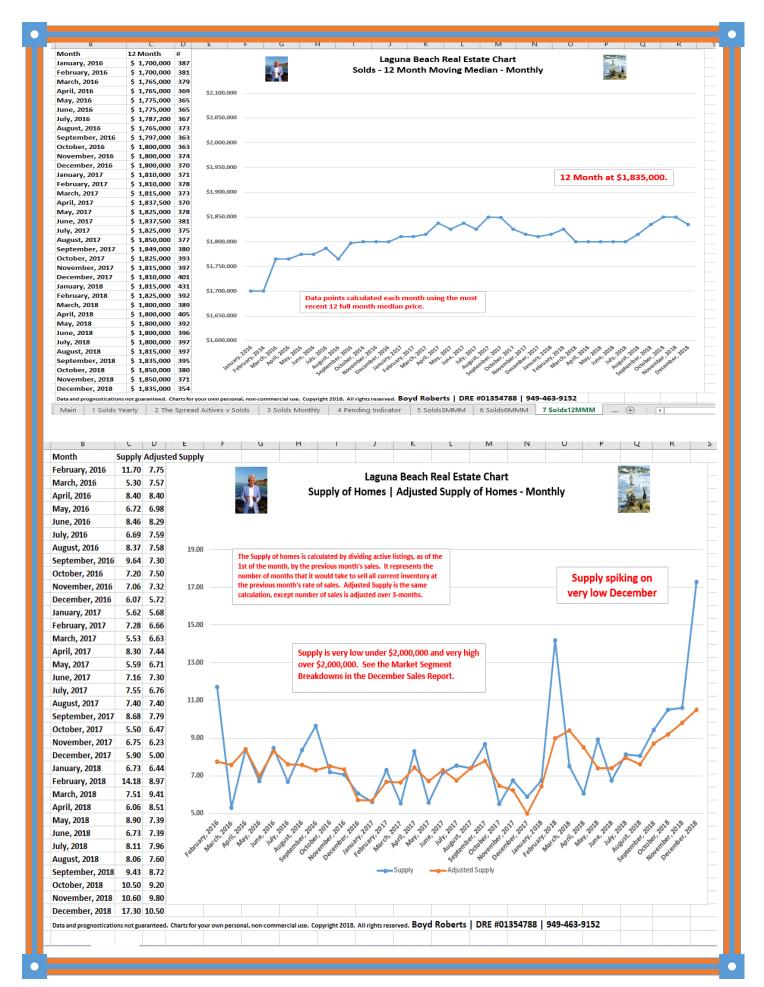
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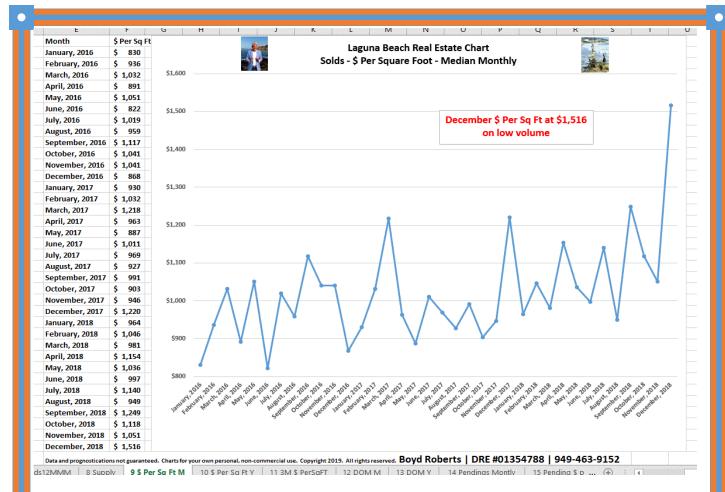
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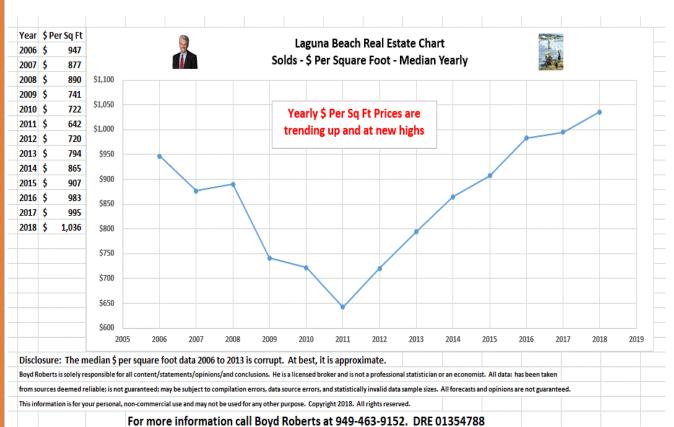


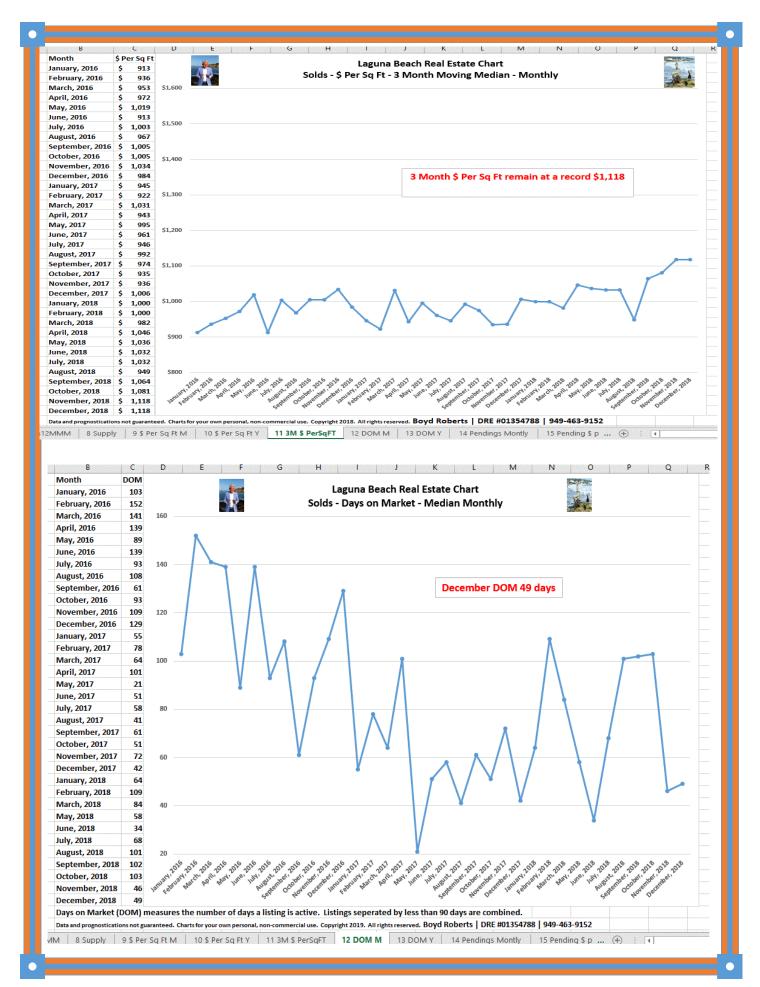


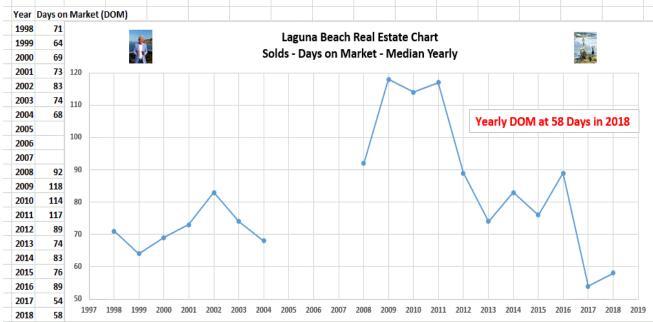












Days on Market (DOM) measures the number of days a listing is active. Listings separated by less than 90 days are combined. DOM data does not exist for 2005, 2006, and 2007. Data before 2013 (approximately) was compiled differently from post 2013 data. Prior data did not combine listings separated by 90 days or less. Boyd Roberts is solely responsible for all content/statements/opinions/and conclusions. He is a licensed broker and is not a professional statistician or an economist. All data: taken from sources deemed reliable; is not guaranteed; may be subject to compilation errors, data source errors, and statistically invalid data sample sizes. All forecasts and opinions are not guaranteed. This information is for your personal, non-commercial professional statistically invalid data.

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