

## MERILYN MONTES



I began her real estate career in 2016 working alongside top-producing real estate agents in the South Bay. In my first year, I assisted with closing 30+ transactions from standard sales and foreclosures to short sales. By 2019, I assisted with more than 100 closings while starting a support group in the South Bay for the Scleroderma Foundation.

My mission is to help families and individuals make powerful & and confident home-selling decisions. Hire a realtor who cares about your story and understands your values and priorities. My individualized approach combined with my experience and transparency creates the seamless selling process you've been looking for.

AWARDS:

TOP PRODUCER 2022 YTD AT WEST SHORES REALTY

#### SALES-TO-LIST PRICE RATIO 110%

## MY CLOSED SALES

# ON MARKET

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2701 183rd St Redondo Beach

Active on the Market Listed at \$1,360,000

4 Beds · 3 Baths · Bonus Room



707 W Orange Ave West Covina

Sold \$51K Over Asking Price

Highest Price Point per Square Feet within 1 Mile Radius at the Time

Buyer Credited Seller for Closing 4 Days Late



71 W 7th St Upland

Winning Bid of 13 Offers

Purchased \$5K Below Appraised Value / Seller Credited Buyer \$11K for Repairs

Closed On Time (Despite 3 Holidays)



7021 Aura Ave Reseda

Winning Bid of Multiple Offers

Property Appraised at Offer Price (\$25K Over)

Seller Completed Repairs



6313 Jackie Ave Woodland Hills

Offer Accepted \$45K Below List Price

Appraised At Offer Price

Closed on Time



10621 Lakefront Dr Norwalk

Sold \$30K Over List Price

15 Offers Received

Under Contract in 5 Days

No Credit, No Repairs



14027 Bayside Dr Norwalk

Sold \$7K Over List Price

New Record in Community-Highest Priced Studio Condo

Under Contract in 4 Days

No Credit or Repairs



14093 Bayside Dr Norwalk

Sold \$53K Over List Price

New Record in Community-Highest Priced Studio Condo

Under Contract in 5 Days

No Credit, No Repairs



36820 57th St E Palmdale

Winning Bid of 20 Offers

VA Family with 0% down beat cash and conventional buyers

Buyers had offer accepted after first week of house hunting



11126 Lyndora St Norwalk

Buyers Offer Accepted on their Replacement Home 2 weeks after closing on their Condo Sale

Property Appraised at Offer Price (\$35K Over)



3106 E 65th St Long Beach

Buyers Closed Escrow Concurrently with Sale of their Condo

Property Appraised at Offer Price (\$10K Over)

Seller Credited Buyers \$5K



8075 Sunnyside Ave San Bernardino

Property Appraised at Offer Price (\$10K Over)

Seller completed Repairs prior to Closing Escrow

#### CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

"We want to recommend Merilyn Montes to anyone looking to buy or sell their home. She worked really hard to sell our condo and help us find our new home. She was always available to us when we wanted to go see a house and answered all our questions in detail making sure we understood. Merilyn is honest, helpful, and responsible. She is an amazing person and we will be forever thankful for all she did to help us. Thank you!"

"I would like to thank Merilyn for being such a professional and outstanding agent. She helped me sell my condo and buy my home. She is dedicated with extensive knowledge in her field she has extremely good communication skills every question i had no matter what time of day it was she always replied. I will recommend her to my friends and family!"

"In my second transaction with Merilyn, she was once again instrumental in helping me with the sale of my condo in Chicago. She referred me to a great local agency, assisted with questions and negotiations, and worked with me from the very start through closing to ensure I had a successful sale. I'm beyond grateful for Merilyn, she's a top-tier agent that truly cares about her clients regardless even if their property is in another state!"

"Merilyn spent hours answering our questions, providing information on how to sell our home, how we could list it on the market with tenants inside the home, how to navigate the tenants in terms of their contract agreement with the house being listed on the market, and providing tremendous amount of time during inspection, renovation, and meeting with vendors at our home. Merilyn made the process incredibly easy and took extra steps many other Realtors don't (but should), like constant communication on real time status of inspection, renovation, and loan process, staging tips and consulting to find someone within reasonable budget, and making sure to be early at the house to meet with prospective buyers. Merilyn wrote us emails, text messages, and made phone calls to keep us updated, which we appreciated because we weren't in town to oversee matters ourselves.

We gave Merilyn 100% reign to get things done because we had the trust in her work ethic and constant communication and the relief that she never decided or answered without our consent to any issues that we encountered during the selling of our property. When we saw our listing, we were overwhelmed with several emotions. A childhood home that was beautifully staged and ready for its new owners to take over. It was deeply heartfelt and a bittersweet goodbye. We did have economic factors against us (lack of buyers in the market), delays due to pipe bursts and repairs, and negotiations back and forth with the buyer. At the end, it couldn't have been a more pleasant experience because we had the help of Merilyn! We continue to reach out to Merilyn when we come across real estate questions and have gained a friendship throughout the sale of our property in Playa Del Rey. She is a true professional and a genuine person. You would be hard pressed to find a better Realtor in Playa Del Rey, beach cities, or sub cities of Los Angeles."



# Helping you navigate this season

# **ABOUT YOUR SITUATION**







#### **YOUR WHY**

#### **YOUR PLAN**

#### **OBSTACLES**

Why are you moving?
What is the deadline for needing to move by?

What will you do
if your home
doesn't sell in the
expected
timeframe?

Do you anticipate any major challenges or issues with selling your home?

As your Real Estate Agent, my number one goal is to help you achieve your own. I make it my priority to understand your situation when it comes to selling your home so we can accomplish your goals.



# FROM *LIST* TO <u>CONTRACT</u> IN LESS THAN A MONTH

WEEK 1	•	PREPARATION  The first week is all about getting your home ready for photography by decluttering and conducting any cleaning/repairs if needed.
WEEK 2	•	MARKETING  Photography results are in and marketing design begins. Online ad compaign and listing description are drafted.
WEEK 3	•	SHOWINGS Showings, open houses and broker's open commence!
WEEK 4	•	NEGOTIATE  After the offer deadline passes, we'll review all submitted offers and negotiate the best deal possible.



## LISTING SERVICES

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

- Professional quality photography delivered 24–48 after shoot
- Drone photography can be leveraged to capture amazing views of your property, nearby attractions and inspect any damage or problems in the roofing material.
- Twilight photos bring out the natural beauty of your home's exterior by pairing natural dusk colors with the glow of outdoor recessed lights.

#### **CUSTOM FLOOR PLANS**

• **Floor plans** are the most effective way to get a feel for how your property's space flows together and will make the marketing stand out.

#### VIRTUAL STAGING

 Virtual staging is flexible, fast and noninvasive. Our professional designer help inspire buyers by digitally adding furniture to any photo.

#### **3D VIRTUAL TOURS**

• **3D virtual tours** give a competitive edge to listings plus it lets buyers do their own walkthrough of your property from anywhere, anytime, generating higher engagement and interest.

## MARKETING SERVICES

-DIGITAL & PAPER ADVERTISING-



- FLYERS/BROCHURES
- POSTCARDS
- QR CODE
- FEATURES LIST
- OFFER GUIDELINES

#### SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY + BOOSTED ADS

YOUTUBE FACEBOOK INSTAGRAM

My ads are visually compelling and powered by the industry's best targeting to ensure they reach audiences who are most interested in homes like yours.

#### **EMAIL MARKETING**

I create e-blasts of your listing which include pictures, videos, floor-plans, tour dates, and more to our database of 20,000+ brokers in Los Angeles.

#### 150+ WEBSITES

The Multiple Listing Service syndicates your listing on every possible real estate site. There is no better way to showcase your home than featuring it online.



# WHAT IS A COMPARATIVE MARKET ANALYSIS

A Comparative Market Analysis (or CMA) is a report that realtors use to help determine the accurate value of your home.

It is an estimate of a home's value used to help sellers set listing prices, and to help buyers make competitive offers. The analysis considers the location, age, size, construction, style, condition, and other factors for the subject property and comparables.

I use similar properties in your area that have been recently listed, sold and haven't sold at all. All of these give us insight into what your home could sell for in today's market. My CMA will look at what makes your property unique or things that are either better in your home or make your home less desirable when compared to other properties that have sold. These things will affect the value of your home.

It is important to price your home well, price too high and your property could sit on the market for months. When a home is listed for more than 90 days, buyers can grow suspicious as to the reason why and it reduces interest and deters other prospective buyers.

Having a home that is priced right will ideally attract a variety of buyers which is why a CMA is so important.

### FEES TO KEEP IN MIND

#### **Escrow Fees**

Escrow fees range depending on the escrow company. Fees include a flat fee plus \$ per thousand on the total sale of your property. My brokerage has an in-house escrow company, West Shores Escrow, and can provide you with a rough draft of your estimated closing costs.

www.westshoresrealty.com/escrow-services/

#### **Title Insurance**

Insurance rates vary depending on the company. I've worked with various companies and they can also provide you with an estimated cost based on the sale price of your property.

#### **Transfer & Property Taxes**

The California Documentary Transfer Tax Act allows counties in California to charge 55 cents per \$500 of the property value (\$1.10 per \$1,000). Not all counties enact this right and not all cities have transfer tax fees.

HOA Transfer Fees vary depending on the management company.

Property Taxes are prorated. The daily tax amount will be multiplied by the number of days each homeowner was in the property. This number depends on the property taxes currently due on your home.

# THAT'S ALL THE FEES

# Don't Worry





My integrity and experience leave no room for miscommunication.

I'm here to listen to your story, understand your priorities, and make your real estate goals a reality.

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## WEST SHORES REALTY

West Shores Realty is the largest independent brokerage in the South Bay, with over 600 agents and offices in Palos Verdes, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Carson, San Pedro, and Whittier. We offer a full team of services to provide a personal concierge experience such as lending, escrow, transaction coordination, environmental reports and more. We are members of the National MLS and California Association of Realtors, licensed through the Bureau of Real Estate in the State of California.

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