



# BUYER TRANSACTIONAL ADVISORY

(C.A.R. Form BTA, 12/22)

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION:** Buying real property is a process that has many different aspects to it. The information below will help you evaluate your role and the roles of others in the buying process.
2. **BUYER OBLIGATIONS:**
  - A. **REASONABLE CARE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE:** Buyers have an affirmative duty to take steps to protect themselves, including discovery of the legal, practical and technical implications of discovered or disclosed facts, and investigation of information and facts which are known to them or are within their diligent attention and observation. Buyers are obligated to read all documents provided to them. Buyers should seek desired assistance from appropriate professionals, selected by them, such as those referenced in the attached Buyer's Investigation Advisory (C.A.R. Form BIA). Buyers are advised to read the attached Buyer's Investigation Advisory for a list of items and other concerns that may warrant investigation by them or other professionals.
  - B. **COMMUNICATING IMPORTANT ISSUES:** Buyers need to notify their Agent in writing of any important or material issue to them (C.A.R. Form BMI). If buyers' circumstances or interests change during the property buying process, buyers should notify their Agent, in writing.
3. **AGENT DUTIES AND LIMITATIONS:** Agents perform many services for buyers during the course of the home buying process. The sophistication of the buyers, the experience of others involved in a transaction, and the requirements of the specific transaction will all impact the Agent's duties.
  - A. **AGENT AUTHORIZATIONS, OBLIGATIONS AND LIMITATIONS:** For property transactions of which Agent is aware and not precluded from participating in by buyers, during the representation period, Agents are authorized to (i) provide and review forms to create a property contract for the acquisition of a specific property; (ii) deliver or communicate to buyers any disclosures, materials or information received by, in the personal possession of, or personally known to, the individual Agent signing below; and (iii) if the property contains at least one but not more than four residential units, perform a reasonably competent and diligent, visual inspection of the accessible areas of the 1-4 units and disclose to buyers any material facts concerning the value or desirability of the property that was observable in the inspection. Unless otherwise specified in writing, any information provided through Agent in the course of representing buyers has not been and will not be verified by Agent. Agent's services are performed in compliance with federal, state and local anti-discrimination laws. Agent owes no duty to inspect for common environmental hazards, earthquake weaknesses, or geologic and seismic hazards.
  - B. **SCOPE OF AGENT DUTIES:** Buyers acknowledges and agree that Agent: (i) does not decide what price buyers should pay or a seller will accept; (ii) does not guarantee the condition of the property; (iii) does not guarantee the performance, adequacy or completeness of inspections, services, products or repairs provided or made by seller or others; (iv) does not have an obligation to conduct an inspection of common areas or areas off the site of the property; (v) shall not be responsible for identifying defects on the property, in common areas or offsite unless such defects are visually observable by an inspection of reasonable accessible areas of the property or are known to Agent; (vi) shall not be responsible for inspecting public records or permits concerning the title or use of Property; (vii) shall not be responsible for identifying the location of boundary lines, easements, or other encroachments on title; (viii) shall not be responsible for verifying square footage, representations of others or information contained in Investigation reports, Multiple Listing Service, advertisements, flyers or other promotional material; (ix) shall not be responsible for providing legal or tax advice regarding any aspect of a transaction entered into by buyers or seller; and (x) shall not be responsible for providing other advice or information that exceeds the knowledge, education and experience required to perform real estate licensed activity. Buyers are advised to, and agree to, seek legal, tax, insurance, title and other desired assistance from appropriate professionals.
  - C. **BUYER REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT ALLOWS DUAL AGENCY:** The Representation Agreement permits Broker to act as a dual agent for both buyer and seller in a transaction. Under California law, even though one individual real estate agent may be the only licensee in direct contact with a buyer on a property transaction and another individual agent may be the only licensee in direct contact with a seller for that same transaction, since both agents work for the same firm the brokerage firm, the brokerage firm and its agents are all dual agents in that transaction. It is also legally permissible for one real estate agent to be in direct contact with both buyer and seller, in which case a dual agency will also be established for both the brokerage firm and the agent in that transaction. If Buyer does not want to allow dual agency, then Buyer should discuss with Broker the implications of such a request and then come to an agreement with Broker.

By signing below, Buyer acknowledges that they have read, understand, and have received a Copy of this Buyer Transactional Advisory.

Buyer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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