



## Buyers could be regaining upper hand

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*Source: Curbed*

Slow sales and supply spikes over the past two months have triggered speculation that home prices have finally hit a wall on the West Coast.

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## Debt-to-income levels prompt more mortgage denials

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Source: REALTOR® Magazine

Poor credit history no longer the number one obstacle for mortgage applicants and nearly one in ten hopeful borrowers were turned away in 2017, CoreLogic finds.

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## California cities top list of areas where it's cheaper to rent than buy

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Source: Forbes

Five of the top ten U.S. cities with the biggest gap between monthly rent and mortgage payments are in California, according to data from the Urban Institute.

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*Source: The Sacramento Bee*

Empty-nesters wishing to downsize, move closer to their families and free up much-needed housing stock are being prevented for fear of facing an astronomical increase in property taxes. This November election is your chance to change that, writes C.A.R. President Steve White.

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## Homebuilder sentiment improves

*Source: CNBC*

Monthly sentiment survey from the National Association of Home Builders rises one point in October as lumber prices fall.

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## Mortgage rate dips 5 basis points

*Source: Market Watch*

30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.85 percent in the October 18 week after reaching a seven-year high earlier in the month, Freddie Mac reports.

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