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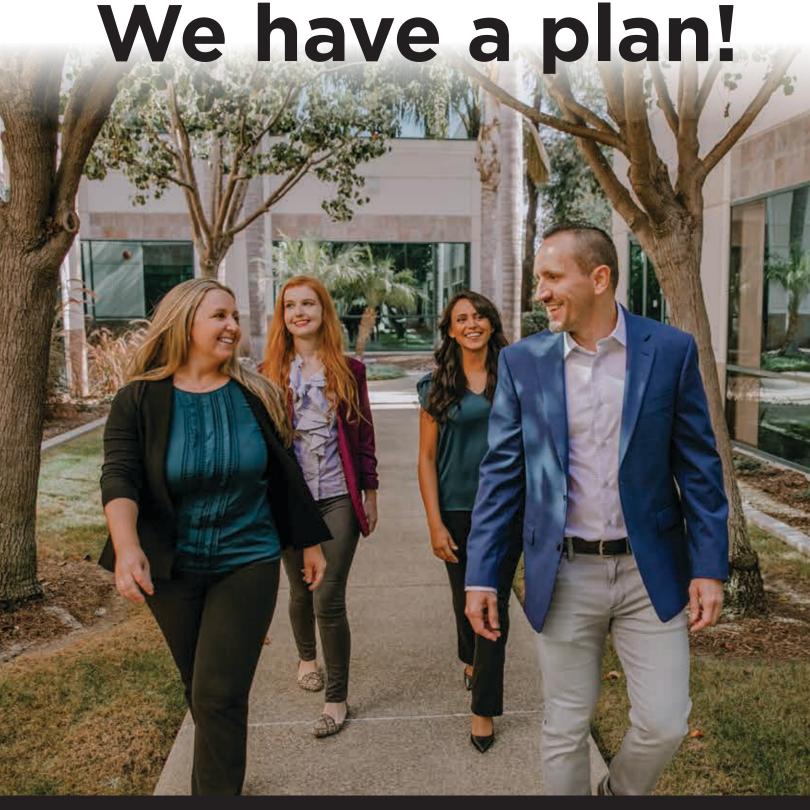
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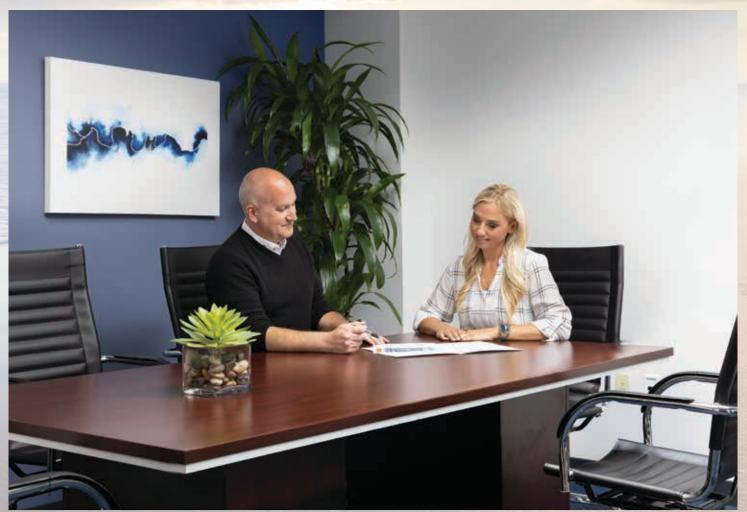
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By Michele Kader, Publisher



If you just made the 2023
Top 500 producers in South
Orange County and are
new to our publication, you
may be wondering what it's

all about. "FAQs About This Magazine" answers the most commonly asked questions around the country regarding the Real Producers platform. My door is always open to discuss anything regarding this community — this publication is 100 percent designed to be your voice and to connect, elevate the industry, and inspire!

Q: WHO RECEIVES THIS MAGAZINE?

A: The top 500 agents in South OC. We pulled the MLS numbers (by volume) from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, in South OC, cut the list off at number 500, and our new 2023 Top 500 distribution list was born. This magazine is free exclusively to the top 500 agents in the area each year. This year, the minimum production level for our group was \$10.8 million, based on data reported to MLS.

Q: WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR BEING FEATURED IN THIS MAGAZINE?

A: It's really simple – every feature you see has been chosen based on production numbers and/or nomination. You can nominate other REALTORS®, affiliates, brokers, owners, or even yourself! Office leaders can also nominate Realtors. We will consider anyone brought to our attention because we don't know everyone's story, so we need your help to learn about them.

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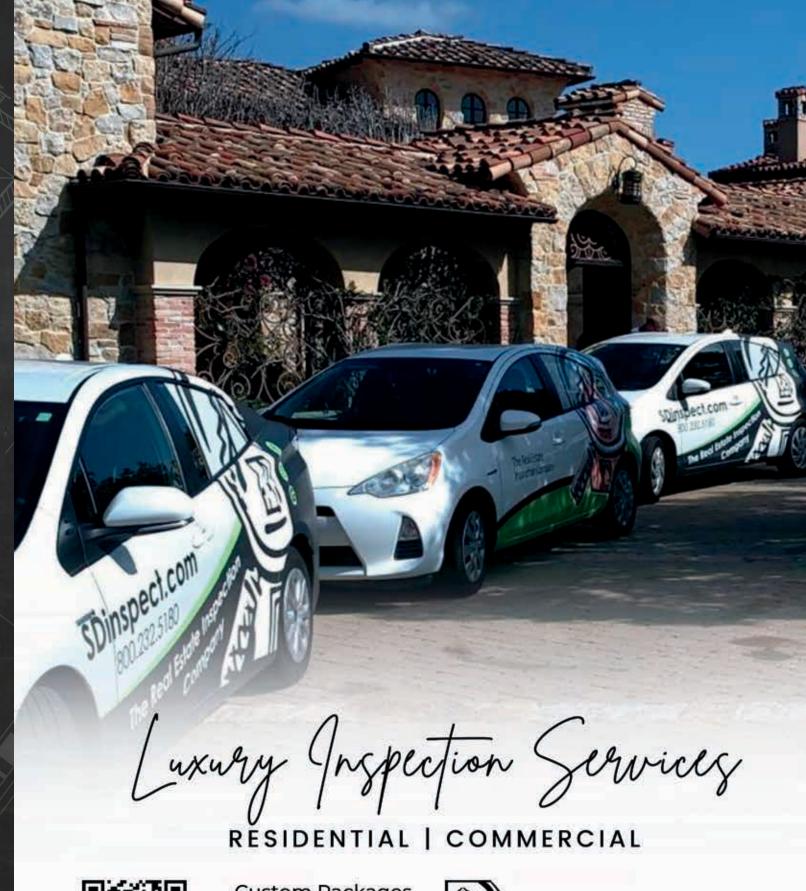


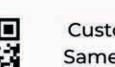
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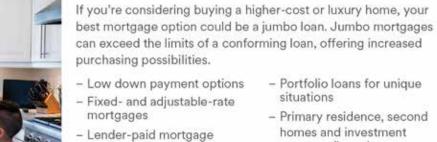








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CREATING NEW CHAPTERS

One of the hallmarks of leadership is knowing how to build on success ... to move it beyond into new, rewarding territory.

That's exactly what Mike Lovullo does for those around him.

As broker/owner with Lantern Bay Realty, Inc., Mike specializes in creating new chapters each day.

I love the people part and giving them the keys at the end.

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"One of my favorite parts about this business is meeting new people all the time. When you drive around with them to look at properties, you get to know them over time," Mike explains.

"I love the people part and giving them the keys at the end. Most of the clients that I do business with become my friends. And going forward, they know they can call me any time."

The Drive to Make a Difference

When you talk with Mike, you instantly feel that drive to make a difference that he has in abundance.

"It feels good to go the extra mile," he says.

"I always want to give a little more and do whatever I can to exceed the expectations that people have along the way."

Leading a Legacy

One of the things that have meant a lot to Mike during his career is having the opportunity to build on the business that his father began.

"My dad started Lantern Bay in 1973. He will be 93 in May," Mike says with a smile.

"It is a special feeling to look back and know that Lantern Bay has been around for 50 years. He retired about eight years ago."

An Early Start

Mike got an early start in the business. In fact, he was just 18 years old when he earned his real estate license. When he graduated from college, he dove into the business and started working as a rental agent.

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"That really was the best way for me to learn the business. I learned about all of the forms, and it also taught me about dealing with people," he remembers.

"As a year or two went by, I made a lot of friends and had a few amazing customers who — even though I was young — wanted to help me."

Remembering the Impact Others Had

Looking back, Mike has deep gratitude for the leadership of his father and others who served as key mentors to his growth along the way.

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I know that if you give great service and treat people the right way, the money will follow.

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"One of those was Arlene Pierce — dad's original business partner — as well as other amazing REALTORS® who are still in the business today," he says.

"They were so kind and willing to help you move along in your career."

Building Ahead

Today, Mike is proud to continue to build forward with his team, including his two assistants, who are also licensed agents as well.

The signs of success are easy to spot. In addition to helping people buy and sell property, Mike also does about 10 percent of his business in the commercial realm, and he also manages 88 properties.



Family is at the heart of Mike's satisfaction in life. He treasures time with his wife of 28 years, Diane, and their two adult sons.

In his free time, Mike enjoys time with their two German shepherds. Music has also been a big, ongoing part of his fulfillment. In fact, he played in an '80s band until recently.

He and Diane are fans of music as well. One of their favorite things to do together is watching live music and taking in shows at the theater. Since COVID, Mike and Diane have also enjoyed having the chance to play golf more. Travel is also a favorite pursuit for them.

Lifting Others

Through time, Mike has steadily built on the success stories of people around him. Along the way, he has done it with a deep, genuine sense of honesty and integrity.

"I always put people before the dollar," he emphasizes. "I know that if you give great service and treat people the right way, the money will follow. It's important to me that people know that I have their back and will go the extra mile for them."

Congratulations to Mike Lovullo for the undeniable difference he makes through time. Day by day and win by win, he creates success for his clients and his community ... in the process, creating new chapters for them.





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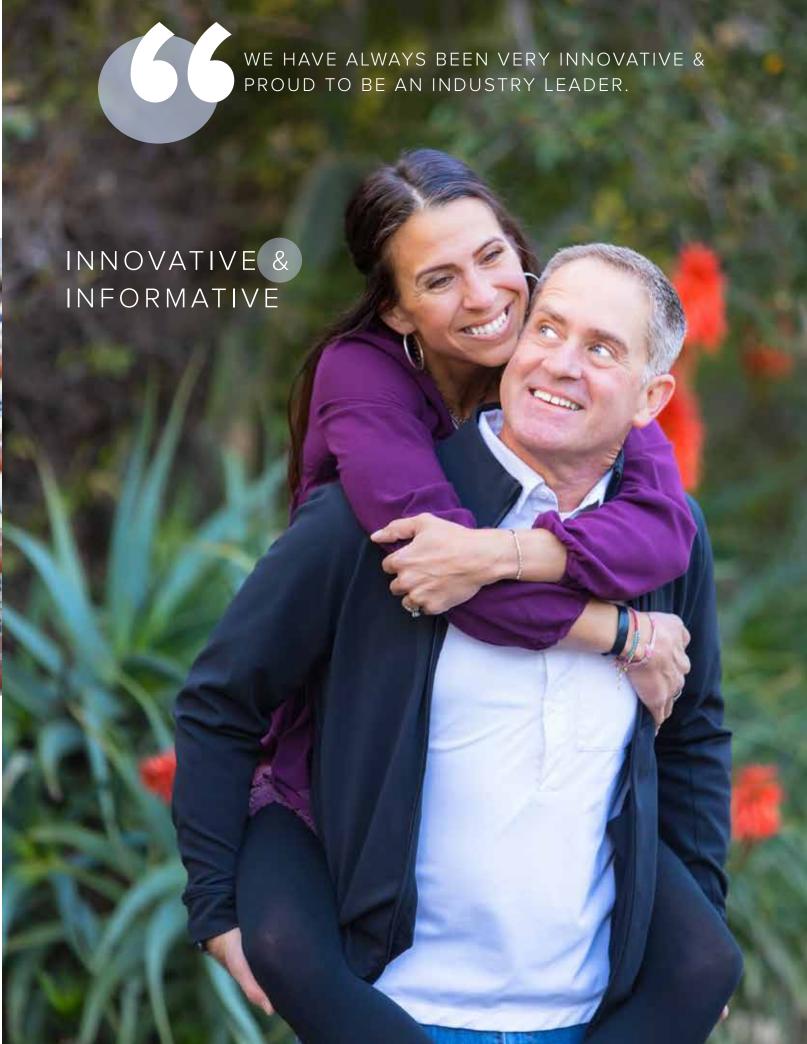
hen you make up your mind to do everything the way it has always been done, you can easily miss out on opportunities to improve your operations and success along the way.

The same dynamic is important when it comes to selecting partners who are there with you and your clients on your journey to the closing table and beyond. In the process, it means a lot to have people on your side who share a similar mindset as you.

That's exactly what you get when you work with co-owners Philippe and Tonja Heller and their team at The Real Estate Inspection Company. "We have always been very innovative and proud to be an industry leader. For example, a recent new law passed here in California requires sellers to disclose their home hardening features that they have in place that can help the property survive a wind-driven wildfire," Philippe says.

"We are the only home inspection company in California that does home fire hardening and defensible space inspections. We can offer so much to our REALTOR® partners and their homebuyer clients with one call."

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GETTING STARTED

Philippe moved to San Diego from Northern California in 2000. He was ready for a change from his prior path.

"I had some corporate tech jobs that were unfulfilling. I thought about where I could use my solid technology background with GE Power Systems," he remembers. "I wanted to find something that would allow me to use that background and yet still have a business that gave me more flexibility."

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

As Philippe jumped into the home inspection business, he saw that he could make a positive difference.

"It was an old-school industry with reports on NCR paper. With my technology background, I knew it was an industry where I could improve some new technology and appeal to Realtors and buyers. We started with online scheduling and computerized reports with images and thermal imaging."

Over time, business boomed and continues to grow. After surviving the economic downturn of 2008,

Philippe and Tonja have grown the business to be the largest home inspection company in San Diego.

Today, they have a large team of inspectors — nearly 20 — and they serve their Realtor partners and clients all across San Diego, as well as Riverside and Orange counties.

EXPANDING THE VALUE FOR YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS

In addition, Philippe and Tonja also own Bite Away Termite & Pest Control. Between the two companies, Philippe and Tonja lead a team of more than 50 employees.

"Our people are at the heart of the satisfaction that we feel for the business," Philippe says. "It is wonderful being able to provide a livelihood for them and their families."

Those who work with the team appreciate the way they apply their expertise to support the deal.

"We have a good bedside manner. We understand the anxiety that exists in all parties in a transaction. We stress that our inspectors present the information in a measured, friendly, and non-alarming way."

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FAMILY FOUNDATION

Away from work, Philippe and Tonja cherish time with their daughter and are looking forward to being grandparents in the spring.

In their free time, a big passion for the family is overlanding.

"It's like camping, but we have an off-road vehicle," he says. "We go off the beaten path, taking trails into the mountains with a rugged trailer. It's really like living off the grid ... being away from crowds."

Philippe and Tonja deliver a genuine, positive experience for their clients, one that begins with the deep care they bring to their work.

"When we work with clients, we want to educate them ... helping them be more knowledgeable in some way. We try to help them be more knowledgeable. That builds trust." As Philippe and Tonja look to the future, they are excited about starting to branch into commercial inspections as well.

In the meantime, their dedication to helping homebuyers make informed decisions continues.

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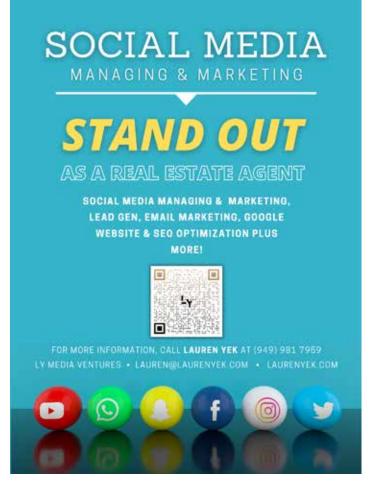
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NANCY AYNEHCHI

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Nancy Aynehchi enjoys that part of her work. But that's just the start...

As a REALTOR® with First Team Real Estate, Nancy builds relationships that go well beyond the closing table. For her, she relishes being a friend to and resource for life for those she serves.

"I love what I do ... every minute of it. I love meeting new people and attending to them and their needs," Nancy explains.

"I treat every person like they are a member of my own family. I stay in touch with each and every real

estate transaction I have been involved with. That's 432 transactions through time."

LEARNING & DEVELOPING OVER TIME

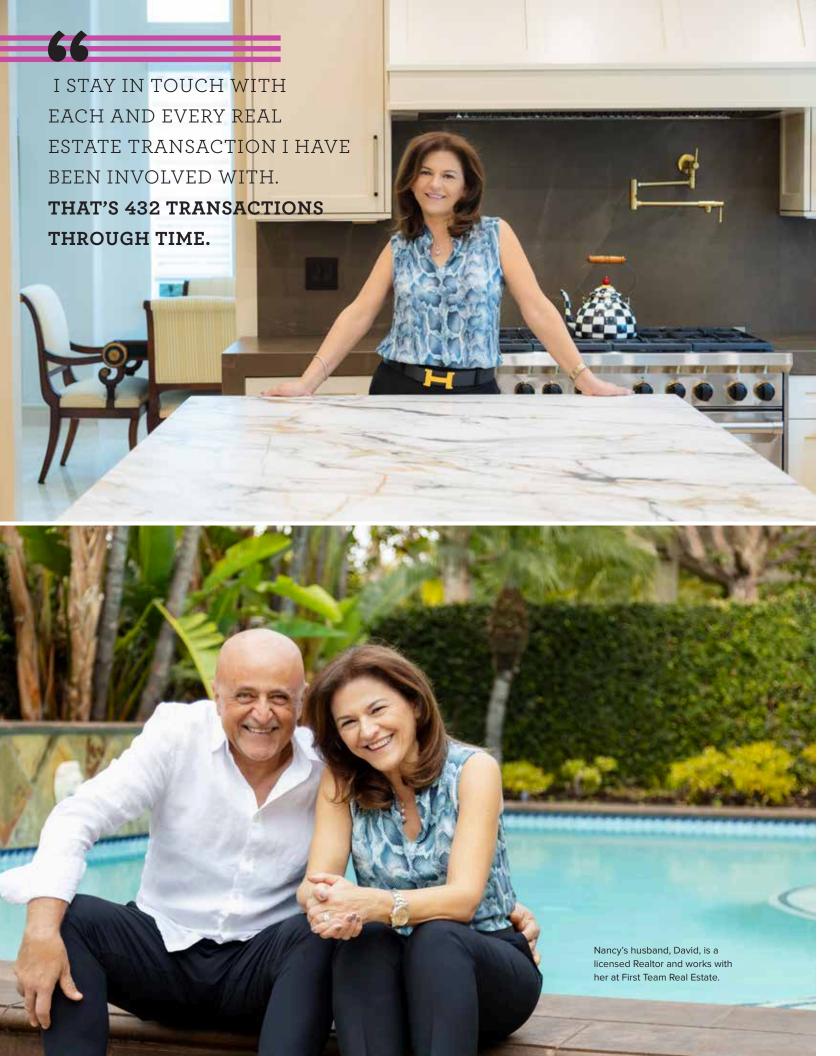
Before beginning her real estate career in the early 2000s, Nancy had picked up other valuable experience and skill sets that she has applied to her role today.

After high school, Nancy went on to earn her accounting degree from Cal State Fullerton. As she began her working career, she taught accounting at the junior college level. From there, she worked professionally for a number of years in the accounting field.

In the meantime, Nancy and her husband, David, had started her family. As her family grew, Nancy stayed home with her children for a time. At the same time, she and David did a number of home flips in the 2000s.

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The Aynehchi family (Cameron, David, Nancy, Seleen)

"I've always been interested in real estate. So has my husband. We used to buy old homes, remodel them, stage them, and sell them. We did that a few times and hired different Realtors," Nancy says.

"The last Realtor we hired was someone we were very happy with — Jackie Graves, who was a very accomplished Realtor through time. Through the process of working with her and getting to know her, she told me that I have the personality to be a Realtor and she told me I should think about getting into the business."

GETTING HER START IN REAL ESTATE

Nancy followed through and decided to take Jackie up on her recommendation. She earned her real estate license and began her journey in the business in 2004, joining Jackie's team.

"I enjoyed the experience of working with her. Jackie taught me a lot," Nancy says. "After two years, I moved on to a different company — Paragon REALTORS®, and I learned a lot there also."

Eventually, Nancy moved on to join First Team Real Estate in 2008, owned by Cameron Mirage.

WONDERFUL LIFE

Away from work, Nancy's life is made much richer by her family.

She and David treasure time with their family, including their daughter, Seleen, who attends law school in New York and plans on becoming a real estate lawyer; and their son, Cameron, who

graduated from the University of Miami in 2022 and is attending grad school at NYU, pursuing his master's degree in real estate development.

One of the most rewarding parts of life and business is the fact that she gets to share that path with David, who is also a licensed Realtor and works with her at First Team Real Estate.

In their free time, Nancy and her family have a wide range of favorite pursuits, including skiing, kayaking, and hiking.

LEADING THE WAY INTO THE FUTURE

When it comes to giving back to the community, Nancy has been very involved in the local school system. In fact, for a number of years, she was the chair of fundraising efforts for the Parent/Teacher Organization at her children's school.

With a giving spirit and a strong, ongoing passion for building and growing relationships, Nancy makes an indelible impact on the lives of others.

When the transaction is over, the bonds between Nancy and her clients are only just beginning... Nancy is their resource for life.



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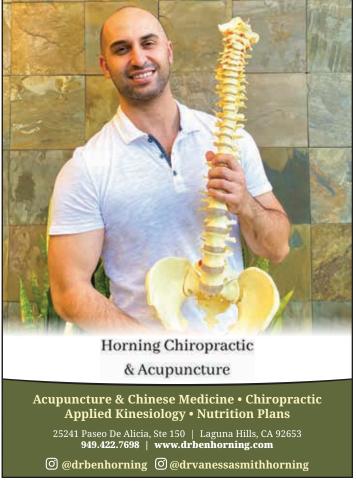






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You don't have to look very hard in your own lifetime to see how fast the passage of time happens. In turn, you see signs of it with your clients who stay in touch and come back to work with you over time.

When that happens, you see the way their families have grown and the paths their lives have taken.

Simon Guy takes those moments to heart.

GIVING HIS ALL

As a team leader and REALTOR® with Right Guy Real Estate at Keller Williams in San Clemente, Simon gives his all and makes it count for those he serves.

"I really love building relationships focused on helping people get where they want to be. It's fun to see people have a goal and help them get there. I like hearing their stories," says Simon.

"In our business, we get to see how they got to where they are and the things they valued in life along the way. It's from learning those life lessons from people... Helping people throughout their lives reminds me that life is short, and it gives me a great appreciation."

LOCAL ROOTS. FOCUSED VISION.

Simon grew up and attended high school in Dana Point, where he played basketball with his brother. After graduation, it didn't take long for Simon to start pursuing real estate.

"At that time, I moved from Dana Point to Central California, where I learned more about the business from my uncle who sells real estate," Simon says.

During the same time, Simon worked and put himself through school. He graduated from Fresno Pacific. In the process, he remained focused on his future in real estate.

"After college, I got into the business and stayed in the area for quite a while," Simon remembers.



In 2015, Simon took a position leading the Keller Williams office in Burlingame.

A year and a half later, he went back into real estate production. In 2017, he recorded an astonishing total of 100 homes. And in 2018, he moved back to Orange County.

COMING HOME

In time, Simon and his wife, Daisy, started their family, which hastened their move back to the area.

"My brother had their first son six weeks after us, and we decided it would be great if our children could grow up close to each other," he says.

Today, Simon is proud to lead his growing team of three. Last year, they recorded nearly \$35 million in sales volume.

FAMILY FULFILLMENT

Family time is at the heart of life for Simon. He looks forward to time spent with Daisy and their sons, 5-year-old John and 3-year-old James.

In his free time, Simon has a passion for surfing and snowboarding. He and Daisy also enjoy supporting their sons in their sports.

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Top-producing Realtor Simon Guy is team leader of Right Guy Real Estate at Keller Williams Realty.

In addition, Simon's father is a pastor at South Shores Church. He and Daisy enjoy their involvement there. In fact, Daisy runs the Mothers of Pre-Schoolers group there.

CREATING A BRIGHT PATH

As Simon looks to the future in the business, he is excited at the prospects for growth together. He also has an ongoing passion for investing in real estate.

"I really believe that if we're not buying real estate, then we're missing real opportunities to build long-term wealth," he points out.

"Getting people into the investment side of real estate is something I am continually helping people do."

With his kind, helpful, and genuine nature, Simon is bettering the lives of his clients and those around him.

With each meeting and opportunity he is involved with, Simon gives his all to make those chances count for those he serves.





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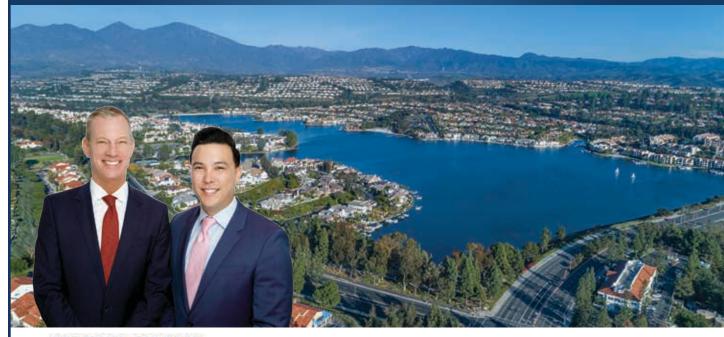
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