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**SEATTLE AREA**

Inventory of homes for sale in King County sees biggest increase in a decade

By MARA ROSENBERGER

Home prices are setting records for the third straight month, but building sales are becoming less common. Movers are even dropping their asking price to attract buyers.

For the first time in two years, the Seattle-area real-estate market is finally starting to shift in a positive direction for sellers. The median price for homes in King County already priced out last year, and the King County Real Estate Board said that the county’s median sales price for single-family homes increased 5.5% in 2017, to $658,000.

Monthly median sales prices for single-family homes in the central Puget Sound region. Median means half sold for more, half sold for less.

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**Home-price activity**

- **INCREASE**
  - Inventory of homes for sale in King County sees biggest increase in a decade. Inventory now exceeds 2015 levels, reversing three years of steep declines.
  - More sellers are even dropping their list prices, and three years of steep declines.

- **DECREASE**
  - Home-price activity has only accelerated since, according to Northwest Multiple Listing Service.

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Jose Robles has been living at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle for six and a half weeks. An undocumented immigrant who’s lived in the U.S. for 18 years, Robles was ordered to be deported but didn’t want to return to Mexico and lose his children and daughters.

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