

# Welcome Spring Home BUYING FORUM

TIPS FROM AN ATTORNEY AND HOME INSPECTOR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6



#### Meet the Hosts







Ryan Duckless Mortgage Loan Originator



# Today's Webinar

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Discounted Rates for First-Time Home Buyers

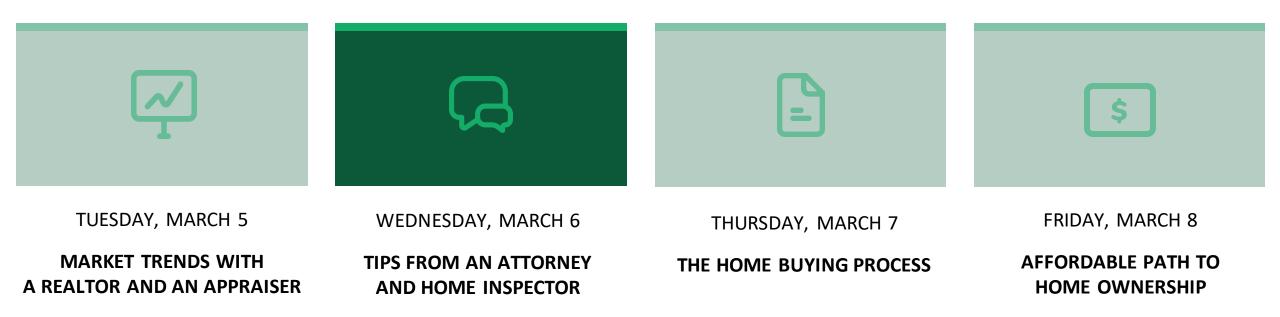
Low Down Payment Options for First-Time Home Buyers and Other Eligible Borrowers

**Closing Cost Credit** 

- Digital Process
- In-House Loan Servicing
- Portfolio Lending Capability



# Overview



## Meet Today's Presenters





Ken Ray Kensa Inspections Sarah Ricciardelli Ricciardelli & Small, LLC



### FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS SEMINAR

Sarah Ricciardelli, Esq.



### **About Our Firm**

- Ricciardelli & Small, LLC
- Over 25 years in practice
- Residential and Commercial Real Estate
  - Transactional specific firm
  - Specialize in the sale of condominiums (including condo conversions),
    Single Family, Multi-Family, Commercial Space
  - Represent Buyers, Sellers and Lenders

### The Components of an Offer

- Contingencies
  - Financing/risks of waiving financing/appraisal/inspection contingencies
  - Home sale contingencies
  - Any request to have the seller contribute to the buyer's closing costs should be included in the Offer.
  - Any appliances or other items included in the sale should be itemized in the offer.
  - Condo review contingency

#### – DATES MATTER

# The Components of the Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "P&S")

- Difference between Offer and P&S/What's included:
  - Period of time
  - Amount of Terms
    - Main terms vs. detail
    - Sets the scene for the remainder of the transaction
  - Amount of money at risk
    - \$1,000 vs. 5% of purchase price
  - IF NOT IN P&S, then NOT IN AGREEMENT
  - Inspection issues
  - Contingencies
    - Why the loan commitment deadline is so important

### The PS is signed—now what?

- Work with your lender to get your financing approved. Time is of the essence/diligence is important.
- A lawyer can help track your mortgage commitment date.
- A lawyer can help review the title commitment and related title documents. Having someone with knowledge do that is very important.
- A lawyer can answer questions and help resolve problems during the course of the transaction.

### **CLOSING DAY**

- Schedule Final Walk Through
- Wire remaining funds to law office (check's usually okay for P&S deposit, but NOT for Closing)
- Closing is essentially formalization of the terms of the P&S.
- No negotiating of terms at the Closing table.
  - i.e. interest rate
- After signing, last step is to record the documents
  - Deed, mortgage, homestead, etc. All public record.
  - ONLY a lawyer and NOT a lender, title company, or a real estate broker can give you legal advice.

### **Some Final Advice**

- Purchasing a home can be a stressful process.
- Purchasing a home is one of the largest financial transaction of one's life
- So, it is important to have a good team surrounding you!!

### **Any Questions?**

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### **Home Inspection 101**

Ken Ray

Founder, Kensa Inspections, Inc.

• Why Get a Home Inspection?

- $\checkmark$  Understand the condition of your investment in advance
- $\checkmark$  Know what needs to be repaired in advance
- $\checkmark$  Get information that helps inform your budget
- $\checkmark$  Potentially negotiate with the seller
- $\checkmark$  Learn about basic ongoing maintenance items
- ✓ Avoid big surprises after you close!

 Risks of Not Getting an Inspection

- $\checkmark$  You DON'T understand the condition of your investment
- $\checkmark$  You DON'T know what needs to be repaired
- $\checkmark$  You DON'T get information that helps inform your budget
- $\checkmark$  You DON'T potentially negotiate with the seller
- $\checkmark$  You DON'T learn about basic ongoing maintenance items
- ✓ You DON'T avoid big surprises after you close!
- $\checkmark$  But you DO take risks!

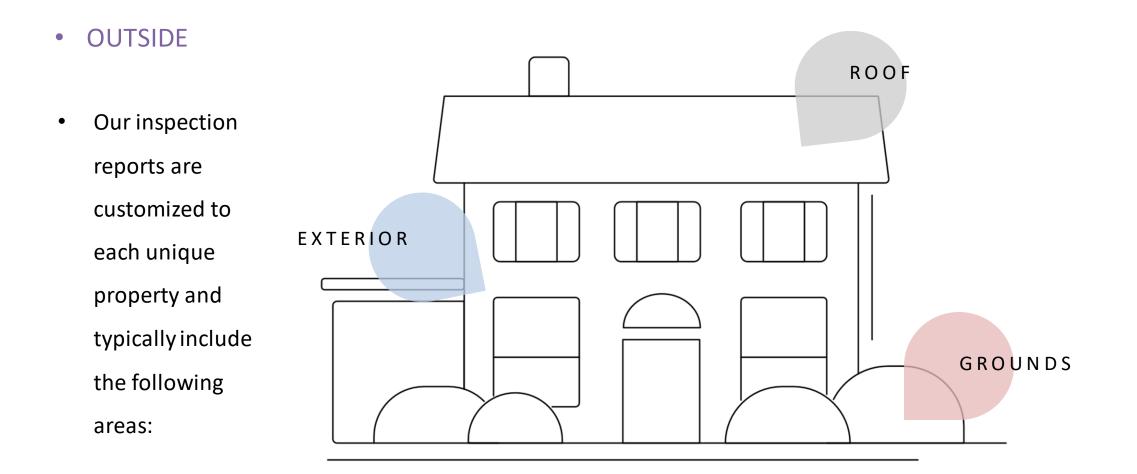
#### • Costs

- $\checkmark$  Based on square footage of the home
- ✓ Garden-style condo versus three-family
- $\checkmark$  Detached structures are usually not included
- ✓ Optional services (radon, termites)
- $\checkmark$  Ask about surcharges
  - \$ Age
  - \$ Distance
  - \$ Crawl space
  - \$ Unfinished basement size
- $\checkmark$  This is not the time to save \$50
- ✓ Beware the "walk-and-talk" or "walk-through" pitch

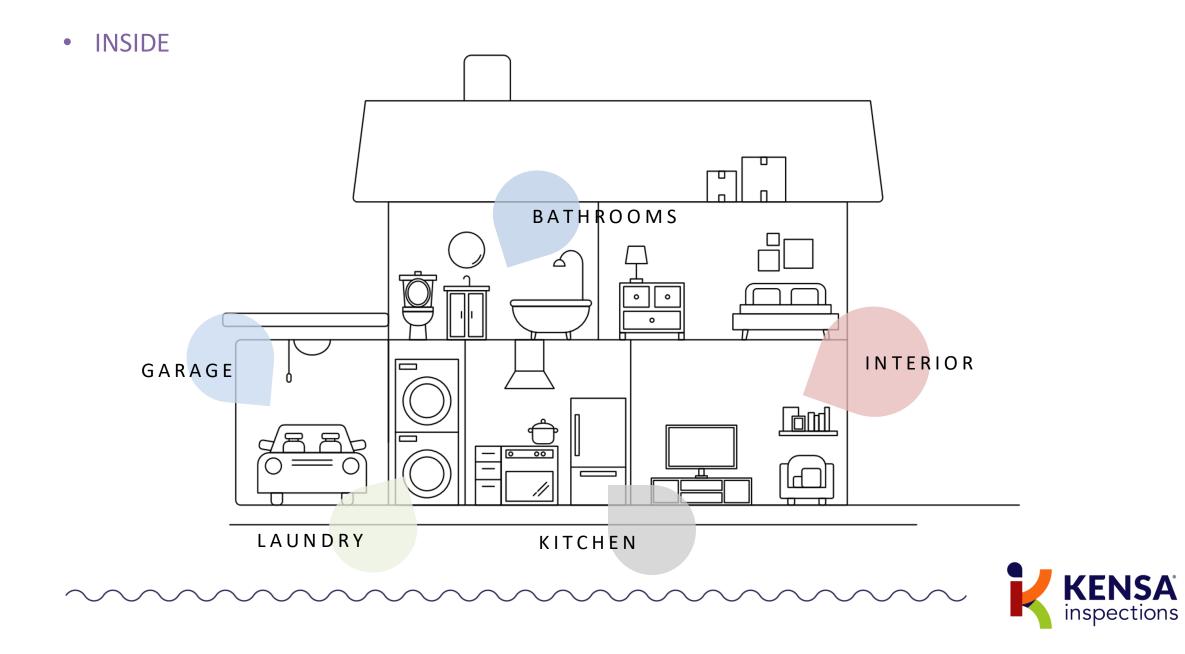
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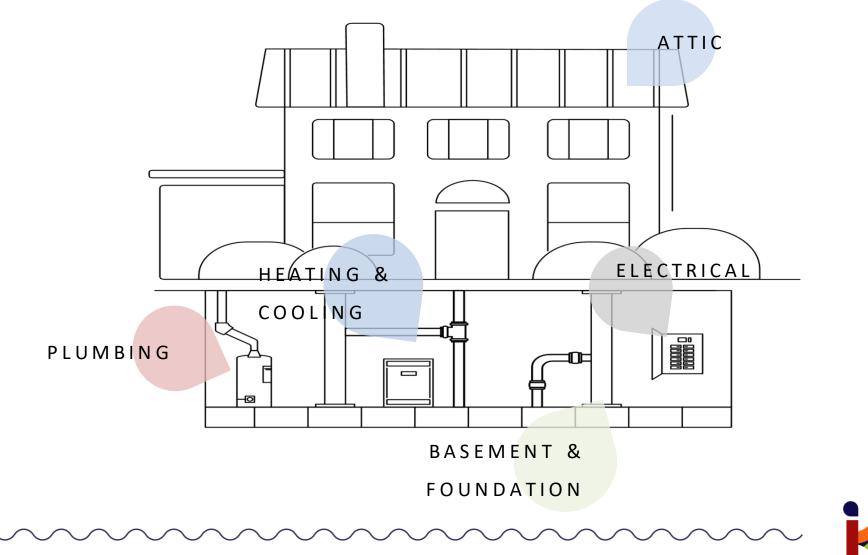








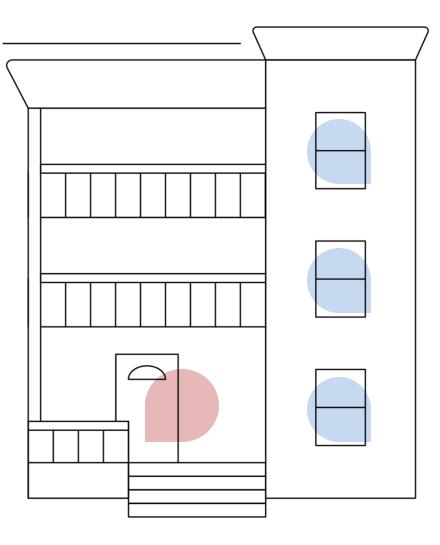
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# **Time for Questions**

Please submit your question using the Q&A feature

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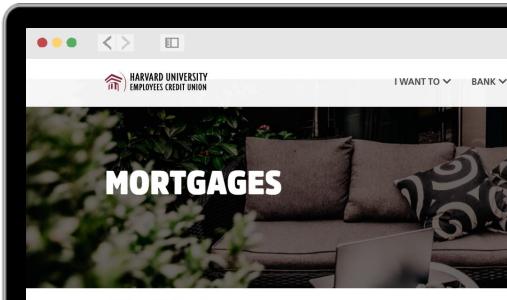


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