



## HOMEBUYER CHECKLIST

### Which Neighborhood?

First, if you want to find the perfect home, you need to consider more than just the home itself. You also need to find the **right neighborhood** in the **right location**.

Location is not only important for you as you choose the home you are buying now, but it is also critical if you plan to re-sale your home sometime in the future. Location is one of the biggest factors that will impact the appreciation on your home.

#### Things to consider when choosing your neighborhood:

- Do you want to be in a gated community?
- Do you want to be in a golf community?
- Do you want to be close to the beach?
- Do you want a single-family home, coach home or a condo?
- Do you want new construction or a re-sale home?
- Do you want to be close to of in downtown?
- Do you want to be in a retirement community?
- Do you want to be in a family neighborhood?
- Do you want to be in an active community?
- Do you want to be close to healthcare?
- Do you want to be close to dining and shopping?
- Do you want to have easy access to loved ones?
- Is this going to be your last home or do you plan to sell in the future?

#### ***Location Considerations: Rank Your Top 5 Needs***

\_\_\_ Neighborhood

\_\_\_ Re-Sale vs. New Construction

\_\_\_ Gated Community

\_\_\_ Golf

\_\_\_ Beach

\_\_\_ Shopping

\_\_\_ Dining

\_\_\_ Pet Friendly

\_\_\_ Healthcare

\_\_\_ Expressway Access

\_\_\_ Demographics (young community, older community or either is okay)

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Community Amenities: Rank Your Top Five Criteria**

\_\_\_ Golf

\_\_\_ Beach Access

\_\_\_ Resort Style Pool

\_\_\_ Fitness Center

\_\_\_ Spa

\_\_\_ Tennis

\_\_\_ Pickleball

\_\_\_ Bocce Ball

\_\_\_ Walking Trails

\_\_\_ Dog Park

\_\_\_ Dining

### **What Are The Top Home Features?**

First, what home features are most important to you? Second, which ones are most important, and which are least important.

Here is a list of questions to keep in mind when choosing your dream home:

- Do you want to entertain?
- Do you want an open floor plan?
- Do you want to park in a two-car garage?
- Do you want a backyard where your dog can play?
- Do you want a pool? What about a spa?

***Property considerations: Rate your top 10 criteria with 1 being the most important.***

\_\_\_ Single-family home

\_\_\_ Townhome/Coach Home

\_\_\_ Condo

\_\_\_ Re-Sale vs. New Construction

- Fixer-upper
- Rental Home
- Garage
- Patio/Lanai
- Golf View
- Water View
- Expandability
- Energy efficient/utility costs
- Concrete Construction
- Wood Frame construction
- Single floor or multi-level
- Recreation facilities
- Pool
- Spa

## **What About Interior Features?**

Here is a list of interior considerations for your ideal home or condo.

- #Bedrooms
- #Bathrooms
- Master Bedroom
- Master bath
- Closets
- Eat-in Kitchen
- Gourmet Kitchen
- New appliances
- Dining Area/ Room
- Den

- Home Office
- Flooring
- Open Shower
- Whirlpool bath
- Foyer/entryway
- Ceiling height
- Central air
- Central heat
- Lighting
- Hurricane Impact Windows

## Golf Community Criteria

So, you have decided you want to live in a **golf community**. What are the key features and benefits the community needs to include to suit your lifestyle? Identify your top 10 criteria with 1 being the most important.

- One Time Initiation Fee or Equity Golf Community
- Bundled Golf Community
- Number of golf courses
- Structured Tee Times (e.g., Chelsea System)
- Open Tee Times
- Quality of Golf Course
- Challenging Golf Course
- Easy Golf Course
- Practice Facilities
- Own your own golf cart
- Caddies available
- Clubhouse
- Dining