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5 Questions to Ask Before You Buy or Rent in a Community Association

1. Once you have your eye on a home, ask if it's part of a community association.



4. Take a walk. Are the common grounds well maintained? Are the homes well kept? Is there ample parking? Are the amenities—pools, tennis courts and playgrounds, for example—well maintained?



2. Obtain copies of the governing documents, including the bylaws or Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs), from the association manager or a volunteer community leader.



5. Ask to talk to the president of the association, members of the elected board or even the professional who manages the community.



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3. Take the time to talk to people who live in the community. Find out how they feel not only about the neighborhood, but also about how the community is governed and managed.



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