The multiple listing service (MLS) marketplace connects buyers and sellers of real estate in the U.S. through their respective agents. The MLS gives first-time, low-income and other buyers better access to the American dream of homeownership, while also exposing the greatest number of potential buyers to someone selling a home.

**WHAT THE MLS DOES FOR YOU:**

- Largest database of available homes
- Most up-to-date home status information
- Maximized visibility of homes for sale
- Accurate property information
- Facilitates cooperation between buyer and seller brokers
- Equal opportunity for all home buyers and sellers
- Easy to find the agent selling the home
- Level playing field between large and small brokerages

**A WORLD WITHOUT THE MLS:**

- No centralized source of available homes
- Outdated home status information
- Fewer homes for buyers to choose from on real estate websites
- Inaccurate property information
- Buyers/sellers would likely have to pay to list on websites
- Residents without access to brokerages would have fewer options
- Inconsistent broker information in listings across marketplace
- Markets become broker-controlled

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