REDFIN

OVERVIEW:

- Traditional brokerage in terms of fees & MLS
- Has two basic services:
 - Full service where they charge 2.5% to list
 - A 1% listing fee with LOTS of hidden catches!
- Redfin "kicks back" to buyer a percentage of the buyer's agent commission when buying with Redfin.

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- Redfin has a normal listing commission structure where it is a normal 2.5%+ on each side and the house sells
 in a traditional sense.
- This product is NO different from a traditional brokerage but lacks the personal attention and dedication of a traditional agent.
- Redfin boasts and advertises its 1% listing service:
 - This product only applies WHEN THE SELLER AGREES TO BUY THEIR NEXT HOME WITH REDFIN at a full 2.5%+ buy side commission!!
 - Redfin advertises "more buyers visit Redfin.com than any other brokered site. So your house attracts more buyers and sells for more than the house next door."
 - This is fundamentally and statistically WRONG.
 - Just because a buyer sees a house on Redfin, DOES NOT mean that increased the number of buyers in the buying pool. Either a buyer is in the market or they aren't.
 - Houses sell for more when there are more buyers bidding on a house (low inventory) or when there is an incentive (like the 7% technique) for a buyer/buyer's agent to increase their price.
 - There is no greater number of buyers in the market regardless of where they see a house for sale. Real estate has a shared data structure (IDX) where all websites have almost all houses on them. <u>Example</u>: If Honda sells the most cars, they still cannot say that they put more car drivers on the road. If they didn't buy the car at Honda, they would buy it at the next dealership. Honda cannot factually say that they increase the number of drivers on the road, simply because they have more people walk on their parking lot than Ford. And they certainly cannot say that because they have more people on their lot, cars sell for a higher price. Their cars sell for exactly what the market will bear, in that area, regardless of the car lot.

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- Redfin offers a unique "buyer proposition" to buyers who buy homes using Redfin as the buyer's agent.
- Redfin offers a "kick back" to buyers who use Redfin as the buyer's agent of a percentage of the buyer's agent commission when purchasing an MLS listed home with Redfin.
- However this percentage of the kick back of the total commission on the buy side can be very small.
 Sometimes as little as 5% of the commission.
 - Thus if the commission on the buy side in the MLS is 2.5% of \$1,000,000 home, then the total commission to the buy side is \$25,000. Redfin sometimes kicks back as little as \$1250 of this to the

