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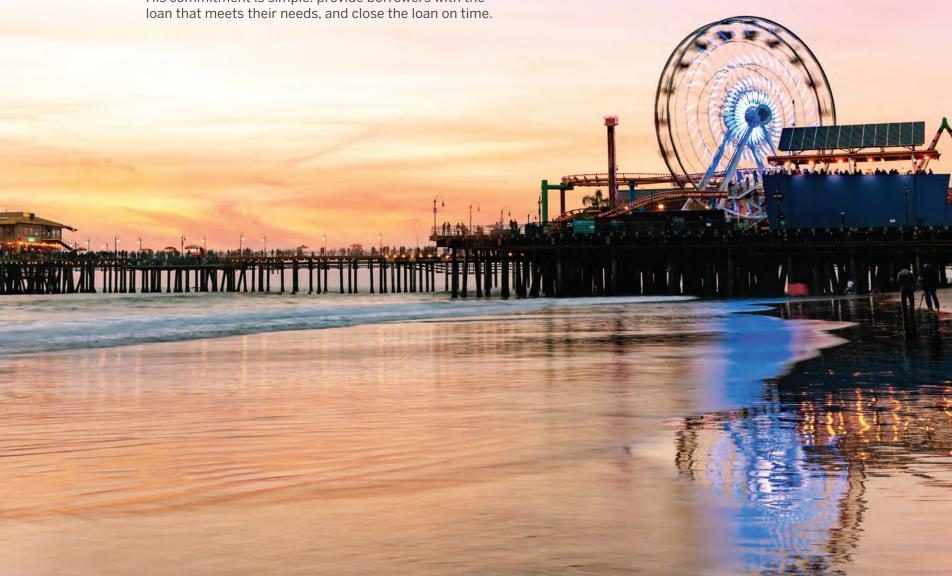


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Every day, Mark Cohen of Cohen Financial Group resets the clock. No matter how many loans he's closed that year, that month or that week, every morning he goes back to square one.

That mindset apparently works wonders. For the sixth year in a row, Cohen has topped Scotsman Guide's Top Dollar Volume list. Cohen's 2017 mortgage-origination volume totaled \$579.6 million. He closed 541 loans — 67 percent of them purchases, and 33 percent refinances.

Although Cohen says resetting the clock each day motivates him to close more loans, he also benefits from his wealth of experience. He's been originating mortgages for more than 30 years, after getting into the game in 1986. He also receives a ton of support from his staff, he says.

"I've got a good staff, and I know a lot of people," he says. "I know the business and have a large clientele and following. It's just pieces that fall into place most of the time. Not to say that there aren't things that pop up ... [but] if you lose a deal, you've just got to move forward."

Cohen acknowledges that recent changes to the tax code could present challenges in the near future, particularly in the expensive Beverly Hills area where he works. Congress' move to lower the cap on the mortgage interest deduction from \$1 million of debt to \$750,000 is worrying, but he doesn't see it having a terribly large impact. What's more troublesome is the \$10,000 cap on deducting state and local income and property taxes, he says.

"That is a big issue," he says, noting that the property taxes on a \$3 million house can come to tens of thousands of dollars per year. "It's a big thing. It hurts," he adds. Even so, it's difficult to gauge the actual impact of the tax changes this soon after their passage, Cohen says.

"You have strong demand, a low inventory and a strong economy," he adds. "You can't really tell right now [what the impact is] until the tide has turned and the economy slows down, and people say, 'I can't buy a house because of the property taxes.' Because everyone's making more money now ... so it's all good until it's not good."

Cohen says it seems inevitable that mortgage rates will continue to rise, but he doesn't think a quarter- to a half-point rise will break the market. "But it is making it more difficult to qualify for people, especially with these rigid ratios," he says. "That's going to be an issue." But the bottom line is that there's room in the market for anyone who's willing to adapt to the constant changes, Cohen says.

"It's challenging," he says, "but people who want to find out what their niche is and (have the) determination to do the right things in business, [they] can still compete in this very competitive market."



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YES ON PROP 5 NO ON PROP 10

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NO ON MEASURE W (Storm Water Parcel Tax)

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- Single-family homes and condominiums
- Garage apartments and granny flats (ADU)
- Duplexes, triplexes, and all rental buildings
- Short term rentals (regulated and/or eliminated)
- Single room rentals

OTHER POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES IF PROP 10 PASSES:

- Reduced home, condominium, and residential income property values
- Possible modification or even complete repeal of the Ellis Act
- Discourage investments in rental housing, leading to less new construction and more tightening of an already squeezed housing market.

PROP 10 is the Wrong solution for owners, the real estate industry, REALTORS and California











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