

John Yen Wong, CRB

John Yen Wong graduated from Yale University in 1975 with a degree in Biology. He began his real estate career in 1981, and has been both a salesperson in and an owner of real estate companies. In 2003, Realtor Magazine named John as one of the 25 most influential people in real estate and is the Asian Real Estate Association of America's 2006 "Real Estate Person of the Year."

John has been the broker owner of an independent real estate company, a Mason-McDuffie trademark licensed company, and a Prudential Real Estate franchise. John is currently a broker associate in a Better Homes & Gardens real estate office in San Francisco.

Throughout his career, John has been active in organized real estate. He was the 2004 national President of the Council of Real Estate Brokerage Managers (CRB) organization and the 2005 President of the San Francisco Association of Realtors.

In the emerging markets arena, John is the Founding Chairman of the Asian Real Estate Association of America, which he helped to form in 2002. He served as its Chief Executive Officer in 2010. This organization's purpose is to:

- Be the voice of real estate professionals who serve the Asian American real estate market.
- Be a resource for enhancing an understanding of the Asian American real estate market.
- Be a steward for the ever-increasing professionalism of practitioners who serve the Asian American real estate market.

In 2005, John served as the Chairman of Freddie Mac's Affordable Housing Advisory Council and has been a member of Chase Home Finance's National Housing Advisory Council. John served as the 2008 Chairman of the National Association of Realtors' Equal Opportunity and Cultural Diversity Committee.

John also has experience in the regulatory side of the real estate industry and was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to serve on the California Department of Real Estate's Advisory Commission with DRE Commissioner Jim Antt.

John understands the challenges faced by ethnic minorities in reaching home ownership. He is also absolutely clear on the business opportunities for real estate professionals who address these challenges.

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