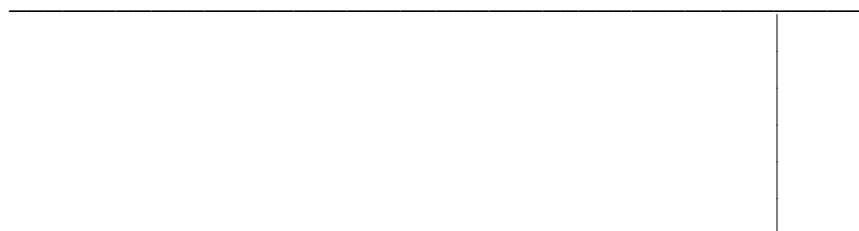


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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We just finished analyzing your home's market value, and we're

I'm [redacted] and I'm here to answer any questions about your offer and how Opendoor works.

Take a look at [let me know what you think](#)

You're able to:

- Choose when you have 9 to 60 days from now
- Skip intrusive and inconvenient home showings.
- Get full value without paying [the many hidden costs of a traditional sale](#).

23. Concerning the seller flow, the seller flow presented the offer (“seller flow” represented the offer) and that its repair and closing costs were “similar to what you’d expect to pay traditionally.”

Hi Teresa, thank you for choosing us. Here's what's in your offer:

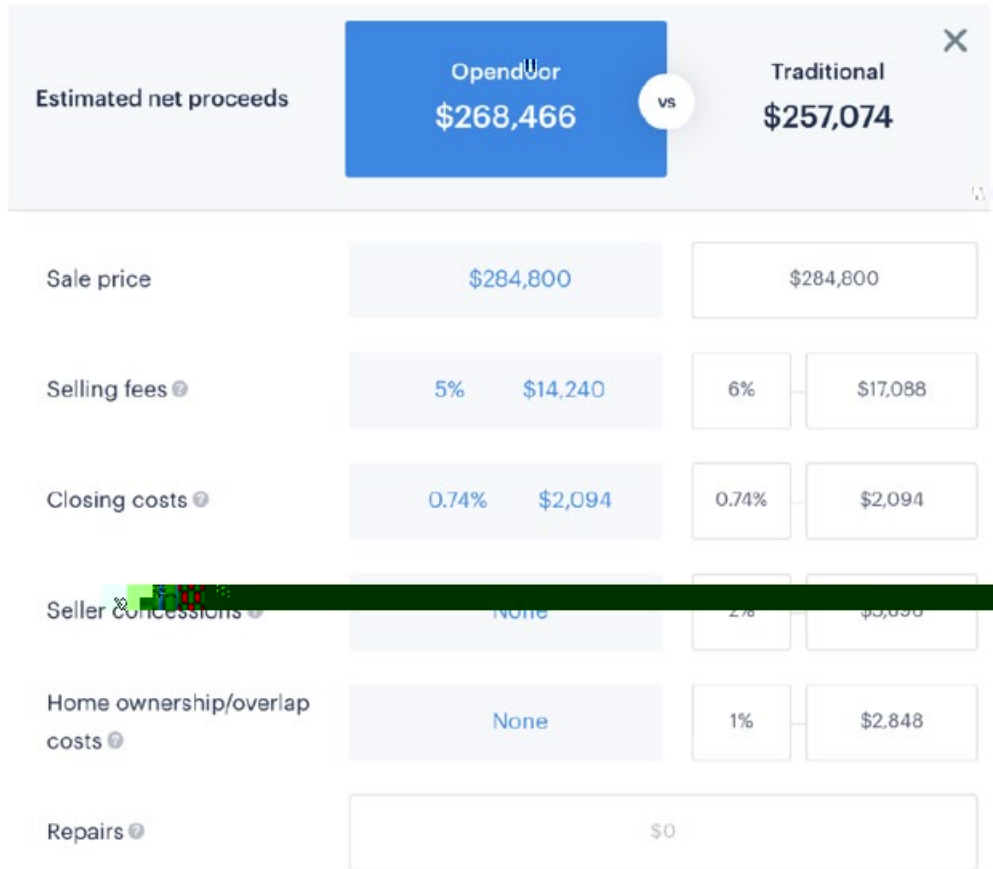
The screenshot shows a breakdown of an offer with four items, each with a blue icon and a title:

- Home Value**: Estimated based on recent sales in your area.
- Service Charge**: We'll compare this with the cost of selling traditionally.
- Repair and closing**: Similar to what you'd expect to pay traditionally.
- Net proceeds**: Our best estimate of the cash you'll receive at close.

24. The seller flow presented a housing-market analysis and a home value estimate, which Opendoor relied on in calculating the offer. The seller flow described its estimate of “home value” as “based on a range of factors including location, size, age, features, and location.” The seller flow explained that “home value does not include costs associated with selling, such as repair costs.”







28. In some instances, Opendoor included two disclaimers at the end of the seller flow. Those disclaimers were not conspicuous and were in fine print. Moreover, they did not cure Opendoor's repeated representations that provided market value offers and that consumers were likely to make more money selling to it. Rather, one merely stated that "[t]hese figures are our best estimates" and the other stated, in direct contravention to Opendoor's marketing, that the offer "does not necessarily represent the 'market value' of your home" because it was not a formal appraisal.

29. The net proceeds comparison charts have provided more information about certain line items if consumers clicked a link adjacent to those line items. For example, if a consumer clicked an icon next to repairs on one version of the chart, a popup graphic provided the following explanation:

Our philosophy is to ask for repairs we anticipate the next buyer of the home will ask for. We look for items that are broken, in poor condition, or can affect the safety, structure, or functionality of the home. Some examples include roof, foundation, flooring, electrical, plumbing, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and a/c systems), and appliances. On average, a typical repair request ranges from \$ \_\_\_\_\_, but can vary depending on the condition of your home.

Other versions of the offer described repair costs as “[s]imilar to what you’d expect to pay traditionally.” In emails, Opendoor described its repair assessment process as an “inspection” similar to post-contract inspections in market sales.

### Most Consumers Who Sold to Opendoor Lost Money.

30. Contrary to Opendoor’s promises, consumers actually lost thousands of dollars selling to it compared to what they would have received from traditional sales offers have not been market value but consistently averaged thousands of dollars below market value. And the costs consumers have paid when selling to Opendoor have been higher than what consumers typically pay in a market sale.

### Opendoor Offered Below Market Value for Homes.

31. The overwhelming majority of Opendoor’s offers have been significantly below what consumers would have received if they sold on the open market.

32. Opendoor took various steps to reduce offers below what their internal valuation system deemed to be a home’s market value.

33. In or around August 2018, Opendoor instituted a policy of lowering offers to cover anticipated repair costs. The policy reduced offers without disclosing that they were less than market value. If actual assessed repairs were lower than the amount withheld, Opendoor retained the difference as revenue. Even before implementing this policy, Opendoor would reduce certain offers to account for potential repairs, which simultaneously provided a market offer and concealed assessed costs from consumers.

34. Opendoor has used an automated system to generate expected market values. In many instances, Opendoor’s employees have manually adjusted values before presenting them to consumers as offers. Opendoor’s internal analyses showed that these

did not disclose these reductions, thereby masking its higher costs compared to market sales and competitors.

38. Opendoor's own internal analyses show that its offers to consumers would receive on the open market. In November 2018, for example, one analysis shows that those properties sold for more on the open market than the amounts Opendoor offered. In some cases, by as much as 11 percent. Other internal analyses show that 11 percent of homes on which Opendoor made an offer sold for more than 11 percent more than Opendoor's offer price. A third internal analysis concluded that Opendoor's profit from buying and reselling homes is the motivation for its offers to consumers.

39. Opendoor's revenue from "charging a fee for [its] service" are a key contributor to its revenue. A 2019 financial analysis broke down revenue from Opendoor's fee and from "net resale gain" and reported over 10 percent in resale gains in 2018 and 10 percent in projected resale gains in 2019. Presentations to investors touted "resale gain" as a significant contributor to Opendoor's revenue per home.

40. In 2016, an internal presentation noted that "[sic] reject[ed] offers" "make more on the open market than their OD offer." In 2019, another internal communication stated bluntly, "We don't offer a fair market value to our customers."

41. Data from Opendoor's real estate transactions confirm that Opendoor makes money not just from its fees, but also from buying homes low and selling them high. After purchasing homes, it lists them on the open market for resale. Opendoor sold 10 percent of its homes for more than what it offered consumers, and 10 percent of its homes was sold for more than 10 percent above the average offer price.

#### *Opendoor's Costs Were Higher Than What Consumers Would Have Paid in Traditional Sales.*

42. Contrary to Opendoor's claims that its home-buying service was a lower-cost alternative to traditional sales, Opendoor's costs were higher because it required consumers to make repairs that would not have had to be made in a traditional sale. In addition, Opendoor overstated the costs associated with traditional sales.

#### Opendoor's

43. After the offer, Opendoor has required an inspector to assess the condition of a home, to estimate a value and to determine whether repairs are necessary. If Opendoor concluded that the initial offer was too high, it often rescinded the offer and

44. Opendoor's marketing has suggested that the company may not require repairs, as of February 2020. Opendoor had demanded repairs for 10 percent of homes on which Opendoor had made an offer.

Opendoor's internal study of sellers who withdrew after receiving repairs from those who sold on the market did so without making all the repairs that Opendoor demanded.

45. As part of its repair process, Opendoor has sent consumers a list of repaired items with the offer price. Opendoor would charge consumers if they refuse to deduct the costs from their sale proceeds. The list of repairs has been typically well beyond what consumers would be responsible for in a market sale. Opendoor has routinely requested upgrades to, or replacement of, functional heating and cooling systems, flooring, and roofs. It has also frequently demanded cosmetic changes such as repainting and replacement of items that could be repaired at far lower cost.

46. According to Opendoor's internal study as of March 2019, Opendoor demanded repairs that cost, on average, 1.5% of the purchase price. The same study concluded that, in a traditional sale, consumers spend less than 1% on repairs, which is an average of 0.5% of the purchase price. A separate internal study found that Opendoor's repair asks are 1.5% of the purchase price. Another internal survey examining consumers who had accepted an offer after learning of Opendoor's repair assessment found that over 50% of them said they would not pay for any repairs and concluded that Opendoor's repair asks are NOT in line with market practice.

47. Unlike traditional sales, Opendoor demanded that consumers make or pay for all demanded repairs, even though Opendoor's repair asks are significantly higher than what consumers typically share these costs. The repair demands were not subject to negotiation.

48. Opendoor has taken up to 18 days after consumers agree to the initial offer to profit from the sale. Opendoor's repair process is designed to allow consumers to walk away from the new home purchase without incurring a financial penalty. Opendoor's internal communications have described this as a "no-obligation" offer and the later, significant price reduction as an "unadvertised" "switch" operation.

49. In or around August 2018, Opendoor implemented an "Unadvertised Repair Credit" which surreptitiously reduced offer prices to cover some of the repair costs. Opendoor never disclosed this "credit," and continued to describe offer prices as representing the company's best estimate of market value without any adjustment.

50. Opendoor's repair process has emphasized that the repair costs are deducted from the net proceeds of the sale rather than arranged for by the consumer. Opendoor has emphasized that the proposed repair costs are discounted and therefore less than what the consumer would pay for the repairs on the open market.

51. If the consumer decides to authorize Opendoor to make repairs, Opendoor deducts the estimated costs from the sale proceeds. Opendoor completes the repairs after it acquires the property. If the repairs cost less than the amount deducted, Opendoor retains the difference as profit, including the undisclosed "Unadvertised Repair Credit." Opendoor's repair process is designed to allow consumers to walk away from the new home purchase without incurring a financial penalty. Opendoor's internal study found that for 50% of Opendoor's repair process, the repair costs were greater than Opendoor's actual costs, thus creating a "profit" in each of these sales.

Open door Overstate the Costs of Traditional Sales.

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- b. Respondent makes money from disclosed fees rather than from “buying low and selling high”;
- c. Consumers will likely pay the same amount in repair costs whether they sell their homes to Respondent or sell their homes in traditional sales;
- d. Consumers will likely pay less in costs by selling to Respondent than they would pay in traditional sales:

58. The representations set forth in Paragraph 57 are false or misleading, or were not substantiated.