Greater Phoenix Apartment Owner's Newsletter

Kasten / Long Apartment Team

RE/MAX Commercial Investment

1st Quarter 2006

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How's that for a vacancy rate! 3.7% is clearly the lowest in many years. Add to this a 2.3% growth in rental rates – and the apartment market is gaining real strength. Rising interest rates have slowed the resale market, however, and may keep values from increasing until the improved cash flow can off-set the increased debt service. The volume of apartment sales was still strong in the 1st quarter, but many acquisitions are slated for condo conversion. Overall, inventory of apartments on the market is up about 20%.

Kasten/Long Team Update: The Team closed \$49.3M in 2005. To-date, the Team has closed \$41.7M. See web site for details.

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Vacancy Rate Plummets to 3.7%

At the end of the 1st quarter of 2006, the vacancy rate for all-size, existing (>6 mo.'s) multifamily units dropped from 5.0% to 3.7%. Of the 322,446 total multifamily units, there were 11,800 reported as vacant, down from 16,100 reported as vacant for the 4th quarter with an inventory of 325,122. Vacancy rates for all size complexes ranged between 3% and 4%!

# of Units	2005 4th Qtr.	2006 1st Qtr.
2 - 24	8%	3%
25 - 50	5%	4%
51 - 75	5%	4%
76 - 99	5%	4%
100 - 150	4%	3%
151 - 200	5%	3%
200+	<u>5%</u>	4%
Average	5.3%	3.7%

The highest sub-district vacancy rate was reported in S. Paradise Valley and Mountain Park (7%). Almost all of the remaining 29 sub-districts ranged from 2% to 4%. The greatest reduction in apartment inventory from the 4th qtr. 2005 was North Scottsdale (952 units), followed by Western Suburbs (360), Uptown Phoenix (358) and East Camelback (346), due in most part to condo conversion.

There were 1,196 permits issued with projects started in the 1st quarter. This included Contrawest's 308 units and TCR's 251 units, both in Glendale and MT Builder's two projects of 484 units and 112 units in Chandler.

Multifamily Data - Greater Phoenix Area

Year	Permits	Absorp.	Vacancy
1996	8,533	7,820	5%
1997	7,930	8,001	5%
1998	7,877	3,674	5%
1999	8,241	5,017	6%
2000	8,009	6,225	7%
2001	7,201	1,525	8%
2002	5,351	4,273	9%
2003	4,836	3,702	9.6%
2004	4,997	9,230	7.9%
2005	3,250	4,756	5.0%
2006 (1)	1,266	1,624	3.7%

Absorption was reported at 1,266 units with 3,376 units officially reported as removed from the multifamily inventory for condo conversion. Our 1st qtr. sales data shows an additional 2,000 for conversion. Rent rates were reported to have increased 2.3% over the previous quarter.

A total of 850 units came on-line (3 projects) in the 1st quarter. This included a 202-unit in North Scottsdale, a 320-unit in the Sky Harbor area and 328-units in the Western Suburbs.

Vacancy rates for each of the Valley's 32 subdistricts (with map), plus a list of new construction projects, are posted on www.PhxAptsForSale.com under "Market Data".

Data Sources for Vacancy and Demographics:

- Phoenix Metropolitan Housing Study, AZ R.E. Center Arizona State University's Polytechnic Campus
- Greater Phoenix Blue Chip Economic Forecast

ADDRESS	UNITS	SOLD PRICE	SALE DATE	GSI	GRM	COMMENTS
CITY "NAME"	SIZE (SF)	PRICE / SF	YEAR BLT.	PRICE / UNIT	CAP	
1849 S Power Rd Mesa, "Lakeview"	676 625,891	\$59,251,500 \$94.91	3/3/2006 1997	\$87,869	5.3	230 1/1, 374 2/2, 72 3/2 Deemed too large for condo conversion
2220 W Mission Ln	604	\$66,725,000	3/28/2006	\$6,601,872	10.1	192 1/1, 332 2/2, 80 3/2
Phoenix, "San Valiente"	564,856	\$118.13	1996	\$110,471		No plans for condo conversion
1255 E University Dr Tempe, "Quadrangles"	510 375,660	\$43,750,000 \$116.46	3/14/2006 1987	\$85,784		18 st, 246 1/1, 246 2/2
1320 N McQueen Rd Chandler, "Autumn Creek"	360 264,464	\$19,200,000 \$72.60	3/7/2006 1986	\$53,333		56 st, 96 1/1, 208 2/2
13015 W Rancho Santa Fe	336	\$34,413,750	3/1/2006	\$3,927,120	8.8	132 1/1, 84 2/1, 108 2/2, 12 3/2
Avondale, "Rio Santa Fe"	307,331	\$111.98	2000	\$102,421	7.9	
1311 W Baseline Rd	306	\$28,777,875	3/8/2006	\$3,100,272	9.3	152 1/1, 154 2/2
Tempe, "Mission Springs"	216,176	\$133.12	1987	\$94,045	5.0	
4101 W Union Hills Dr Phx, "Union Hills Estates"	282 203,568	\$15,550,000 \$76.39	3/7/2006 1985	\$55,141		102 1/1, 180 2/2
4620 W McDowell Rd	274	\$14,375,000	2/8/2006	\$1,887,864	7.6	32 st, 130 1/1, 64 2/1, 48 2/2
Phoenix, "Desert Sky"	166,412	\$86.38	1985	\$52,463	6.8	50 units only to be converted to condos
4800 S Alma School Rd Chan, "Lakeview @ Ocotillo"	272 260,082	\$35,900,000 \$138.03	1/30/2006 1998	\$131,985		64 1/1, 156 2/2, 48 3/2
1943 W Aster Dr Phoenix, "Paradise Village"	252 193,090	\$11,950,000 \$61.89	3/1/2006 1972	\$47,420	7.8	33 st, 83 1/1, 17 2/1, 88 2/1.5, 31 3/2 75% occupied
510 S Extension Rd Mesa, "Monterey Point"	244 235,136	\$20,500,000 \$87.18	3/10/2006 1987	\$84,016	10.0	64 1/1, 180 2/2
5345 E Van Buren St Phoenix, "Riverwalk"	240 213,108	\$27,840,000 \$130.64	2/7/2006 2000	\$116,000		132 1/1, 12 2/1, 96 2/2 Condo conversion
4802 N 19 th Ave	236	\$12,568,500	2/23/2006	\$1,785,372	5.6	20 1/1, 80 2/1, 124 2/2, 12 3/2
Phx, "Pines of Camelback"	209,387	\$60.18	1975	\$53,389		Kasten / Long Apartment Team
225 W Frye Rd Chandler, "Stonegate VIg"	234 249,988	\$31,590,000 \$126.37	2/7/2006 1998	\$135,000		59 1/1, 142 2/2, 33 3/2 Condo conversion
855 N Dobson Rd	230	\$21,320,000	3/21/2006	\$1,824,600	11.7	86 1/1, 72 2/1, 72 2/2
Chandler, "Lakeside VIg"	181,070	\$117.74	1987	\$92,695	5.3	Condo conversion
11821 N 28 th Dr	224	\$10,773,000	1/31/2006	\$1,471,927	7.3	11 st, 120 1/1, 80 2/2
Phoenix, "Brentwood"	153,471	\$70.20	1980	\$48,093	5.4	87% occupied
4545 W Beardsley Rd	224	\$29,500,000	3/31/2006	\$1,829,000	16.1	136 1/1, 32 2/1, 44 2/2, 12 3/2
Phoenix, "Adobe Ridge"	214,264	\$137.68	2005	\$131,696	6.2	
13700 N Fountain Hills Blvd Ftn Hills, "Four Peaks Vista"	212 300,507	\$23,500,000 \$78.20	2/16/2006 1998	\$110,849		72 1/1, 122 2/2, 18 3/2
8344 N 67 th Ave	208	\$8,900,000	3/1/2006	\$1,562,896	5.7	104 1/1, 104 2/1
Gndl, "Hacienda Verde"	127,920	\$69.57	1985	\$42,788	6.6	79% occupied
900 N Country Club Dr	206	\$7,780,500	3/1/2006	\$1,395,008	5.6	85 st, 121 1/1
Mesa, "Sierra Madre"	90,597	\$86.11	1976	\$37,864	8.0	89% occupied
3302 N 7 th St	195	\$26,325,000	3/1/2006	\$1,980,689	13.3	102 1/1, 93 2/2
Phoenix, "Acappella"	189,038	\$139.26	1999	\$135,000	4.1	Condo conversion
1820 W Lindner Ave	194	\$17,000,000	3/31/2006	\$1,772,676	9.6	194 2/2
Mesa, "Emerald Springs"	202,342	\$84.02	1979	\$87,628	5.6	Condo conversion
12440 N 19 th Ave	192	\$10,473,750	1/24/2006	\$1,271,580	8.3	97 1/1, 95 2/2
Phx, "Shadow Mountain"	163,211	\$64.17	1980	\$54,550	6.0	
1502 E Osborn Rd Phx, "Evergreen Terrace"	186 133,406	\$8,977,500 \$67.47	2/17/2006 1955	\$48,387	5.0	9 st, 91 1/1, 86 2/1
5302 E Van Buren St	185	\$21,275,000	2/27/2006	\$2,175,405	9.8	113 1/1, 72 2/2
Phoenix, "Belaflora"	145,255	\$146.47	2002	\$115,000	5.7	86.5% occupied, Condo conversion
5401 E Thomas Rd	181	\$10,997,437	2/23/2006	\$1,729,035	6.4	61 1/1, 40 2/1, 80 2/1.5
Phoenix, "Willowtree"	171,361	\$64.34	1977	\$60,911	4.3	68% occupied
2408 W Myrtle Ave	169	\$6,000,000	1/31/2006	\$1,030,987	5.8	49 1/1, 70 1/1, 25 2/1, 24 2/2, 1 3/2
Phoenix, "Canyontree"	98,005	\$61.22	1971	\$35,502	6.9	
6515 W McDowell Rd	160	\$14,400,000	3/31/2006	\$1,298,400	11.1	88 1/1, 64 2/2, 8 3/2
Phoenix, "Desert Terrace"	132,288	\$108.85	2001	\$90,000		Condo conversion

Table compiled by: **Kasten / Long Apartment Team**, RE/MAX Commercial Investment Data source: COSTAR, MLS, Pierce-Eislen and personal knowledge. All information is believed to be accurate but is not guaranteed.

Greater Phoenix Apartment Sales

ADDRESS	UNITS	SOLD PRICE	SALE DATE	GSI	GRM	COMMENTS
CITY "NAME"	SIZE (SF)	PRICE / SF	YEAR BLT.	PRICE / UNIT	CAP	
1331 W Baseline Rd	166	\$19,500,000	3/21/2006	\$2,013,980	9.7	36 1 / 2, 95 2/2, 35 3/3
Mesa, "Dobson Bay Club"	196,015	\$99.48	1983	\$117,469		Condo conversion
1295 N Ash St	160	\$16,500,000	3/31/2006	\$1,500,281	11.0	64 1/1, 96 2/2
Gilbert, "The Township"	134,616	\$122.57	1995	\$103,125	4.9	Condo conversion
1940 W University Dr	157	\$6,280,000	3/15/2006	\$1,071,373	5.9	48 st, 107 1/1, 2 2/1
Mesa, "Brookview"	94,145	\$66.71	1971	\$40,000	6.8	
2454 W Campbell Ave Phoenix, "Casa de Flores"	156 115,451	\$8,229,375 \$71.47	1/31/2006 1974	\$52,884	6.0	52 1/1, 104 2/1 70% occupied
949 S Longmore	154	\$10,600,000	2/28/2006	\$1,291,631	8.2	30 1/1, 25 2/1, 99 2/2Condo conversion
Mesa, "Montego Villas"	133,511	\$79.39	1979	\$68,831	4.2	Kasten / Long Apartment Team
7077 W McDowell Rd Phoenix, "Sunpoint"	152 119,096	\$8,000,000 \$67.17	3/7/2006 1984	\$52,631		64 1/1, 68 2/2
4321 M 24 th St	149	\$9,500,000	3/31/2006	\$802,200	11.8	48 st, 63 1/1, 30 2/2
Phoenix, "Biltmore Center"	89,080	\$106.65	1968	\$63,758		Condo conversion
1010 E Orange St Tempe, "Orange"	148 106,707	\$7,870,000 \$73.75	3/27/2006	\$1,134,552 \$53,175	6.9 15.5	4 st, 52 1/1, 92 2/1
3835 N 30 th St	142	\$6,770,000	2/15/2006	\$1,085,936	6.2	142 2/1
Phx,"Hidden Ridge @ Town"	122,120	\$55.44	1972	\$47,676	8.5	89% occupied
4730 N 19 th Ave	140	\$4,850,000	2/1/2006	\$982,381	4.9	46 st, 72 1/1, 22 2/1
Phoenix, "Terra Villa"	85,090	\$57.00	1973	\$34,642	5.5	86% occupied
6565 W Cactus Rd	128	\$11,625,000	1/13/2006	\$1,301,460	8.9	48 1/1, 80 2/2
Glendale, "Desert Vista"	118,816	\$97.84	2004	\$90,820	7.3	
802 E Missouri Ave	120	\$6,600,000	2/13/2006	\$997,500	6.6	55 1/1, 65 2/2
Phoenix, "Park Place"	99,120	\$66.59	1972	\$55,000	6.3	Demolition planned, town homes to be built
510 E McKellips Rd	120	\$10,484,722	3/2/2006	\$1,073,880	9.8	16 1/1, 64 2/2, 40 3/2
Mesa, "Colores Del Sol"	114,331	\$91.71	2000	\$87,372	5.9	
4002 E Southern Ave Phoenix, "Southpoint"	112 77,669	\$5,250,000 \$67.59	1/4/2006 1986	\$46,875		20 st, 44 1/1, 48 2/1
3211 E Pinchot Ave	104	\$5,371,537	2/14/2006	\$718,848	7.5	104 1/1
Phoenix, "Pinchot Towers"	58,704	\$91.75	1974	\$51,778	6.5	Master-meter
948 E Devonshire Ave	104	\$4,250,000	3/1/2006	\$557,280	7.6	96 1/1, 8 2/1
Phoenix, "Villa Mirada"	69,024	\$61.57	1980	\$40,865		88% occupied, deferred maintenance
4915 E Thomas Rd	100	\$4,467,000	2/13/2006	\$651,300	6.9	52 st, 48 1/1, 1 2/2
Phx, "Palmwood Terrace"	38,152	\$117.08	1978	\$44,670		Master-meter
550 E Earll Dr	92	\$4,125,000	2/15/2006	\$474,949	8.7	92 1/1
Phoenix. "Executive Plaza"	57,684	\$71.51	1973	\$44,836	6.6	
2228 N 52 nd St Phoenix, "Papago Ridge"	90 66,988	\$6,300,000 \$94.05	1/30/2006 1986	\$694,920 \$70,000	9.1	56 1/1, 34 2/2
222 E Cody Dr	80	\$4,350,000	2/1/2006	\$577,296	7.5	80 2/1
Phoenix, "Brighton Place"	67,200	\$64.73	1990	\$54,375	7.0	
6711 N 35 th Ave	75	\$4,575,000	3/21/2006	\$516,209	8.9	75 2/1
Phoenix, "Cedar Springs"	63,000	\$72.62	1970	\$61,000	5.6	
15226 S Power Rd	72	\$4,025,000	2/28/2006	\$498,600	8.1	42 1/1, 30 2/1
Higley, "Williams Landing"	42,000	\$95.83	1982	\$55,902	6.9	
130 N 56 th St	59	\$3,350,000	1/19/2006	\$352,630	9.5	39 1/1, 20 2/2
Mesa, "Mesa Villa"	37,680	\$88.91	1984	\$56,779	6.1	
10525 W Monterosa St	58	\$5,785,500	3/15/2006	\$610,506	9.5	1 1/1, 46 2/2, 11 3/2
Phoenix, "Villas Monterosa"	58,369	\$99.12	1999	\$99,750	5.9	82% occupied, Condo conversion
12440 N 20 th St	58	\$2,950,000	1/3/2006	\$440,000	6.7	16 1/1, 18 2/1, 16 2/2, 8 3/2
Phoenix, "Holridge"	42,092	\$70.08	1986	\$50,862	7.2	60% occupied, buyer pd \$400K defeasance
3816 E McDowell Rd	52	\$2,725,000	1/30/2006	\$351,820	7.8	52 1/1
Phoenix, "Harbor View"	29,822	\$91.38	1981	\$52,403	7.7	
4001 E Portland St Phoenix, "Palm Park"	56 39,178	\$2,520,000 \$64.32	3/20/2006 1962	\$45,000		42 1/1, 14 2/1 Vacant, demolition planned

Note: There were an additional 31 apartment complexes (with 10+ units) reported sold in the 1st quarter of 2006 with a price at or above \$250,000.

CAP Cap Rate (NOI / Sales Price)

GSI Gross Scheduled Annual Income (Assumes 0% vacancy)

GRM

Gross Rent Multiplier (Sales Price / GSI)
Net Operating Income (Total income less vacancy and expenses) NOI

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The Apartment Market – "Vacancy Rates Plummet – Market Softens"

The Apartment market has changed dramatically since the end of the year. With the current asking prices for apartments still at 2005 levels and interest rates up, the market has softened. The intense buying pressure from out-of-state investors has lessened. This was a driving force in our market for the past couple years. In part, there is a temporary perception that our market has peaked. Higher mortgage interest rates coupled with other viable options for money, such as interest on CD's or TIC's for 1031, is taking a toll.

Higher interest rates clearly affect cash flow and the loan amount. Residential rates that affect up to 4-units, have increased more than 2 points. Commercial rates, that are tied mostly to 10-year T-bill yields, have increased from the low 4's to a current yield of 5.17, the highest yield since May of 2002. The Feds again bumped the Cost of Funds to 5.0%, the 22nd consecutive increase, up from 1.0% from the summer of 2004. The soaring price of oil and gold will continue to make this a dynamic market.

That's the bad news - the rest is good news. Our economy is booming. Phoenix has the 2nd fastest population growth (3.0%) and employment growth (3.4%) in the country. The relentless influx of people, when combined with the decreased new apartment construction over the past 4 years and the more recent conversion of many units into condominiums, has substantially strengthened the local apartment market. Vacancy rates have plummeted to less than 4.0%, with move-in specials and rent incentives vanishing quickly. Rent growth was reported at 2.3% and projected to further increase. All of which will result in stronger cash flow.

Interest rates are expected to stabilize soon. The combination of the booming economy and the improved apartment fundamentals should re-establish the apartment market as a strong investment. We also expect the condo market to remain healthy going forward, but softening a bit. Competitive pricing and superior location will be more and more important for success.

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Kasten / Long Apartment Team - Apartment Activity (as of May 18, 2006)

RECENT APARTMENT CLOSINGS (Since 4th Qtr Newsletter 2.17.06)

236 units, 4802 N 19th Ave, Phx (Pines of Camelback) \$12.6M 154 units, 949 S Longmore St, Mesa (Montego Villas) \$10.6M 32 units, 4413 N 27th St, Phoenix (Monterey) \$2.8M 30 units, 425 E Brown Rd, Mesa (Mountain Vw) \$2.02M 27 units, 809 N 5th Ave, Phoenix (Office Building) \$1.5M 23 units, 3221 N 36th St, Phoenix (Tamarisk) \$1.35M 17 units, 2532 E Washington St, Phoenix \$815K 14 units, 402 N 10th St, Phoenix (Central Oasis) \$ 1.075 14 units, 1825 E Don Carlos, Tempe (AZ Sun) \$866K 12 units, 321 W Pasadena Ave, Phoenix (Marue) \$875K 4 units, 2650 E McKellips #18, Mesa \$390,000 Office Building, 4109 N 12th St, Phoenix \$700,000

APARTMENTS IN ESCROW

68 units, 350 W 13th Place, Mesa (Country Club Greens) List: \$4.75M 26 units, 1840 W Thomas Rd., Phx (Encanto Suites) List: \$2.25M 15 units, 2838+ E Adams St, Phx (El Molino) List: \$599K 11 units, 2216 N 16th St, Phx (Westwind) List:\$499K 10 units, 26202-4 S Lemon, Queen Creek List: \$575K

APARTMENTS "FOR SALE"

35 units, 2030 E Broadway, Mesa (Groves at Mesa) List: \$2.3M 29 units, 316-340 N 14th Ave, Phoenix (Dakota) List: \$1.995M 26 acres, N247th Ave & Patton Rd, Wittmann, List: \$2.11M 24 units, 529-30 E Mariposa, Phx (Grand Cayman) List: \$1.728M 20 units, 3225 W Jefferson, Phoenix (5 4-plexes) \$329K ea 19 units, 3233 N 37th St, Phoenix, (Mustang) \$1.9M 18 units, 512-24 E Mariposa, Phx (Plantation) List: \$1.315M 16 units, 6542 N 17th Ave, Phx (Huntington Gardens)List:\$1.425M 16 units, 1514 E Monroe, Phx (Jasmin Court) List: \$899K 16 units, N 17th Ave & Yucca, Phx (4 4-plexes) List:\$349K ea 16 units, N 40th St & Moreland, Phx (4 4-plexes) List:\$285K ea 14 units, 6528 N 17th Ave, Phx(Galaxy Townhomes) List:\$1.315M 13 units, 1595 W Mountain View, Phx (Mtn View) List; \$ 650K 12 units, 316 W Roosevelt, Phx (Kenilworth Bldg) List:\$1.725M 12 units, 605 W Pierson St, Phoenix (Pierson) List: \$1.068M 12 units, 2948-3008 N 38th St, Phx (Panorama Vlg) List:\$734.5K 8 units, 6708 & 14 E Cheery Lynn, Scotts (4-plex) List:\$399K ea 8 units, 1501 & 05 E Harvard St, Phoenix (4-plex) List:\$299K ea 5 bldgs, Historic Glendale Retail Portfolio List:\$3.998M 4 units, 2623 E Monte Cristo, Phoenix (4-plex) List: \$329K

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