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The key to our success is our team approach to real estate. Our team members provide us support so that you will have our individual attention to focus on your specific needs.

A REMARKABLE 1ST QUARTER!

Unbelievable, it is already May. Thankfully, people are getting vaccinated, and we are getting closer to herd immunity. Retail establishments have been reopening and tourism has started to return to our beautiful island. We still must keep mindful of the COVID-19 restrictions and keep social distancing as directed by the CDC and the local government authorities. We are going to win this battle by working together.

The real estate market for single-family homes has been on a tear. Median sales prices have increased to record highs for single-family homes and the available inventory is very low. The median days on market for single family homes is currently below 10 days. The condo market is very active as well, although the median sales price for condos has leveled out.

How long will this active real estate market continue? This is the billion-dollar question. Who would have thought that real estate prices would reach record levels during a pandemic-induced recession? The low interest rates and the federal government pumping trillions of dollars into the economy appear be the primary drivers for the robust real estate market. Additionally, wealthy individuals (especially from the West Coast) who are looking to retire OR can work remotely feel that Hawaii would be an excellent place to escape from the more dangerous COVID-19 environments in the urban areas of the Mainland.

Eventually, the federal government will have to find a way to pay back the trillions of dollars of debt they have recently created. Although the federal government doesn't intend upon increasing interest rates in the near future, eventually interest rates will have to rise to stem possible inflation. Already, the Biden Administration has indicated that there may be a significant increase in the capital gains tax rate. Recently, the local government had been looking into the possibility of increasing the state income tax rate to a point where, if the new tax rate were enacted, Hawaii taxpayers would be the highest taxed in the nation. If taxes are increased substantially and/or interest rates

OAHU REAL ESTATE MARKET STATISTICS APRIL 2021 - VS - APRIL 2020 SINGLE-FAMILY **CONDOMINIUMS** MEDIAN 2021 \$928,000 \$450,000 SALES \$809,000 \$450,000 2020 PRICE 645 2021 375 CLOSED SALES 2020 248 343 NEW 2021 706 459 LISTINGS 2020 290 440 MEDIAN 2021 13 DAYS ON 2020 MARKET SOURCE: HONOLULU BOARD OF REALTORS® COMPILED FROM MLS DATA, APRIL 2021.

are increased, this will have a negative impact on business, and one would think would have a dampening effect on the Hawaii real estate market.

Many homeowners who are looking to sell in the next few years have decided that now is the time to sell while the resale market is strong. No one can foretell the future so why not take advantage of record high sales prices now. Also, by selling now, a homeowner can hopefully take advantage of the exemption on capital gains tax on the sale of their principal residence and investors can hopefully defer their capital gains by executing a 1031 exchange before these tax deferment/exemption vehicles are possibly taken away. Additionally, buyers who need financing still have a window to take advantage of the record low interest rates.

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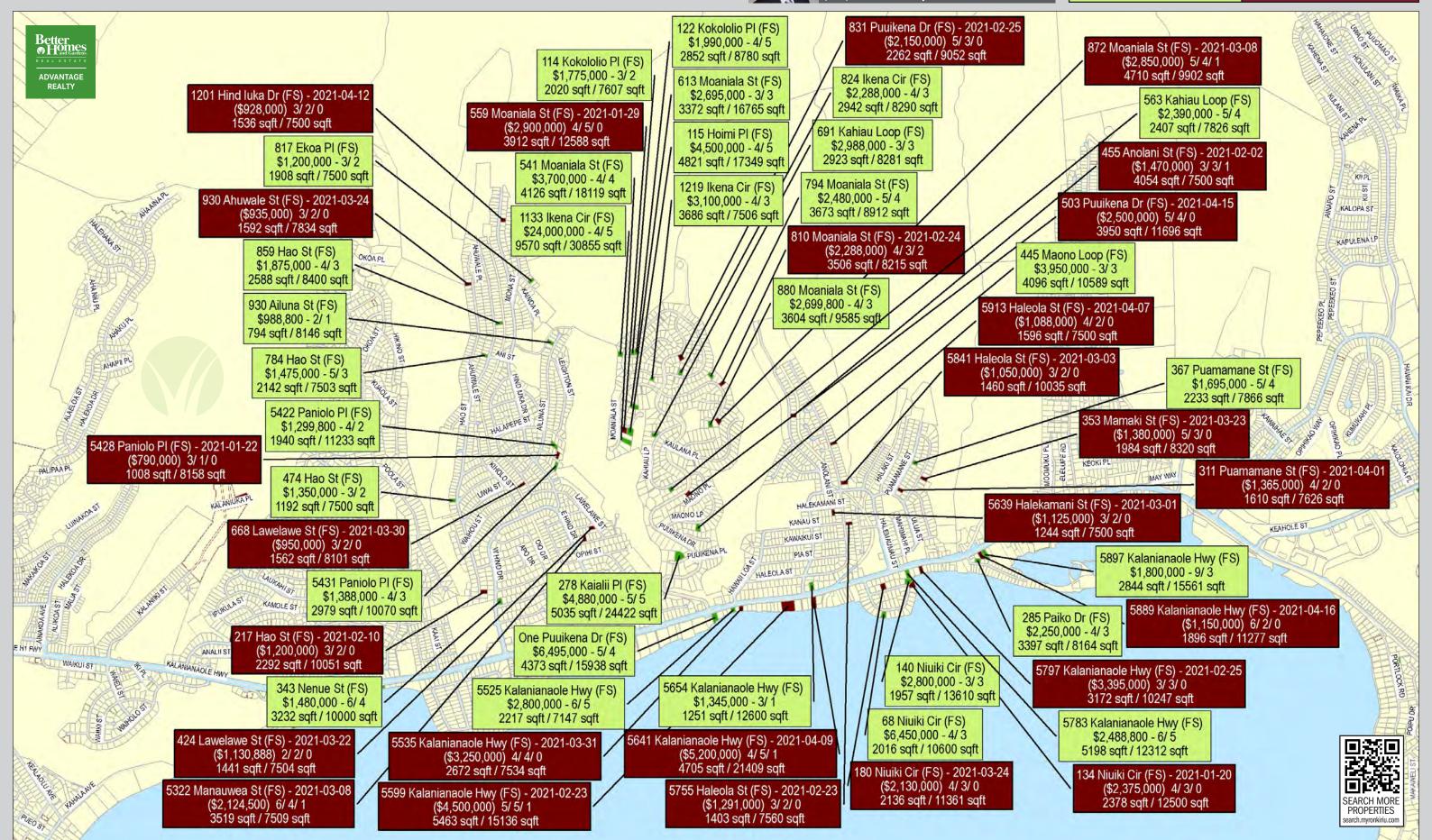
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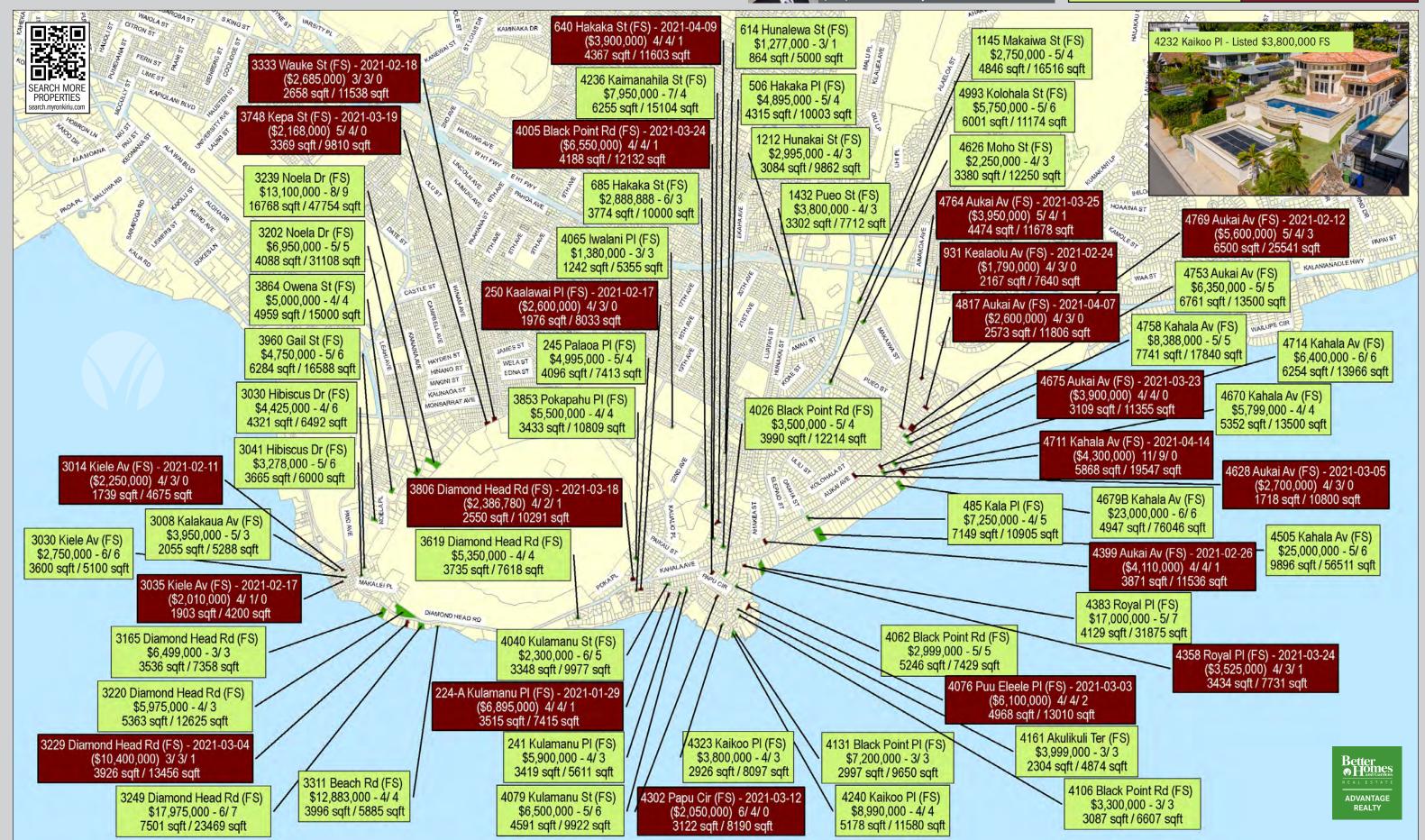
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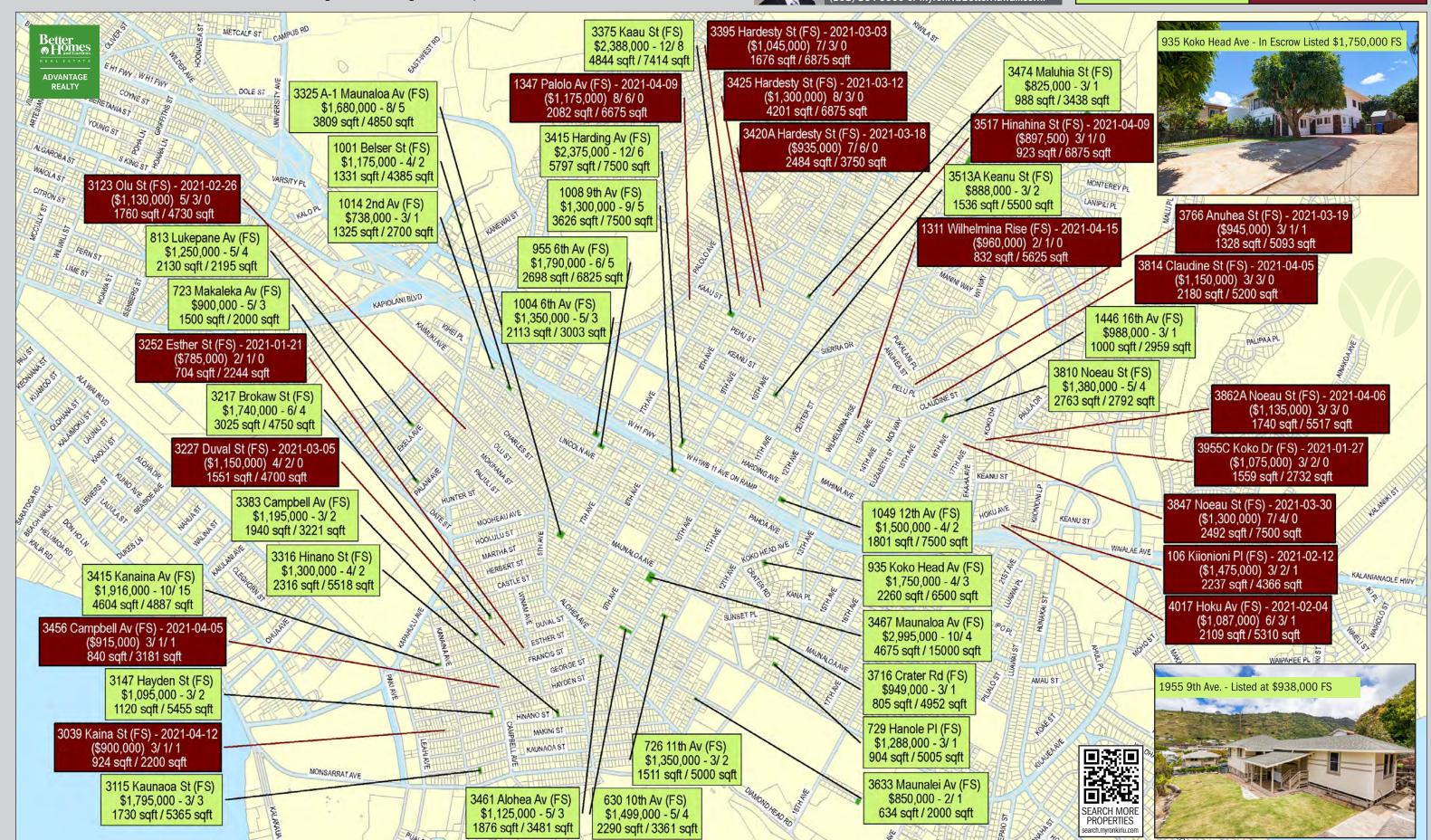
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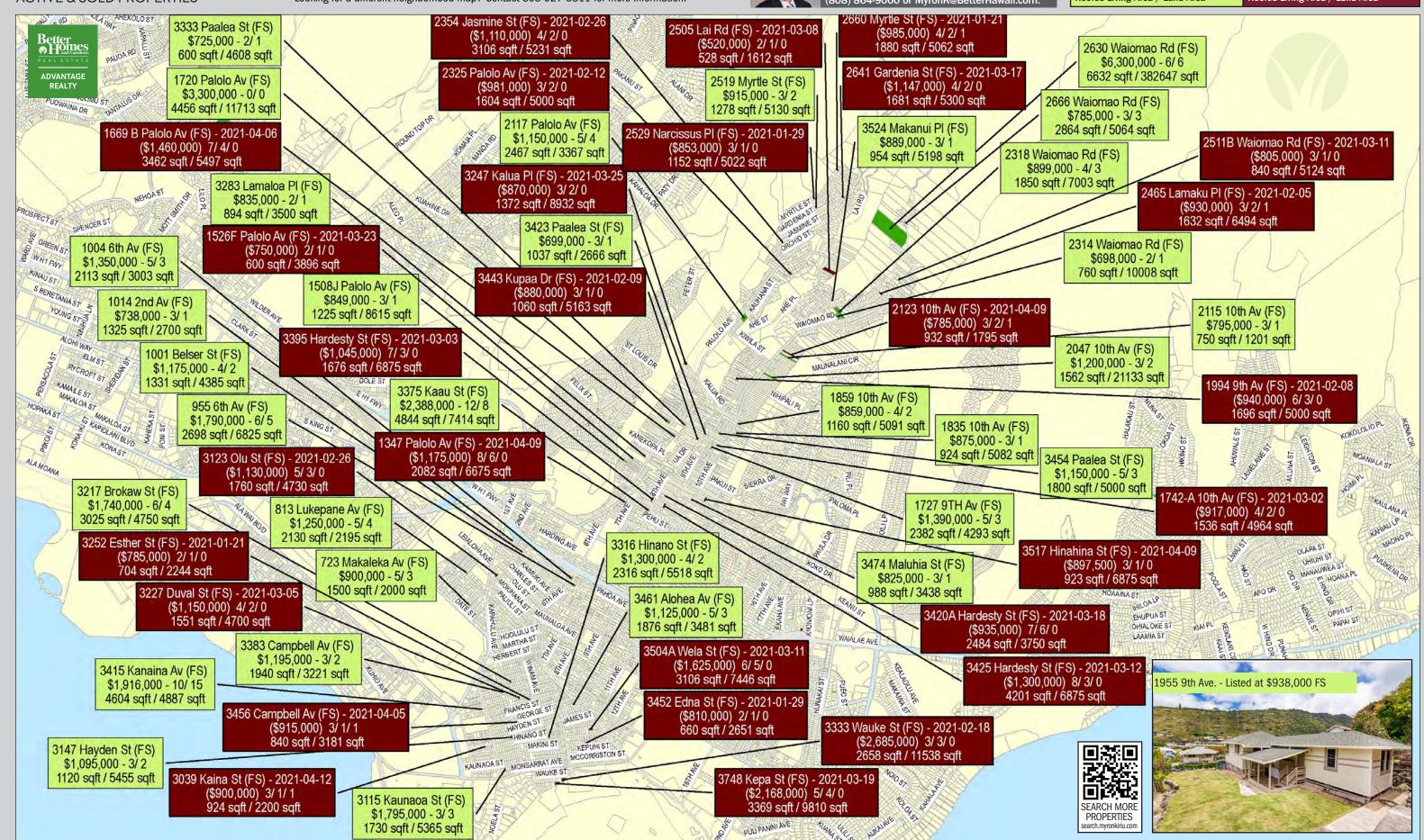
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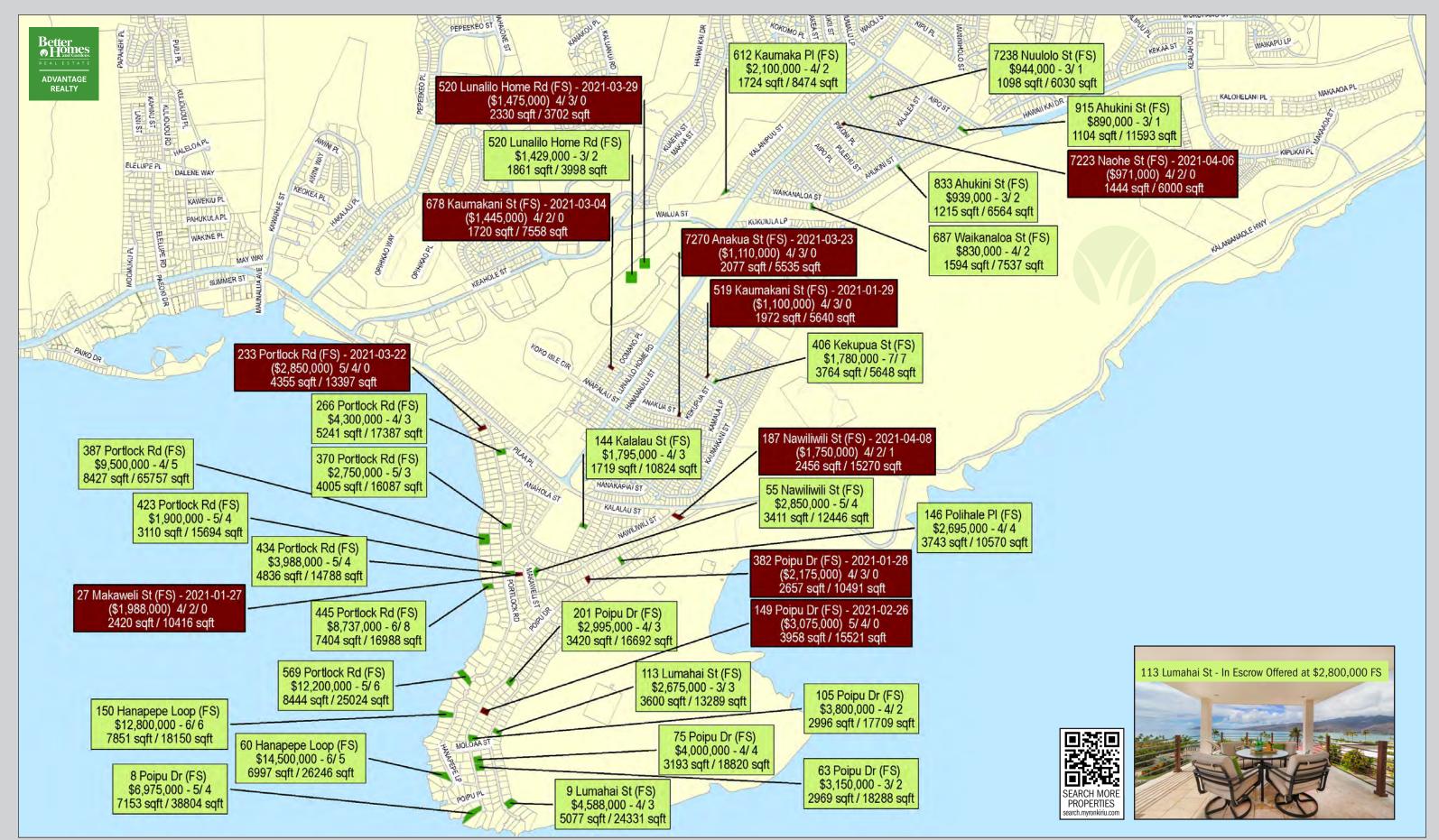
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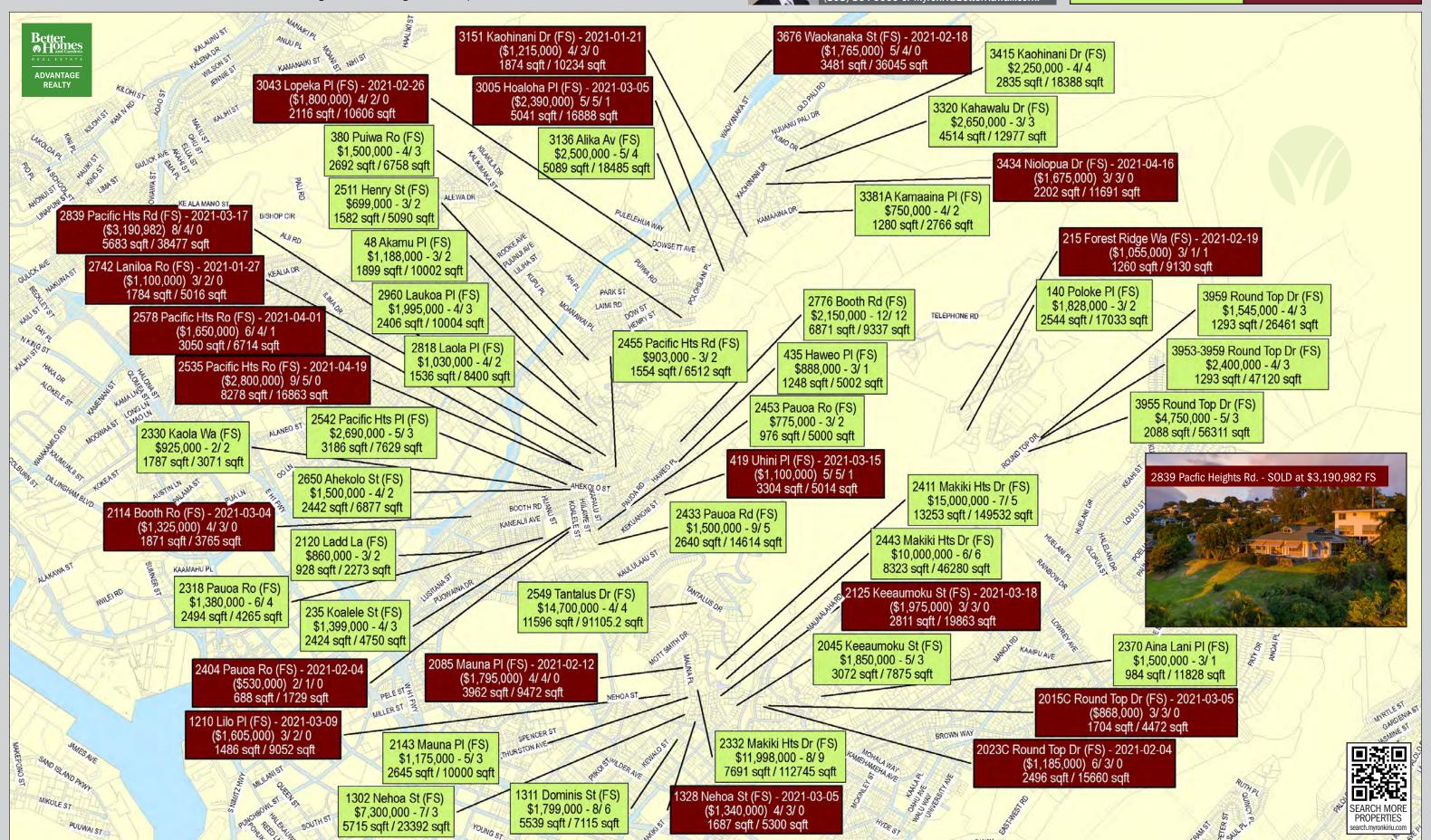
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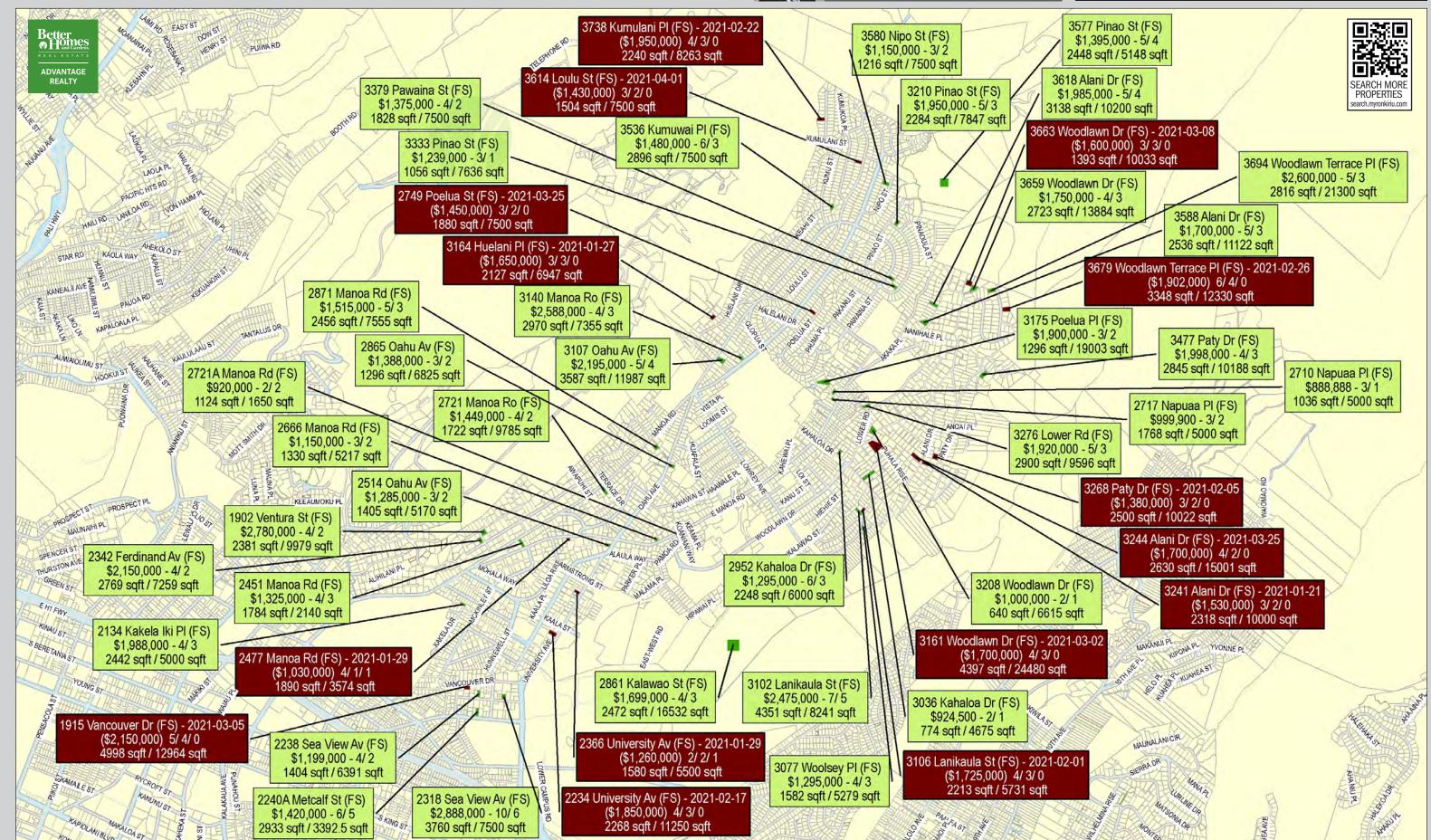
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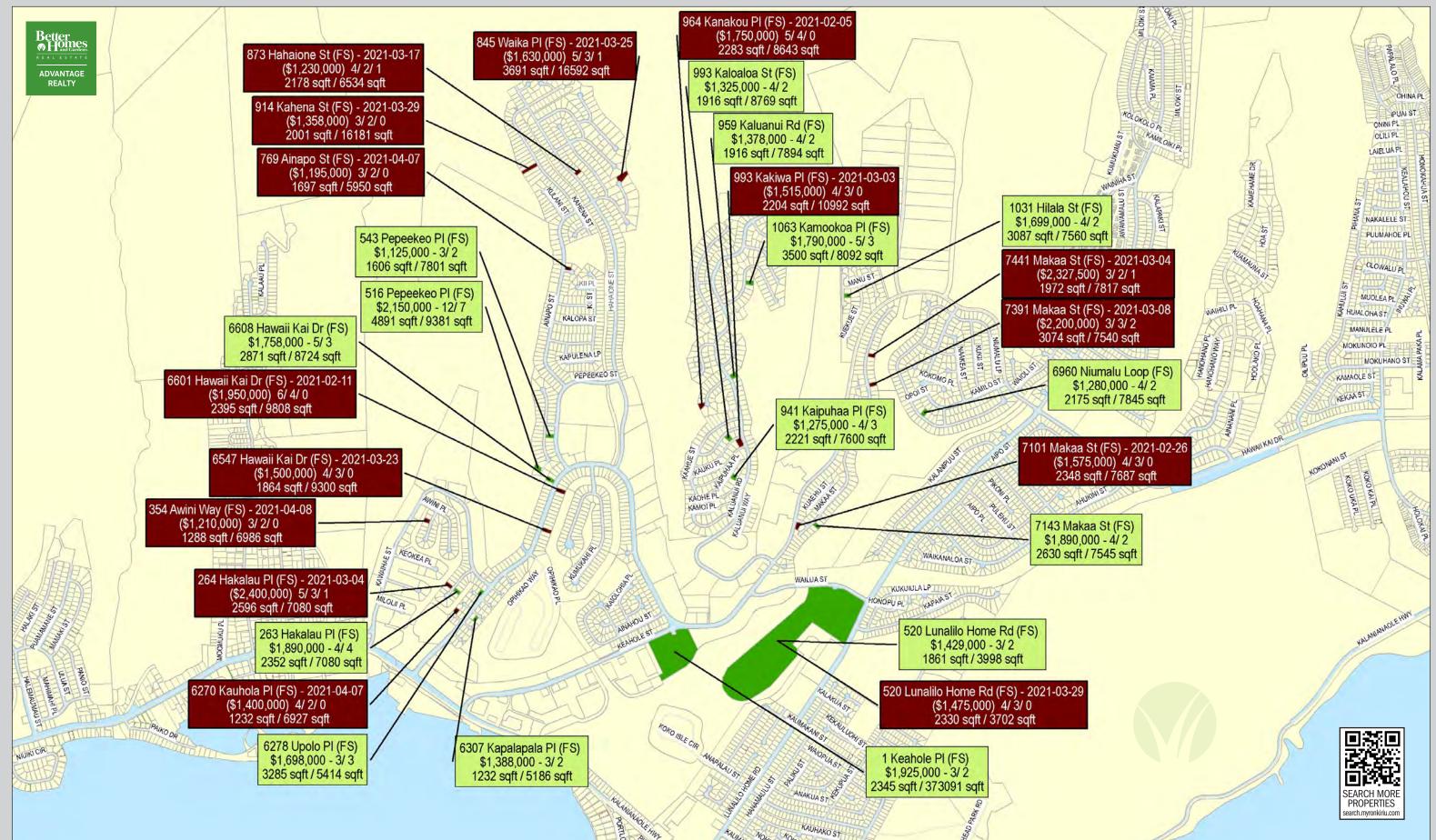
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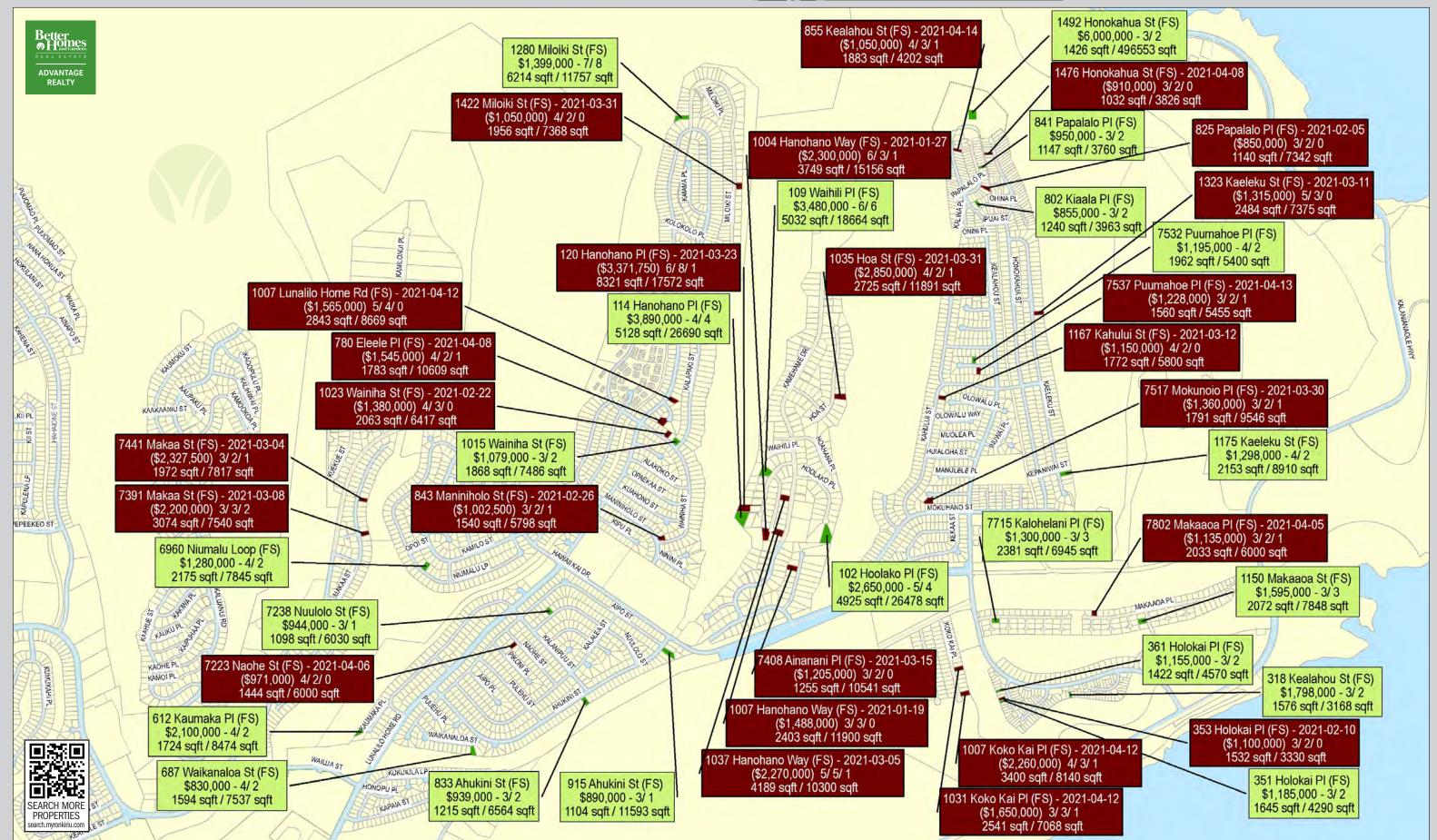
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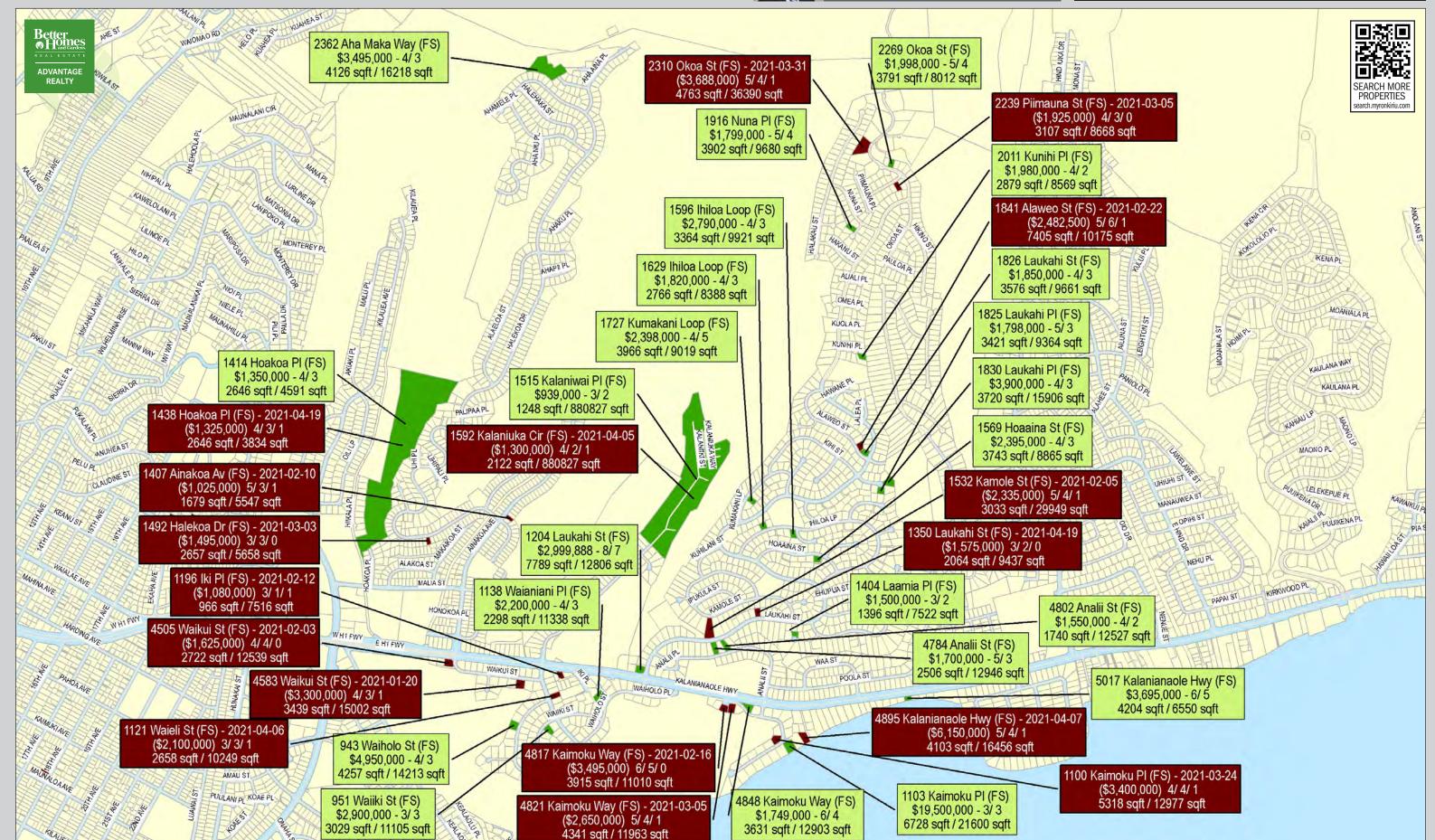
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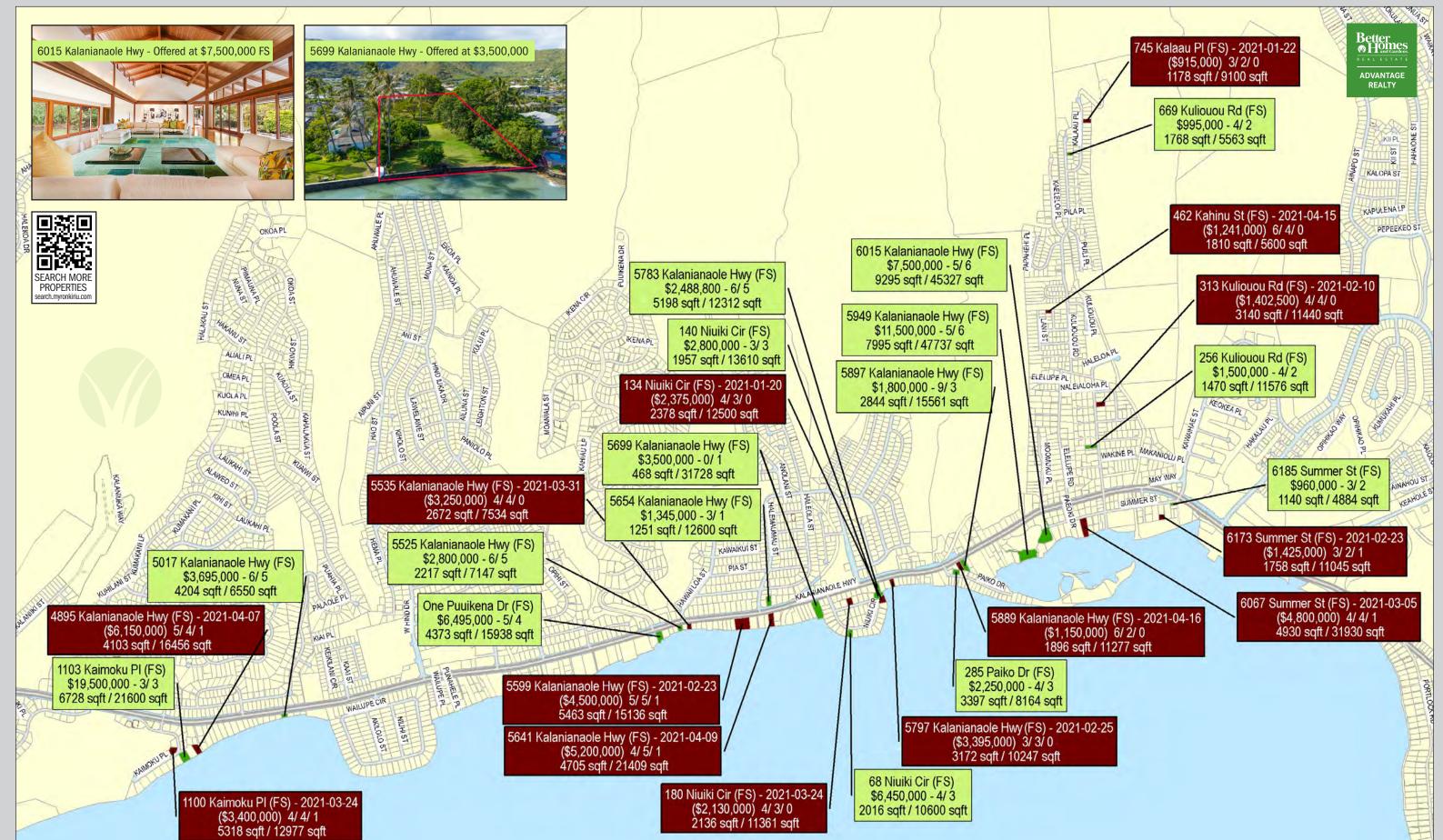
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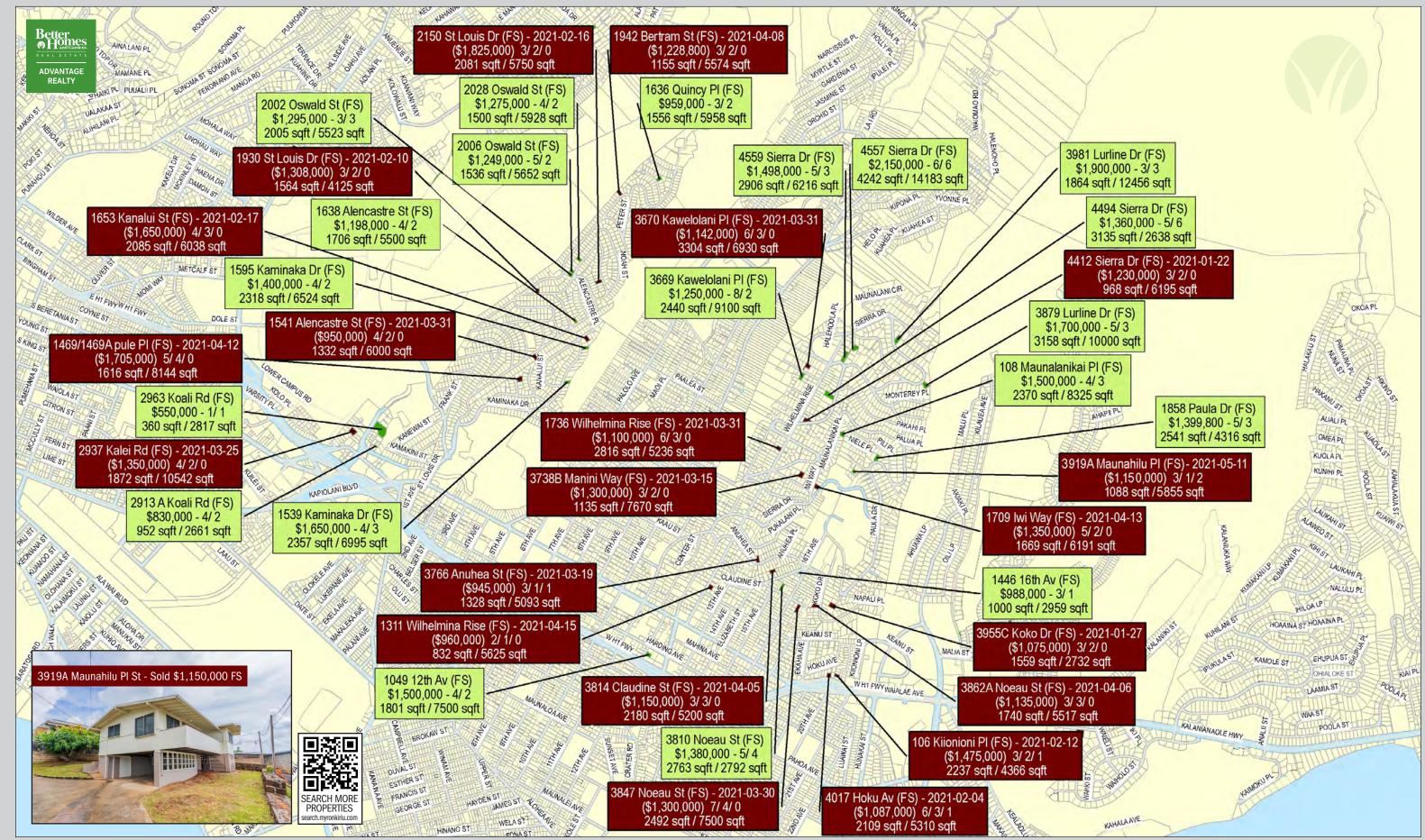
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