10 Most Important Factors

1. The Features You've Always Wanted

- Some may dream of waking up each morning to watch the sunset rise over a lake while others hope for picturesque snow-capped mountains
- Number of bedrooms
- Architectural looks
- Style
- Community living

2. The Neighborhood and Surrounding Area

- It is critical that you find a neighborhood that suits your needs before buying
- Secluded forest or tons of energy from a bustling city center
- You want to be able to walk to a coffee shop each morning or would you prefer not to have to contend with potentially noisy neighbors

3. Lot Location and Size

- Mostly overlooked is the lot size when it comes to purchasing a property, but it should be in the forefront of your mind
- It is the one thing about a property that cannot really be altered
- Consider the lot's location and size carefully before submitting an offer

4. Your Ideal Home Style

- Finding a style of home that fits your personality is absolutely key
- Single homes
- Condo living
- Town home
- Ranch
- Modern
- Traditional

5. The Right Amount of Space

- The trick when it comes to finding your dream home is figuring out how much space you truly need
- Too small for your family will leave you continually trying to configure the space to make it work for you
- Too large will allow you to spread out, but will mount up large costs

6. A Layout You Love

- Not all square footage is created equal
- Be sure to focus on finding a layout that is as close to perfect for you as possible
- Picture yourself using the space as you walk through the property
- Think about things you would like to do over the years you spend in your dream home

7. The Potential for Future Projects

- Even your dream home is going to require a little bit of customization
- Keep an eye on how much customization will be required in each property you see
- Be realistic about how much of that work you will be able to handle, even if it happens slowly over time

8. Costs That Make You Comfortable

- It is equally important to take stock of which facets of homeownership will make you uncomfortable
- Example: Cannot abide by the idea of spending you weekends doing extensive pool maintenance, be wary of buying a property that includes one, even if you love the rest of the home

9. Be Practical and Flexible

- Your efforts must be rewarded
- Maintain a steady and flexible approach
- Show practicality
- Explore all your options
- Evaluate all scenarios
- Have an open mind

10. Not Giving Up

- Buying your dream home can be overwhelming at times
- It is important to stay focuses and on-track
- Sticking to the plan
- Dedication
- Persistence
- Effort
- Passion

