
Virtual Staging for Listings

What's Allowed, What Works

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A Useful Image Can Still Be Wrong

Every staged image has two jobs.

Help buyers understand the room.

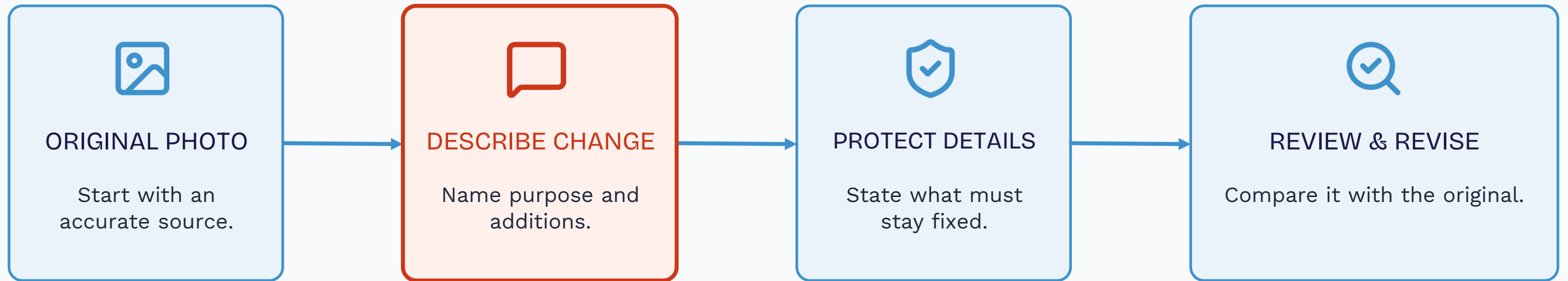
Keep the property truthful.

A convincing image is not the final test.



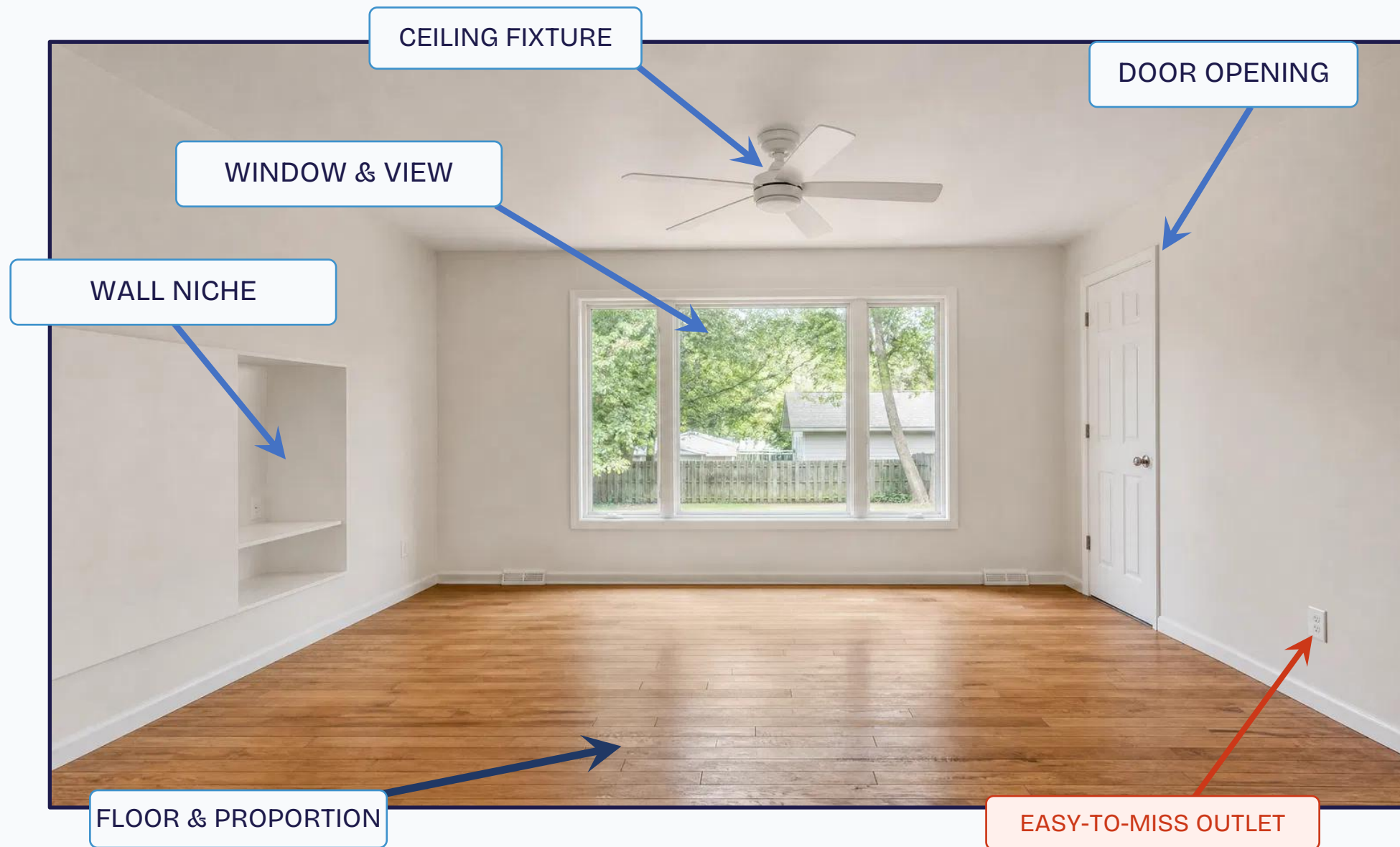
STAGED ROOM · STILL AN ADVERTISEMENT

The Edit Is Only One Step



Human review begins when the image appears.

Lock the Room Before You Stage It



THE SOURCE OF TRUTH

Furniture may change. The property should not.

- Walls, windows, and doors
- Floors, ceilings, proportions
- Fixtures and built-ins
- Condition and surroundings

Check the Result Before Admiring It



ORIGINAL



CONTROLLED STAGED RESULT



Did fixed features move?

Did proportions change?

Did defects disappear?

Did the view change?

Same Instructions, Different Tool

Compare the room—not a brand promise.



ORIGINAL · REFERENCE



CHATGPT · PREPARED



GEMINI · PREPARED

COMPARE FOR

Furniture scale · Preserved anchors · Lighting · Image drift

NO UNIVERSAL WINNER · HUMAN REVIEW REMAINS REQUIRED

Specific Instructions Reduce Drift

VAGUE REQUEST

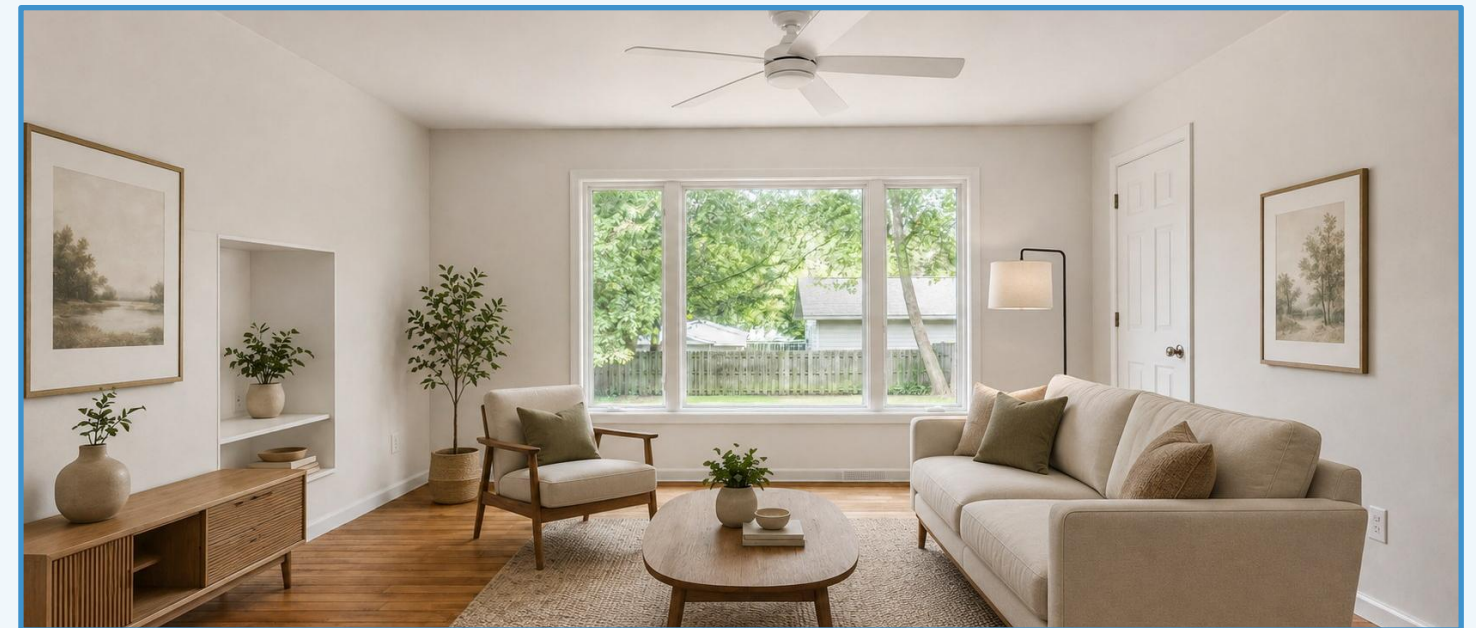


“Make this room look better.”



The tool fills in missing decisions about property features and views.

CONTROLLED INSTRUCTION



NAME THE:

Purpose • additions • style • protected features • review

CLARITY REDUCES RISK—IT DOES NOT REPLACE REVIEW.

Looking Real Is Not Publishable



TRUTH

Does the property still match the original?



DISCLOSURE

Can a buyer tell that it was altered?



ORIGINAL

Can buyers find the unstaged version?



APPROVAL

Are brokerage and local rules confirmed?

THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARD

*AI makes the image.
You remain responsible
for the representation.*

Verify the rule that governs your listing.

Movable Property Is the Safe Lane

CANOPY MLS EXAMPLE

✓ PERMITTED: MOVABLE PROPERTY



Furniture, rugs, lamps, plants, art.

No structural change implied.

✗ REJECT: FIXED FEATURES & VIEWS



Fireplace, built-ins, impossible skyline.

Never hide defects or outside conditions.

Disclosure Belongs With the Image

CANOPY MLS EXAMPLE



ORIGINAL

Unstaged image remains accessible.



ALTERED IMAGE

Disclosure is visible with image.

PRACTICAL PUBLISHING CHECK

Make the alteration easy to see.

- ☐ Disclose directly on image
- ☐ Captions alone are insufficient
- ☐ Pair the original nearby
- ☐ Confirm local placement rules

LOCAL WORDING AND PLACEMENT GOVERN.

One Room, One Repeatable Process

Add helpful possibilities. Keep the property representation truthful.



USE THIS FOR THE FOLLOWING

Partially furnished rooms · Exterior photos · Seller approval · MLS differences

Thank you

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