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## Celebrity Called it Home: CNN's Carol Costello

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Many TV personalities have gotten their start—and made real estate commitments—in Atlanta. The Dakota in Midtown was the choice for Carol Costello, a contributor to CNN's "American Morning" based in D.C., who also anchored "CNN Daybreak," the network's former early morning news program. She came to Atlanta in 2001.

"It had the front porch, which I thought was really kind of cool and reminded me of a more southern type of home," she says. "I found Atlanta, especially the area in which I chose to live, was pretty sophisticated, so I was looking for something a little more homey."

Her three-bedroom unit on two floors had huge French doors that opened to the porch and onto Piedmont Avenue. From there, she could walk to favorite restaurants such as Sotto Sotto, easily exercise at Piedmont Park and visit attractions such as the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

She sold her condo at 850 Piedmont Avenue in 2004, when she got married and moved to Connecticut, just before the housing market started to tank, she adds. "It was a really nice place though and different from the norm in the area because it had the front porch," Costello says.

Trent Aldridge with CityMax Realty says the average sale price of a one-bedroom condo in The Dakota is \$259,417, with 73 days on the market, while the average sale price is \$392,000 with 79 days on the market for two-bedroom condos.

Several units are on the market there now. The most expensive Dakota condo on the market, Unit 3309, is listed for \$489,000, with 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths. It was built in 2001 and has two master suites, hardwood floors, a built-in bar area with a wine cooler and a two-story foyer. The cheapest is a two-bedroom priced at \$384,900.

