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Derrick Rose won't be bullied into selling his Trump property

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While some NBA teams will boycott staying at Trump hotels in Chicago and New York, Knicks point guard Derrick Rose is unfazed. Rose told The Post he will not sell his Trump condominium in downtown Chicago.

In 2012, Rose purchased a \$2.8 million, three-bedroom, four-bath condo on the 84th floor of Trump International Hotel and Tower — hard by the Chicago River and world-famous Michigan Avenue.

Rose told The Post he looked into selling after he got traded to the Knicks last June, but elected to keep it because he saw a soft real estate market. Rose's mind remains unchanged despite a wave of anti-Trump sentiment before and after his stunning presidential win.

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Rose, who has a place in Manhattan, said his Chicago condo stays largely vacant now that he's a Knick.

"I understand both sides," Rose told The Post this week. "If you're a team and you have beliefs and you stand by your beliefs, you have every right to want to stay where you want to stay. The reason why I kept my place is I felt like that's a great location. I felt no one can tell me where to sell my property and how to sell it. I felt like I can make a helluva profit down the line, if I want to sell it or don't want to.

"The location is so great, I can keep it in my family for generations," added Rose, who was raised on Chicago's South Side and played eight seasons for the Bulls.

Meanwhile, three teams — Milwaukee, Memphis and Dallas — reportedly will no longer stay at Trump-named hotels. The Trump Soho is no longer

owned by the president-elect. However, the Trump International in Chicago is owned and operated by the Trump family.

"With everything that is going on around his name and the controversy going on around his name, I get it," Rose said. "I bought my place well before he became (a presidential) candidate. And I felt like nobody could tell me to sell my property. But I understand the teams' side as far as not wanting to associate themselves with that name. I understand, but my situation is a little bit different."

Rose won't rule out selling if the market rises in the future, but not because of Trump.

"I stay out of the political world," Rose said. "His beliefs are his beliefs."

"As far as right now, the market isn't good," Rose added. "I don't know if a lot of people want to be part of it. That's why I didn't sell it at the time after I got traded from New York and got organized here.

"Who knows, in a year or two, it may triple the price. I'm not selling it because I don't want to feel I'm being forced to. It's an investment."

Hunter Andre, a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker's Gold Coast office in Chicago, confirmed Rose's view regarding a sluggish market for luxury condos in the \$2 million-to-\$4 million range in the ritzy 60611 area code in which Trump International is located.

"There's a 13-month supply — which is an overabundance of supply," Andre told The Post. "We've been soft this year. If you ask brokers in the city and suburbs, they feel the election has slowed down the market a bit in 2016. I think it would be hard for Derrick Rose to move his condo at a very competitive price."

According to a Chicago Sun-Times 2014 report, Rose's condo is 3,102 square feet and takes up half of the 84th floor with a view to the southwest of Soldier Field and United Center. Rose spends a lot of his offseason in Los Angeles and will be a free agent this summer.



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