



Michigan Foreclosure Task Force Membership Form

The Michigan Foreclosure Task Force is a statewide clearinghouse and unified voice to keep families, including homeowners and renters, in their homes despite the foreclosure crisis currently plaguing Michigan communities. The Task Force also is focused on addressing the impacts of concentrated foreclosures on neighborhoods across the state.

Task Force members include housing counseling agencies, legal service providers, nonprofit organizations, state and local government agencies and officials, lenders, community development corporations, private sector partners, and individuals who are committed to protecting consumers and helping distressed communities. By creating and leveraging resources and advocating for proactive policies and programs, the Task Force seeks to reduce the number of foreclosures and revitalize communities.

Membership in the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force is open to any and all individuals who subscribe to the core beliefs and mission of the task force. Central to those beliefs and mission is the mission statement and understanding that the Task Force is focused on protecting consumers and helping distressed communities.

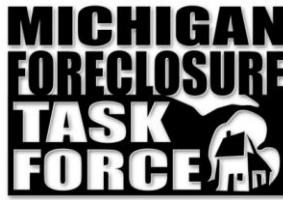
Housing Counseling and Foreclosure Prevention

Members of the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force endorse the National Industry Foreclosure Counseling Standards and the National Industry Code of Ethics and Conduct. Further, members who join the Task Force not only endorse the HUD principle that foreclosure counseling services be provided free of charge, but members acknowledge that they themselves are operating in that spirit.

Policy & Advocacy

Members of the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force represent an array of diverse interests and viewpoints. While they may not agree on every policy issue, members agree to support the objectives and general principles of the 2009 public policy agenda, which includes:

1. Enacting basic consumer protections against predatory lending;
2. Creating meaningful pre-foreclosure negotiation incentives;
3. Ensuring adequate protections for renters caught in the foreclosure crisis; and
4. Providing protections against foreclosure “rescue” scams.



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Neighborhood Impacts

Members of the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force support the productive re-use and stewardship of vacant and foreclosed properties as a central component of protecting communities from the impacts of foreclosure. Yet, encouraging redevelopment of these properties does not entitle owners to allow the property to blight the surrounding community. Local code enforcement and nuisance laws should be used aggressively to prohibit neglectful ownership and holding of foreclosed properties.

I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MICHIGAN FORECLOSURE TASK FORCE IN 2009:

Name and Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax: _____

Email: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING TASK FORCE COMMITTEES:

_____ Foreclosure Prevention & Housing Counseling

_____ Policy & Advocacy

_____ Neighborhood Impacts