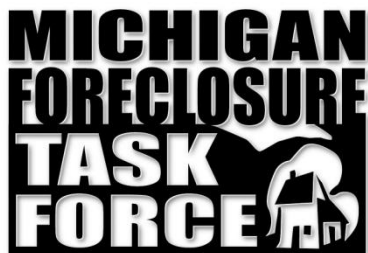


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## ***Steve Tobocman and Neeta Delaney Hired as Co-Directors of Michigan Foreclosure Task Force***

Lansing, MI - **The Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) is pleased to announce the hiring of Neeta Delaney and the return of Steve Tobocman as Co-Directors of the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force.** Delaney is currently the head of a nine-county, mid-Michigan, collaborative foreclosure response initiative. Her background also includes a wide range of entrepreneurial and advocacy work rooted in both the public and private sectors. Tobocman was previously the Majority Floor Leader of the Michigan House of Representatives and previously served as the co-director of the MFTF until October 2010.

“Michigan’s homeowners and communities are extremely fortunate to have the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force continue to be spearheaded by the state’s top talent,” Jamie Schriener-Hooper, CEDAM’s Executive Director, said of the announcement.

According to Center for Responsible Lending, mortgage foreclosures in Michigan increased by 96% from the third quarter of 2006 to the third quarter of 2009. "The foreclosure crisis is far from over. I look forward to taking on the challenge of fighting for Michigan homeowners and communities who continue to bear the brunt of its impact," noted Delaney. Tobocman added, "With our experience at the helm of both state and regional collaborative efforts, we will hit the ground running and hope to build upon the models that have worked here in Michigan and across the country."

The Michigan Foreclosure Task Force was formed in 2007 and has championed legislative causes, such as Michigan’s 90-day pre-foreclosure negotiation law, as well as pioneered the Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps, which has provided 40 AmeriCorps members to local foreclosure counseling and prevention programs. The Task Force has a diverse membership including counseling agencies, legal services attorneys, banks, state and local officials working together to expand foreclosure counseling efforts in Michigan and mitigate the neighborhood impacts of concentrated foreclosures. The Michigan Foreclosure Task Force is supported by the Ford Foundation, NeighborWorks® America, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Bank of America, and CEDAM.

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