

HOUSING RESOURCES

Mayor Villaraigosa's office and the City and County of Los Angeles have resources available for L.A. residents dealing with financial hardship and foreclosures. The following provides a brief overview of steps Angelenos can take to ease the burden of the economic downturn and stay afloat during the housing crisis.

FREE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION FAIR

All L.A. families are invited to participate in the free Homeownership and Foreclosure Prevention Fair on Saturday, October 11, 2008, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Braude Constituent Service Center, 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA 91401.

At the fair, Angelenos will be able to:

- Get personal help from non-profit housing counselors
- Learn about refinancing opportunities and first-time homebuyer programs
- Meet with lenders about working out monthly payments or the possibility of switching from an adjustable rate to a fixed rate mortgage

To pre-register for this event, please call: (818) 892-7600.

THE L.A. FORECLOSURE RESPONSE NETWORK

A partnership between the Mayor's Office, Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services, the Community Development Department and the City of Los Angeles WorkSource Center system, the L.A. Foreclosure Response Network brings foreclosure prevention resources to six strategically located WorkSource Centers.

The participating centers are located in or near those communities that have been hardest hit by the on-going foreclosure crisis. They serve as conduits through which Angelenos can conveniently access foreclosure prevention resources, including basic information about available services, foreclosure counseling, and foreclosure prevention clinics. The WorkSource Centers' staffs have been trained by Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services to provide basic intake to new clients and to steer them to the right sources of information and the right resources.

The participating WorkSource Centers are:

West Adams–Baldwin Hills

WorkSource Center

5681 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, 90016
(323) 525-3740 | TTY: (323) 931-9076
www.laul.org

Metro North WorkSource Center

342 San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, 90031
(323) 539-2000 | TTY: (323) 539-2057
www.goodwillsocal.org

Southeast LA–Watts WorkSource Center
10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles, 90059
(323) 563-4702 | TTY: (323) 563-5684
www.wlcac.org

Van Nuys–North Sherman Oaks
15400 Sherman Way, Suite 140, Van Nuys, 91406
(818) 781-2522 | TTY: (818) 374-7024
www.worksourcecalifornia.com

Sun Valley WorkSource Center
9024 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Sun Valley, 91352
(818) 504-0334 | TTY: (818) 504-1974
www.wscalnetwork.org

South LA WorkSource Center
7518 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, 90044
(323) 752-2115 | TTY: (323) 752-9215
www.cciworksource.org

UNFAIR EVICTIONS AND DISCRIMINATION

- For residents who feel they are being evicted unfairly, they can call the L.A. Housing Department's rent hotline at 1-866-557-RENT.
- Residents who live in apartments subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance have certain legal protections from eviction if their building is foreclosed. In fact, foreclosure is not a legal reason for eviction under the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance. Residents who feel they may be victims of an illegal eviction from a Rent Stabilized unit should call the City's rent hotline at 1-866-557-RENT.
- Residents who feel they may be the victim of housing discrimination should call the Housing Rights Center at 1-800-477-5977.

HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH

- Residents who are facing homelessness should call the LA County hotline 2-1-1. Through this number they will be routed to the most appropriate homelessness related service to address their situation.
- Los Angeles County Mental Health Referral Line: (800) 854-7771
- Suicide Prevention Crisis Line, Available at all hours of the day and night at: (877) 727-4747