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NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center Sacramento Region joins with McGeorge School of Law to offer legal assistance along with foreclosure prevention services to homeowners

NeighborWorks[®] HomeOwnership Center Sacramento Region has entered into an arrangement with the Institute for Administrative Justice, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law that allows homeowners to receive foreclosure related legal assistance at no cost.

NeighborWorks® Sacramento Region continues to provide a Foreclosure Prevention Seminar every week at their HomeOwnership Center in Sacramento, at no cost to those attending. This seminar is regularly available in English and in Spanish and is also offered in Russian.

Following the NeighborWorks® Foreclosure Prevention Seminar, homeowners receive individual counseling assistance from one of the certified Housing Counselors on staff at NeighborWorks® Sacramento Region. When appropriate to the circumstances, NeighborWorks® may refer the homeowner to an attorney at McGeorge School of Law for legal assistance. Examples of this legal assistance may include interpreting documents, providing advice on rights and options pertaining to foreclosure, negotiating with servicers, assisting with nullifying rescue scams, and other similar legal services. Attorneys from McGeorge School of Law may also work closely with NeighborWorks® Housing Counselors to provide training, develop curriculum, or otherwise support the Foreclosure Prevention Program activities of NeighborWorks® in the Sacramento Region.

As a result of funding received by NeighborWorks[®] Sacramento Region, <u>no fee is charged to the homeowner for any of these services</u>. Homeowners should be extremely cautious about any fee that they are requested to pay for help or advice on foreclosure prevention or loan modifications.

Seminar information and registration is available on the NeighborWorks® website, www.nwsac.org, or by calling (916) 452-5356 ext 229.

NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center Sacramento Region is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to provide successful homeownership and build strong communities. They are a chartered member of the National NeighborWorks® Network, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), are licensed by the California Dept of Corporations and California Dept of Real Estate, and are approved directly by HUD as a housing counseling agency. They offer a regular schedule of prepurchase homebuyer education, and also provide weekly workshops with foreclosure prevention information and counseling assistance. For more information and additional services that are provided by NeighborWorks® Sacramento Region, go to their website at www.nwsac.org