Home Foreclosure in California – Can We Do More To Respond To This Continuing Impediment to Economic Recovery, Homeownership, Strong Communities, and Jobs?

Joint Oversight Hearing of the Assembly Banking, Housing and Judiciary Committees

January 31, 2011 Los Angeles County Hall of Administration -- Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- I. Introduction and opening remarks Committee chairs and other members (3 minutes) *Chaired by Assembly Member Feuer*
- II. Overview of the California real estate market, mortgage defaults and foreclosure activity, the state's economy, and forecasts for recovery (10 minutes) Chaired by Assembly Member Eng

Prof. Stuart Gabriel, Director, Ziman Center for Real Estate – Anderson School of Management, UCLA

III. Federal, State and Industry Responses to Homeowner Defaults and Foreclosures (10 minutes) – *Chaired by Assembly Member Torres* 

*Prof. Kurt Eggert – Chapman Univ. School of Law* 

IV. The California Foreclosure Process: Are Legal Obligations and Industry Standards Effective To Ensure Accuracy, Fairness and Efficiency? (60 minutes) – *Chaired by Assembly Member Feuer* 

Robin Wright, Managing Partner, Wright, Finlay & Zak – California Mortgage Bankers Association

Mike Belote – United Trustees Association

Preston Dufauchard, Commissioner – California Department of Corporations

Lisa Sitkin, Staff Attorney – Housing and Economic Rights Advocates

V. Is Further Action Necessary For Loan Modification and Other Loss Mitigation Strategies To Stem The Number of Foreclosures? (60 minutes) – *Chaired by Assembly Member Eng* 

Faith Schwartz, Executive Director – Hope Now Alliance

Preston Dufauchard, Commissioner – California Department of Corporations

Paul Leonard, California Director – Center for Responsible Lending

VI. State Use of Federal "Hardest Hit" Funds For Distressed Borrowers: Can California Programs Contribute Significantly To Foreclosure Relief? (30 minutes) – *Chaired by Assembly Member Torres* 

Steven Spears, Executive Director and Diane Richardson, Dir. of Legislation – California Housing Finance Agency

Fr. Thomas Frank, Pastor, St. Bridget's Catholic Church and Yvonne Mariajimenez, Deputy Director, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County – One LA-IAF

Lori Gay, Executive Director – Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services

- VII. Public Comment (10 minutes) (*Chaired by Assembly Member Torres*)
- VIII. Concluding Remarks by Chairs and other members (3 minutes)