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**HOPE NOW Launches National Homeownership Preservation Tour in California**

*Hope can help, get the help now to save your home.*

Washington, D.C. – February 28, 2008 – HOPE NOW member companies will be meeting face-to-face with more borrowers next week, as part of a launch of homeownership preservation forums throughout the country.

The HOPE NOW Homeownership Preservation Forums run March 3-7 in California. The Forums are FREE and open to the public from 2:00pm-8:00pm and will include opportunities to meet one-on-one with servicers about workout options to avoid foreclosure, and to seek information and assistance on homeownership preservation.

The HOPE NOW Homeownership Preservation Forum is scheduled at the following locations:

- March 3, 2008  
Riverside Convention Center  
3443 Orange Street  
Riverside, CA 92501
- March 5, 2008  
Anaheim Convention Center  
800 West Katella Avenue  
Anaheim, CA 92802
- March 7, 2008  
San Joaquin Fairgrounds  
1658 South Airport Way  
Stockton, CA 95206

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson will be present on Wednesday, March 5 in Anaheim, CA to discuss solutions for at-risk homeowners. The following companies will also be present to answer attendee mortgage questions: Countrywide, EMC Mortgage, GMAC/ResCap,

HomEq, Home Loan Services, HSBC Finance, Indymac Bank, Chase, Option One, and WaMu. The Forum will be announcing other tour stops soon.

The California Forums are in partnership with NeighborWorks® America and *90 Days of HOPE*, sponsored by Governor Schwarzenegger's Task Force on Non-Traditional Mortgages. *90 Days of Hope* is an ongoing public education campaign to raise awareness of the options homeowners have to possibly avoid foreclosure. The aggressive campaign features real California families who struggled with foreclosure offering others a path to real solutions and providing real hope.

HOPE NOW's mission is to maximize the preservation of homeownership while minimizing foreclosures. The alliance assists borrowers who have the willingness and wherewithal to remain in their homes, but need some help to do it. The goal is to keep people in their homes and when that is not possible, prevent foreclosure.

**HOPE NOW** is an alliance between counselors, mortgage market participants, and mortgage servicers to create a unified, coordinated plan to reach and help as many homeowners as possible. The members of this alliance recognize that by working together, they will be more effective than by working independently. The Department of the Treasury and the Department of Housing and Urban Development encouraged these leaders to form this alliance, which includes, American Bankers Association, American Financial Services Association, American Securitization Forum, Assurant, Inc., Aurora Loan Services, Avelo Mortgage, LLC., Bank of America, CCCS Atlanta, Inc., Carrington Mortgage Services, Chase, Citigroup Inc., Consumer Bankers Association, Consumer Mortgage Coalition, Countrywide Financial Corporation, EMC Mortgage, Inc., Fannie Mae, The Financial Services Roundtable, First Horizon Home Loans and First Tennessee Home Loans, Freddie Mac, GMAC ResCap, Home Loan Services, Inc. (d/b/a First Franklin Loan Services & NationPoint Loan Services), Homeownership Preservation Foundation, HomEq Servicing, Housing Partnership Network, The Housing Policy Council, HSBC Finance, Indymac Bank, LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc./LoanCare Servicing Center, Litton Loan Servicing, MERS, Mortgage Bankers Association, National City Mortgage Corporation, Nationstar Mortgage, LLC., NeighborWorks America, Ocwen Loan Servicing, Option One Mortgage Corporation, PMI Mortgage Insurance Co., Saxon Mortgage Services, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., State Farm Insurance Companies, Strategic Recovery Group, LLC., SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., Washington Mutual, Inc., Wells Fargo & Company, and Wilshire Credit Corporation.

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