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More than 150 Attend High Desert Home Foreclosure Seminar

VICTORVILLE – More than 150 homeowners, many worried about losing their homes, attended a free seminar on April 11 where they received information on how to make it through the housing crisis.

The seminar was one of several being presented by the Inland Empire Economic Recovery Corporation (IEERC), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the County of San Bernardino. The next seminar will be on Saturday, May 30th at Carter High School, 2630 N. Linden Ave., Rialto, CA 92377 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The seminars provide homeowners with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with their lenders or a HUD-approved nonprofit housing counselor. The one-on-one meetings often encourage better communication between homeowners and their lenders, with a chance to save their homes through on-the-spot loan modifications.

“It was great that we were able to provide useful information and direct people to resources that may keep them in their homes,” said San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who provided the opening remarks at the seminar. “We will continue to work at providing assistance through programs like this one, and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, so we can work together to keep our neighborhoods thriving.”

In addition to the opportunities for one-on-one meetings with lenders and counselors, information regarding the foreclosure process, short sales, HUD programs and assistance, fraud prevention, and other social services was made available through government and nonprofit agencies.

The IEERC is a non-profit, public-benefit corporation organized to create public-private partnerships for the purposes of stabilizing Inland Empire neighborhoods and communities, preventing and reducing blight, and to address the home foreclosure problems in the Inland Empire.

“Families who find themselves in the frightening situation of losing their homes should not sit and wait,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “I strongly encourage them to contact the IEERC or attend the next seminar so they can see the array of programs and opportunities that may help them get through this crisis.”

For more information, go to www.ieerc.org.