

Dear Neighbors,

I am taking this opportunity to pass information along that may be of use to you if you are looking to buy your first home, move to a better neighborhood, or facing foreclosure. It is often difficult for families to purchase their first home or to move to a better community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 860-240-8585 or email, Angel.Arce@cga.ct.gov, about any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



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FROM HOUSING TO HOMEOWNERS...

SINA HOME OWNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance, Inc. (SINA) received a funding commitment from the State of Connecticut Department of Housing to rehabilitate, or build, eleven new homes in the Frog Hollow, Barry Square and South Green Neighborhoods. The homes will be sold to first-time homeowners who earn less than 100% of median area income. The new homes will be extremely energy efficient, include solar technology and will have a 3.5 Energy Star rating. The architectural character and detail will be consistent with the existing homes located in South Central Hartford. The proposed development is the continuation of the Cityscape Homes Initiative through which SINA has developed 70 homes that have been sold to first-time homeowners. It is anticipated that construction will begin in May of 2016.

For more information about SINA's Cityscape Homes, log onto www.sinainc.org/homes

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FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM EXTENDED

The Foreclosure Mediation Program provides services to homeowners facing foreclosure and has helped more than 3,200 borrowers stay in their homes. The program began in 2008 and was set to expire on July 1, 2016. This year I am proud to have worked with my colleagues to extend the Foreclosure Mediation Program to July 2019, ensuring the program continues to keep families in their homes while working out a solution with their lender. If you need help with a foreclosure, visit www.jud.ct.gov/foreclosure or call 1-877-472-8313 for assistance.

HELPING SUBSIDIZED HOUSING RESIDENTS MOVE TO BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS

It can often be difficult for families residing in low-income neighborhoods to move to a better community. As of October 1st, the Department of Housing (DOH) will create a residence mobility counseling program to assist those who receive housing subsidies with the relocation process. Participants will be provided with the necessary information for them to have a smooth transition into an area with better job and education options, and better environment overall.