

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. Studies have shown that families moving from high poverty areas to ones with more opportunities have a better chance at succeeding. 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 800-842-8267 or email, Robyn.Porter@cga.ct.gov, about any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



Robyn Porter



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FROM HOUSING TO HOMEOWNERS...

HELP FOR FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS

I want to make sure you know about an incredible opportunity for first-time homebuyers in New Haven, East Haven and West Haven through the Housing Development Fund (HDF). HDF now offers a new down-payment assistance program. If you make up to 120% of the area median income you may be eligible for a \$15,000 down-payment assistance loan at 0% interest, forgivable after five years.

Please email 15KDPA@hdf-ct.org or call 203-338-9035 x 16 for more information. Feel free to forward this information to any friends or family members who may be interested in this program.

Another helpful program to look into is CT Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) Home Buyers Mortgage Programs. For more information contact CHFA at 1-844-281-4663 or www.chfa.org/homeownership.

FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM EXTENDED

The Foreclosure Mediation Program has provided services to consumers facing foreclosure, and helped many families avoid foreclosure. This year we extended Foreclosure Mediation program to July 2019, ensuring that this program continues to keep families in their homes and work something out with their lender. The program helped more than 3,200 homeowners stay in their houses. The program, which began in 2008, was set to expire on July 1, 2016 but I am proud to have worked to change that. If you need help with a foreclosure, call 1-877-472-8313 for assistance or visit jud.ct.gov.

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.