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Foreclosure Roundtable with FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair

The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) participated in a foreclosure roundtable meeting with FDIC Chairman Sheila C. Bair on April 26, 2008 at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. Commissioner William S. Haraf attended the roundtable discussion along with other industry leaders. The roundtable meeting was followed by a [Foreclosure Prevention Workshop](#), hosted by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Task Force on Non-Traditional Mortgages. Foreclosure prevention workshops continue to be conducted around the state. Credit counselors, loan servicers and lenders offer on-site assistance and information on options available to help homeowners experiencing difficulties to keep their homes. Additional information is available at www.yourhome.ca.gov www.sucasa.ca.gov.

California Financial Literacy Month Roundup

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed April 2008 as [California Financial Literacy Month](#) on April 9, 2008.

During the month, the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) partnered with educational and governmental entities, private sector financial institutions, community groups and non-profits and others to support this year's theme to "Start learning today for a strong financial tomorrow – Financial literacy: it pays."

The events and functions that DFI and its stakeholders participated in helped further the goal of empowering Californians to make wise financial decisions and become responsible workers, heads of households, investors, entrepreneurs and business leaders. They highlighted the fact that a strong education in finance is the first line of defense against consumer fraud, abuse and mismanagement of funds. They underscored the need for us to increase our knowledge in financial services, budgeting, saving and investing, credit cards, and loans including mortgages to help prepare us for the future to give us the tools to build wealth, pay for college, start a business or purchase a home.

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Perhaps the signal event during Financial Literacy Month was the [Financial Literacy Summit](#) held on April 23, 2008 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The goals and objectives for the Summit were:

- Making communities more powerful, effective and efficient
- Promote model programs and partnerships
- Connect people, organizations and communities to further personal finance education through sharing of resources

DFI thanks and acknowledges its licensees, other government agencies, non-profits and other stakeholders that took part in California Financial Literacy Month activities, and who spread the message of financial literacy throughout the year.

Golden 1 Credit Union Creates Second Chance Mortgage Program

California's financial institutions are developing "second chance" homeownership and credit repair programs for consumers that previously had subprime mortgage loans and lost their home to foreclosure.

The Golden 1 Credit Union's program was developed to help members who recently lost their homes due to: 1) a negative amortization subprime mortgage loan, 2) interest rate reset, and 3) a high prepayment penalty.

The program helps prevent members from finding themselves in a similar situation. Unlike subprime mortgage loans, the mortgage repair loan does not include negative amortizations, interest rate resets, or high prepayment penalties. Borrowers must have stable employment, a fully amortizing fixed-rate mortgage loan with escrows, a minimum of 2 months of reserves, an 80% maximum loan-to-value, a 30 year maximum loan term, a conforming loan amount, a strong ability to afford the mortgage loan and debt service his and/or her other obligations, debt counseling, full documentation to include verification of income, assets, employment and debt; property appraisal and title report, auto payment with direct deposit and checking at Golden 1, and a minimum FICO score of 600.

Mortgage repair loan programs can provide the ability for borrowers to reestablish home ownership. The Golden 1 Credit Union is an example of how financially strong and sound financial institutions can make a positive difference in the communities they serve.

Commercial Bank Activity

New Bank

Gateway Pacific Bank
801 National City Boulevard, National City, San Diego County
Correspondent: Russell W. Bushore
Carpenter & Company
Five Park Plaza, Suite 950
Irvine, CA 92614
(949) 261-8888
Approved: 4/3/08

Change of Name

Golden State Business Bank, Upland, to change its name to Golden State Bank
Effected: 4/15/08

The Mechanics Bank, Richmond, to change its name to Mechanics Bank
Notified: 4/29/08

Industrial Bank Activity

Acquisition of Control

Markel Corporation, to acquire control of Centennial Bank and LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc.
Approved: 4/17/08

Premium Finance Company Activity

New Premium Finance Company

Charleston Premium Finance of California, Inc.
540 N. Golden Circle Drive, Santa Ana, Orange County
Opened: 4/9/08

Acquisition of Control

Premium Financing Specialists, Inc. to acquire control of AMGRO, Inc.
Approved: 4/28/08

Foreign (Other Nation) Bank Activity

New Office

eBANK Corporation
50 California Street, City and County of San Francisco (Representative Office)
Opened: 4/14/08

Foreign (Other State) Bank Activity

New Facility

Irwin Union Bank and Trust Company (Facility – Insured Bank)
12677 Alcosta Boulevard, San Ramon, Contra Costa County
Opened: 4/16/08

Credit Union Activity

Field of Membership

Four credit unions received approval to add nine new fields of membership during March 2008.

Bylaw Amendment

Two credit unions received approval for four bylaw amendments during March 2008.

Merger

Cannon Financial Federal Credit Union, Santa Ana, to merge with and into Financial Partners Credit Union, Downey
Filed: 04/10/08

Church/Co-op Credit Union, Sacramento, to merge with and into The Golden 1 Credit Union, Sacramento
Filed: 4/15/08

Trust Company Activity

Voluntary Surrender of License

Wachovia Trust Company of California
Effected: 12/31/07

Transmitter of Money Abroad Activity

Voluntary Surrender of License

Motran Services, Inc.
Effected: 3/31/08

Payment Instrument Activity

New Payment Instrument

Fidelity Express
Approved: 4/22/08

WILLIAM S. HARAF
Commissioner of Financial Institutions

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