

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

Agenda Date: June 1, 2009  
Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** Foreclosure Workshop

**REPORT BY:** Beth Pollard, City Administrator

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**MAYOR ATKINSON RECOMMENDATION**

That the City sponsor a workshop on foreclosure prevention, and that Council refer it to the Social & Economic Justice Commission for its involvement.

**BACKGROUND**

Earlier this year, the City Council asked the Social & Economic Justice Commission to explore the issue of economic impacts to Albany residents from foreclosures. The Commission will make its report at the June 1 City Council meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

There is a local businessperson, Audi Constance, who conducts workshops for property owners who are at risk of foreclosure. She has offered to conduct a workshop in Albany to help residents with strategies to avoid foreclosure.

Council previously referred its concern about Albany foreclosures to the Social & Economic Justice Commission. Accordingly, the Commission could play an important role in developing and publicizing the workshop to reach residents needing foreclosure prevention assistance.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Helping to prevent property owners from losing their home ownership due to foreclosure fosters a supportive community and reduces the number of vacant properties.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no charge to the City for the workshop services. The City would donate the use of a City owned facility for a few hours, and pay for the cost of photocopying flyers and staff time to post information on the website and KALB.