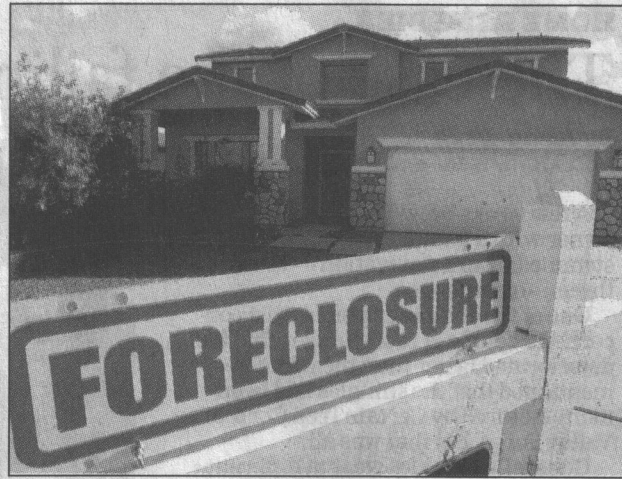


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Foreclosures are a problem nationwide, and the city of Chicago is trying to help homeowners keep their homes.

City offers aid to prevent foreclosure

The city of Chicago, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago and Attorneys' Title Guaranty are co-sponsoring a free Fix Your Mortgage foreclosure prevention event Saturday to help homeowners at risk of foreclosure modify their loans and lower their payments.

The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lane Tech High School, 2501 W. Addison Ave.

Volunteer real estate attorneys, city and Neighborhood Housing Services staff and other HUD-certified counselors (including those speaking Spanish and Polish) will be on hand to review homeowners' paperwork to determine if they qualify for assistance under the Homeowner

Affordability and Stability Plan, aka Making Home Affordable. (**makinghomeaffordable.gov**). If so, a loan modification application will be prepared that day and submitted online to the loan servicer.

"We're excited to be co-sponsoring one of the biggest foreclosure-prevention events ever held on the city's North Side," said Peter Birnbaum, president and CEO of Attorneys' Title Guaranty.

Registration is encouraged. For information or to register, call Neighborhood Housing Services at 773-329-4185 (English) or 773-329-4181 (Spanish). For more details, go to **cityofchicago.org/dcd**, **nhschicago.org** or **atgf.com**.