

Mass Alliance Against Predatory Lending

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<u>1/16/24--HOMEOWNERS SPEAK OUT: DEMAND MA SUPREME JUDICIAL</u> <u>COURT BREAK ITS 47 YEAR SILENCE AS TO DISCRIMINATORY AND</u> <u>CONSTITUTIONALLY PROHIBITED TAKING OF THEIR HOMES AND LAND</u>

The Mass. Alliance Against Predatory Lending homeowner foreclosure-fighters are holding press conferences across Massachusetts – to demand that the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court ends its 50-year silence on constitutional provisions and laws which outlaw discriminatory predatory lending. The lack of the "Aggressive enforcement" state Government leaders called for in the 1990s has allowed historic rates of predatory loans to be targeted at individuals and communities; this has led to a historic rate of foreclosures, economic, personal, familial and neighborhood damages *which the Supreme Judicial Court's Action now could still repair*.

In just 4 years, 2006-2010; US median Black wealth lost 54%; Latino wealth 66%; and Asian wealth 34% (for the loss ascribable to foreclosures.)

Homeowners will tell individual stories, show how they demonstrate extensive illegal patterns and call for justice now.

<u>TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 –</u> <u>Pittsfield/Springfield/Worcester/Boston/Brockton/Hyannis</u>

Pittsfield 7:30 AM Location TBA

Springfield - (Local press contact/coordinator: Gary Yard, 413-557-8881 9:45 AM Gather for press conference Arise for Social Justice 38 School St. Springfield, MA 01105 Worcester - (Local press contact/coordinator: Sam Bishop, 413-992-8546 Noon – 1pm YWCA 1 Salem Street Worcester, MA 01608

Boston – (Local press contact/coordinator: Laurie Endsley, 978-514-4790) 2:30 PM -3:30 In front of the Supreme Judicial Court John Adams Courthouse One Pemberton Square Boston, MA 02108

Brockton - (Local press contact/coordinator: Maggie Philippe, 508-345-9186) 5:00 PM Joe Angelo's Café 11 Crescent St. Brockton, MA

Hyannis - (Local press contact/coordinator: Lynne A. Rhodes, 617-962-2268) 8:00 PM NAACP Museum 276 North Street Hyannis, MA 02601

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