

### About the Moratorium NOW! Coalition:

The Moratorium NOW! Coalition to Stop Foreclosures, Evictions & Utility Shutoffs was formed in 2008 as the foreclosure crisis struck Detroit. We fought in the courts and through direct action to stop individual foreclosures. But we realized that for every home we saved thousands more were being lost. Only a moratorium – a freeze – on foreclosures could stop the devastation.

It turns out that during the Great Depression of the 1930s 27 states enacted moratoriums on foreclosures under pressure of the mass struggle. Michigan had a 5 year moratorium during which no one could lose their home. In 1934 the United States Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the moratorium in *Home Building & Loan Association v Blaisdell*.

With the Federal takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac the federal government now controls about 75% of all mortgages. It has been shown that the banks carried on a criminal conspiracy to push racist, fraudulent and subprime loans. This raises the possibility of a national moratorium to halt foreclosures. Such a moratorium could be imposed by Executive Order by the president at absolutely no cost to the government.

Only a truly massive struggle in the streets, however, can force the banks and the government to accede to this reasonable, necessary and urgent demand. Today groups around the country are fighting foreclosures spurred by the Occupy movement. It's time for us to unite and up the struggle even more.

### Partial list of endorsers:

- Moratorium NOW! Coalition to Stop Foreclosures, Evictions & Utility Shutoffs – Detroit
- Occupy Detroit
- Take Back the Land
- Michigan Welfare Rights Organization
- S.E. Michigan Jobs with Justice
- Project REconomy, Central Point, Oregon
- Chicago Anti-Eviction Campaign
- Bay Area Moratorium Committee, Antioch CA
- JoAnn Watson, Detroit City Council Member
- Bail Out the People Movement
- Wisconsin Bail Out the People Movement
- Martha Scott, Wayne County Commissioner
- Rev. Ed Rowe, Central United Methodist Church, Detroit
- Dave Welch, delegate, San Francisco Labor Council
- Occupy 4 Jobs

### REGISTRATION and INFORMATION:

**Nationalmoratorium.org**  
**313-680-5508**

# **National Conference To Fight Foreclosures**



**Detroit, MI**

**March 31, 2012**

**9 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**[www.nationalmoratorium.org](http://www.nationalmoratorium.org)**

Join activists from around the country who are fighting the foreclosure epidemic, the banks and the Federal agencies behind the crisis in a one day conference in Detroit.

Share your individual or organizational experiences and help unify this growing national struggle. Plan actions to stop foreclosures, occupy homes and press the demand a National Moratorium to Stop Foreclosures.

## Conference Location:

**Central United Methodist Church**  
**23 E. Adams Street, Detroit**  
**(corner of Woodward Ave.)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium**

## Housing for out of town participants

Corktown Inn  
1331 Trumbull Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48216  
**Reservations: 1-877-326-7586**  
Special rates for conference  
Room for 2 @ \$60  
(call and mention Moratorium)  
Shuttle available to conference



## Tentative Schedule:

8 am – 9 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast

9 am – 10 am: Welcoming remarks  
The depth of the crisis

10 am – 1 pm: Reports on anti-foreclosure/eviction actions, direct and legal, from around the country: Oregon, Illinois, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida- Take Back the Land, Chicago Anti-Eviction Campaign, Project Reconomy, Occupy.

Report on the increasing Union role in fighting foreclosures including presentation on the UAW's Social Unionism program.

Discussion of the movement to take over vacant homes for the people.

1 pm - 2 pm: Lunch and caucusing

2 pm – 5 pm: How to win a moratorium on all foreclosures – action plans including Shareholder spring, DNC actions to press moratorium in Charlotte, NC, headquarters of Bank of America, May Day and more.

6 pm → Socializing at “1515 Broadway” – community center that fought and won against Citi foreclosure/eviction.