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STAY HOME: JACKSONVILLE
FORECLOSURE PREVENTION WEB SITE LAUNCHED
Informational portal designed to help homeowners in need

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 18, 2009 – Jacksonville City Council member Kevin Hyde joined representatives of the city’s Housing and Neighborhoods Department today to officially launch the *Stay Home: Jacksonville Foreclosure Prevention Web* site at the “Passport to Fair Housing” Awareness Symposium.

Working with its community partners, the City of Jacksonville developed the foreclosure informational Web site, which may be accessed by visiting www.coj.net, keyword “foreclosure,” as a resource to connect those homeowners who may face or are facing foreclosure with the appropriate agencies for assistance. The key to success for homeowners in trouble is to get assistance as early as possible.

“While Jacksonville may have some of the highest foreclosures rates in the U.S., through city government and numerous service providers, we are also well-equipped to help our homeowners,” said Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton. “The first step must be for homeowners in need to reach out for assistance so alternative solutions can be arranged to help prevent foreclosure. The *Stay Home* Web site will direct homeowners to the appropriate agencies or service providers that can provide the necessary help.”

As foreclosures affect all parts of the local community, the *Stay Home* logo and link to the informational site will be placed on the Web sites of all the city’s community partners, media outlets and any other mediums to help reach those homeowners in need and connect them with legitimate service providers.

“I was especially pleased to help launch this foreclosure informational Web site as homeowners must be educated on the foreclosure process and know what help is available to them,” said Council member Hyde. “Help is available to those in need so please visit this Web site and learn of options that are available from the city’s community service providers.”

An example of the *Stay Home: Jacksonville Foreclosure Prevention* icon is found below.



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