August 21, 2012

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL**

FOIA Office, Federal Housing Finance Agency

400 7th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20024

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request from the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

On behalf of the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (“C.A.R.”), I request that a copy of the below-described records (as defined under 44 U.S.C. Section 3301) be provided to C.A.R.:

1. All Federal Housing Finance Agency (“FHFA”) and/or Fannie Mae records pertaining to Fannie Mae’s sale on or about August 13, 2012, of approximately 484 foreclosure properties located in the metro Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino, California areas.
2. All FHFA and/or Fannie Mae records pertaining to other potential buyers and/or offers received with respect to any of the 484 foreclosure properties located in the metro Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino, California areas referred to immediately above.
3. All FHFA and/or Fannie Mae records describing FHFA’s and/or Fannie Mae’s decision to sell groups of foreclosure properties located in a single geographic metro area.
4. All FHFA and/or Fannie Mae records describing FHFA’s and/or Fannie Mae’s decision to refrain from selling foreclosure properties one by one, or in bulk with other foreclosure properties located in different areas of the country, and to instead begin selling a group of foreclosure properties located in a single geographic metro area in California.
5. All FHFA and/or Fannie Mae records regarding FHFA’s and/or Fannie Mae’s decision in or about February 2012 to auction approximately 2,490 foreclosure properties.
6. All FHFA and/or Fannie Mae records regarding sales of foreclosure properties to a limited liability company referred to as ”SFR 2012-1 US West LLC,” located at 3900 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Mail Stop 11H-734, Washington DC, 20016, which appears to be a corporation service company that will do business in California.
7. All FHFA and/or Fannie Mae records pertaining to FHFA’s and/or Fannie Mae’s creation of a limited liability company or companies in order to sell or buy foreclosure properties in California.
8. All FHFA and/or Fannie Mae records relating to FHFA’s and/or Fannie Mae’s transfer of foreclosure properties to a limited liability company or companies or similar entity that a winning buyer or buyers will invest in including, but not limited to, through a private placement deal.
9. All FHFA and/or Fannie Mae records regarding the guidelines, method, and/or manner in which foreclosure properties sold or purchased by the FHFA and/or Fannie Mae-created limited liability companies are recorded in public records.
10. All FHFA and/or Fannie Mae records related to FHFA’s announcement in or about August 2012 regarding winning bidders and the foreclosure auction(s).

For purposes of determining the applicability of any fees related to the response to this request, please note that C.A.R. is a non-profit, voluntary trade association whose members consist of more than one hundred forty-five thousand (145,000) persons licensed as real estate brokers and salespersons by the State of California and the local Boards and Associations of REALTORS® to which these members belong. Members of C.A.R. assist the public in buying and selling real estate. The purpose of this request is to provide C.A.R. members, home buyers and sellers, and other members of the public, with vital information on recent FHFA and Fannie Mae actions that significantly impact the manner in which real estate transactions are conducted, and also affect the foreclosure and overall housing market both currently and in the foreseeable future. C.A.R. provides real-estate related education to its members, and continuously provides its members and members of the public with news pertinent to the industry and real estate market. Accordingly, this request is being made for educational and newsgathering purposes, and not for a commercial use.

 C.A.R. requests a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to C.A.R. is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in C.A.R.’s commercial interest. C.A.R. may disseminate the information received in response to this request, as appropriate, for public benefit through its website, newsletters, and various other communications vehicles.

Please provide the information requested in an electronic format, such as on CD-ROM. C.A.R. requests that this matter receive expedited processing because the information being requested affects C.A.R. members’ day-to-day real estate transactions and business operations, as well as the economic and other interests of clients, taxpayers and other members of the public.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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