# TRENDS IN DELINQUENCIES AND FORECLOSURES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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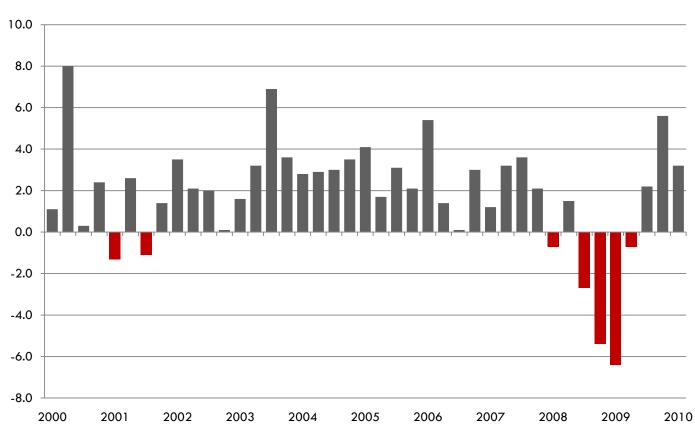
### National Trends

- Continued signs that economy is on the rebound
  - GDP positive for three consecutive quarters
- Unemployment still a major concern; House prices continue to decline or stagnate
- Percent of loans entering foreclosure dropped in 4<sup>th</sup>
   Quarter of 2009
  - HAMP is initiating fewer trial modifications per month but increasing the number of permanent modifications reached each month
    - As of April 2010, HAMP has resulted in 295,348 active permanent modifications
  - □ 50.4% of NSP funding committed as of April 2010

### National Trends

# GDP Shows Growth for Third Consecutive Quarter in Q1 2010

Real Gross Domestic Product (percent change at seasonally adjusted annual rate)



GDP % change based on chained 2005 dollars

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

# Unemployment Continues to Hover Around 10%



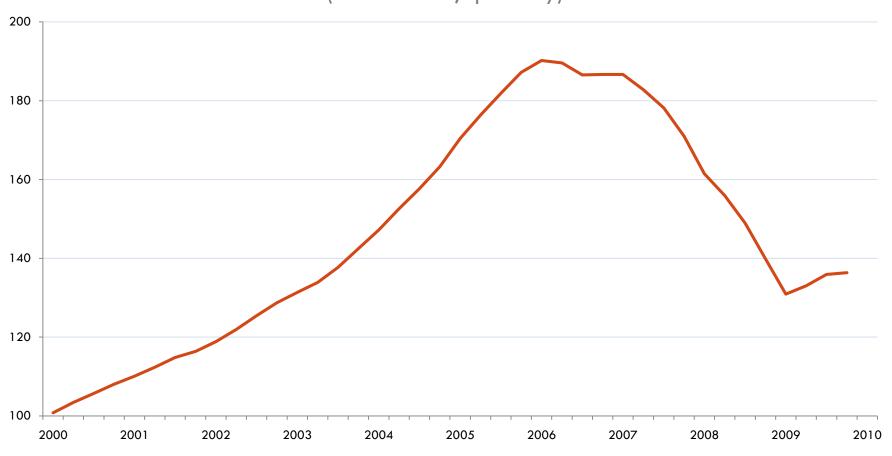


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, April 2010

# Case-Shiller Shows Slowed Increase in House Prices in Q4 2009

#### **Case-Shiller National House Price Index**

(2000 = 100, quarterly)

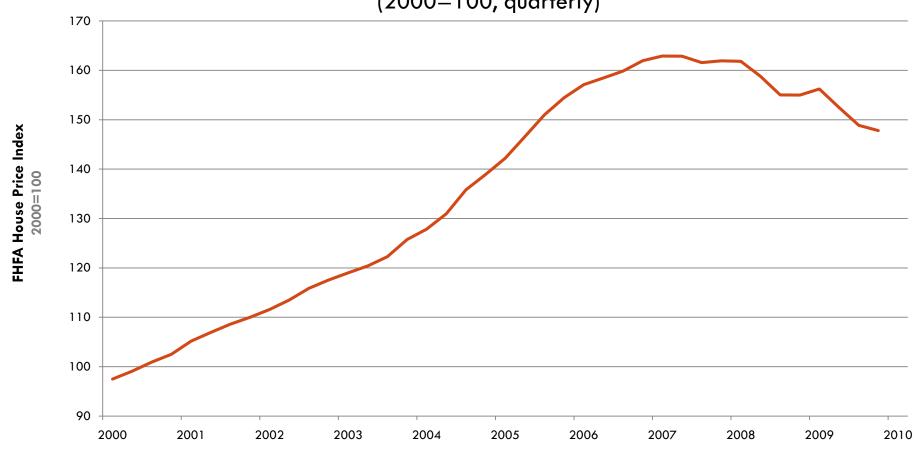


Source: Case - Shiller Home Price Index

### FHFA House Price Index Continues to Fall; Reflecting Activity at Lower End of Market

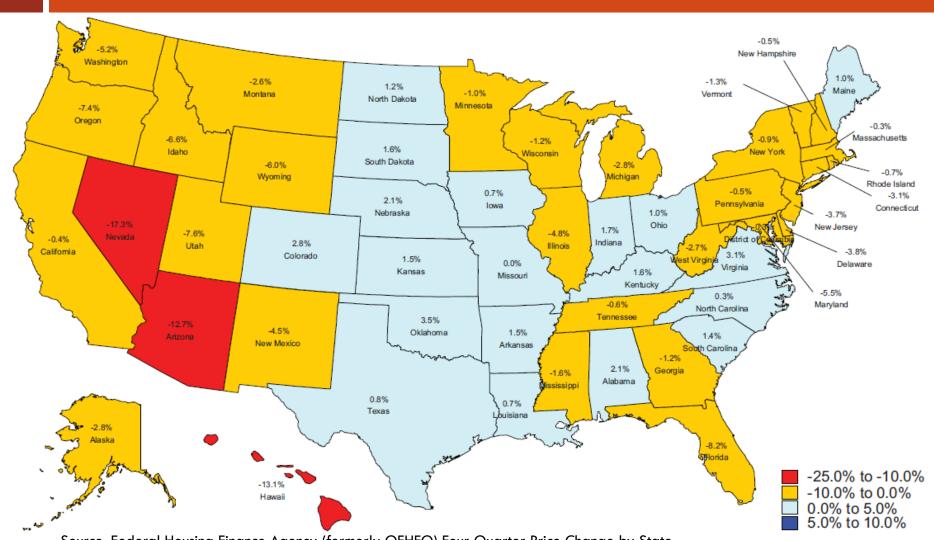


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Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)

# FHFA Four-Quarter Price Change Shows Significant Depreciation in 12<sup>th</sup> District

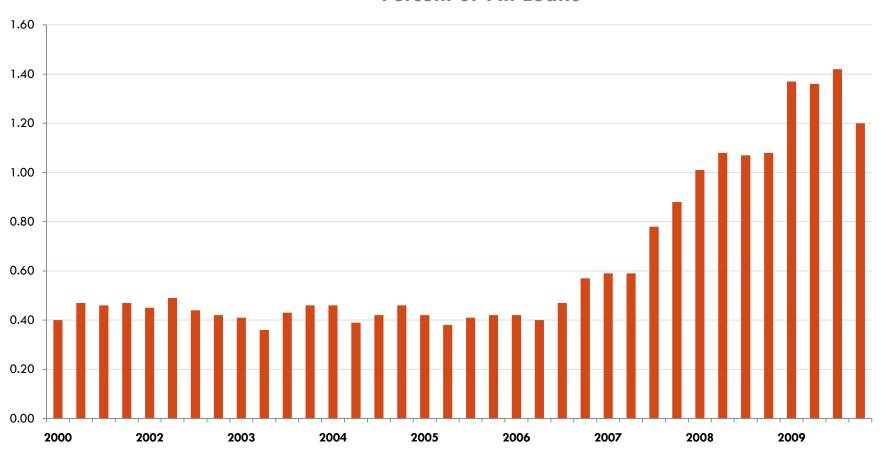


Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO) Four-Quarter Price Change by State: Purchase-Only Index (Seasonally Adjusted), 2008Q4—2009Q4)

# Modest Drop in Foreclosure Starts in the Fourth Quarter of 2009

#### **National Foreclosures Starts**

Percent of All Loans

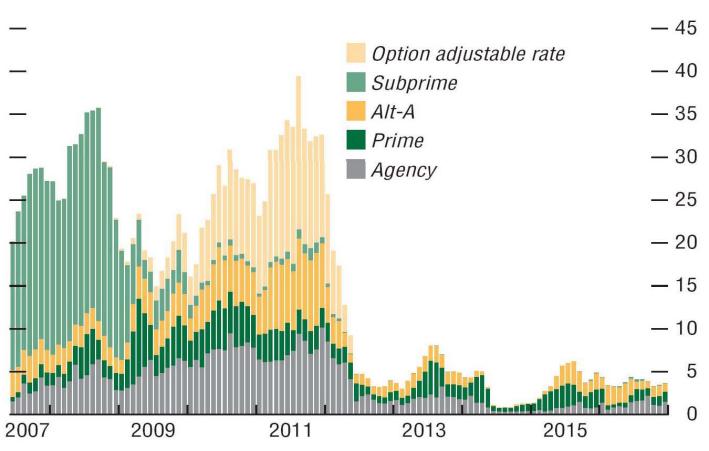


Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, National Delinquency Survey

# Concern that Upcoming Resets will Continue to Drive New Foreclosures

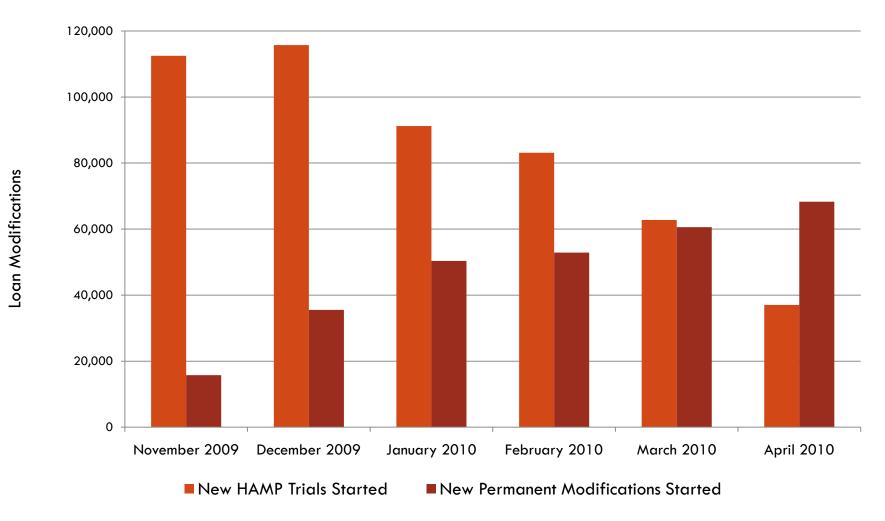
#### **Monthly Mortgage Rate Resets**

(first reset in billions of US dollars)



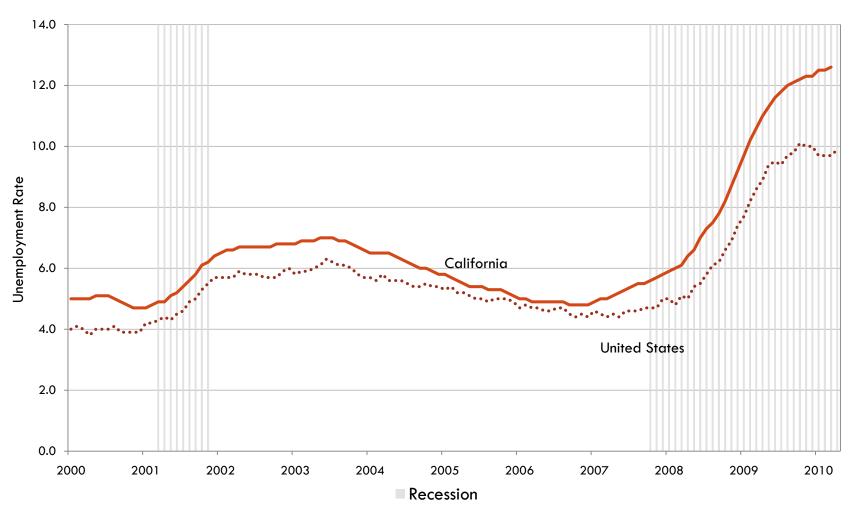
Source: Credit Suisse: Assessing Risks to Global Financial Stability, p. 8. http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/gfsr/2007/02/pdf/chap1.pdf

# Loan Modifications: Home Affordable Modification Program



### California Trends

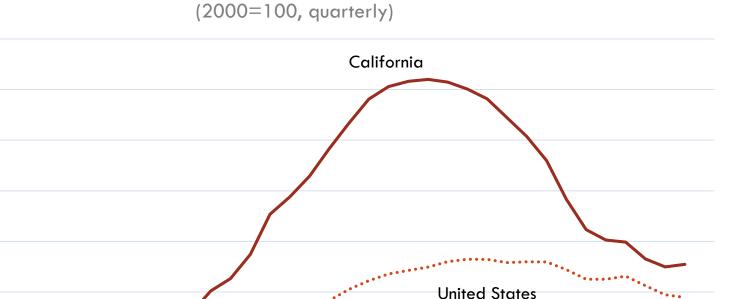
### California's Unemployment Rate Continues to Rise



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Steep Decline in CA House Prices Appears to be Stabilizing

FHFA (formerly OFHEO) House Price Index



Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)

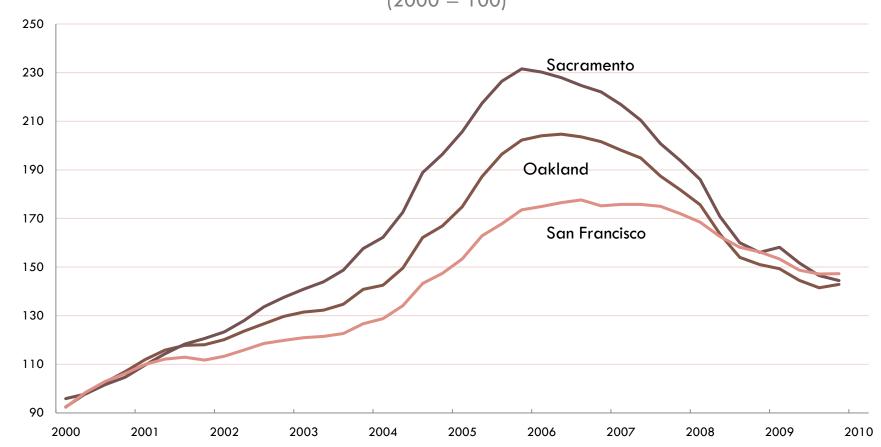
FHFA House Price Index

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### Decline in Northern CA MSA House Prices Slows

#### FHFA House Price Index: Northern California

(2000 = 100)



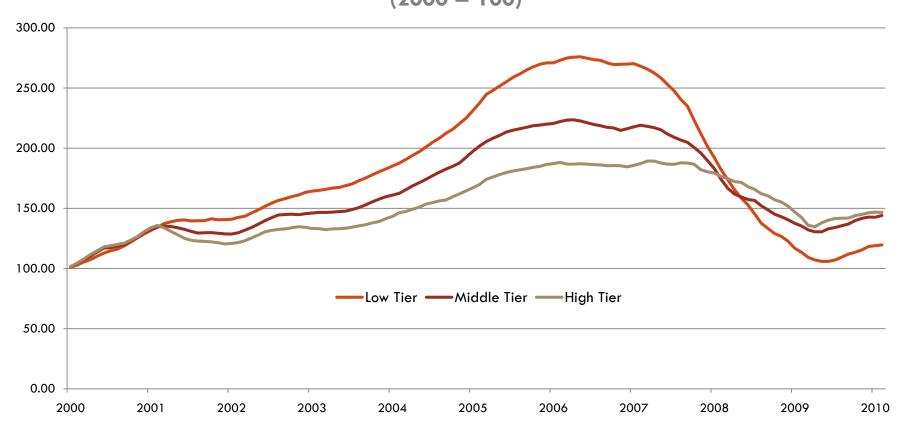
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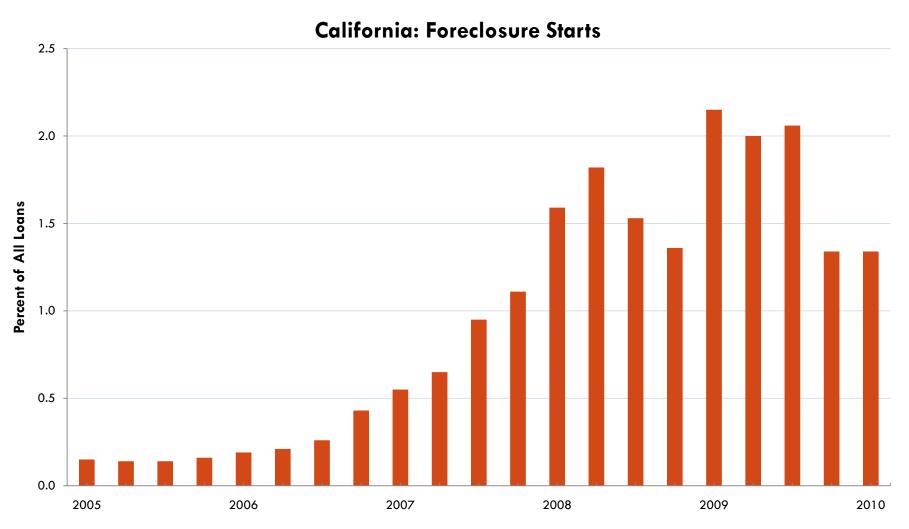
### Low Tier – Homes at the Bottom End of the Market – Has Shown Greatest Price Volatility

Tiered Case- Shiller Home Price Index: San Francisco (2000 = 100)



Source: Case - Shiller Home Price Index

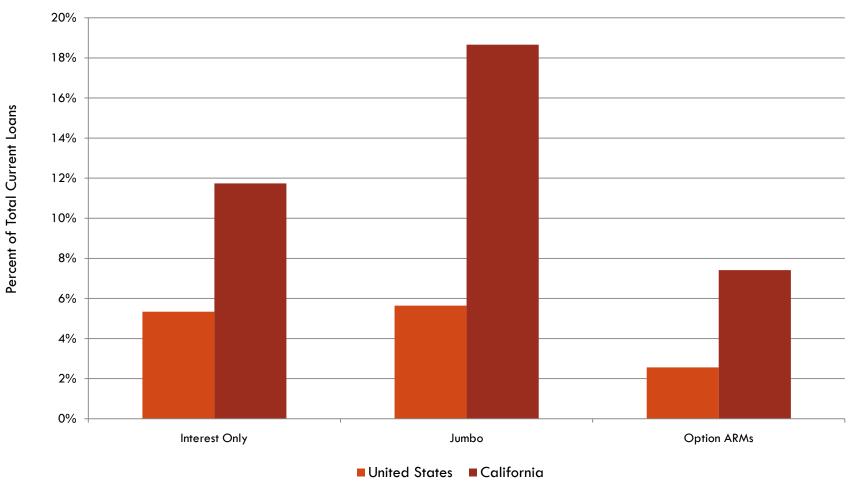
### California Foreclosures Show Sustained Drop in Late 2009/early 2010



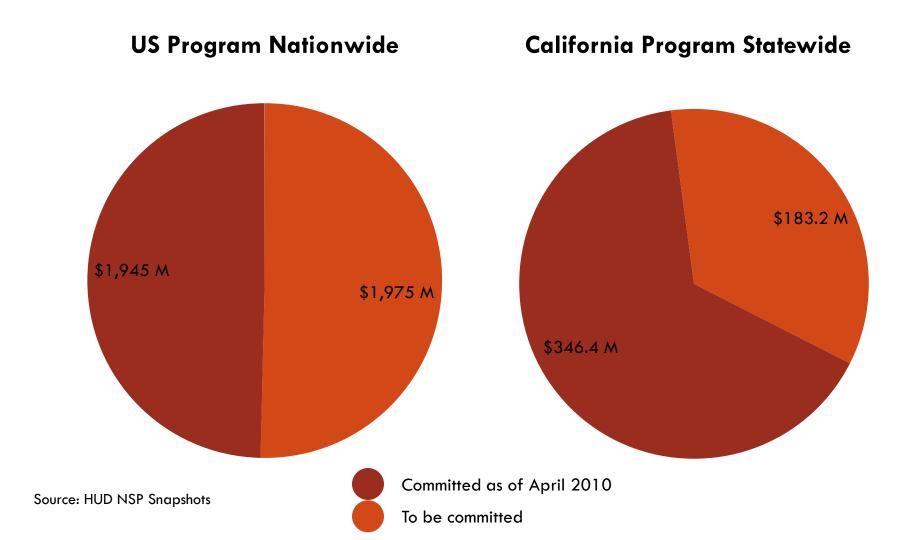
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### Remaining Concerns over Sustainability of Loans with Payment Options (in subprime, prime and Alt-A markets)





### Neighborhood Stabilization Program

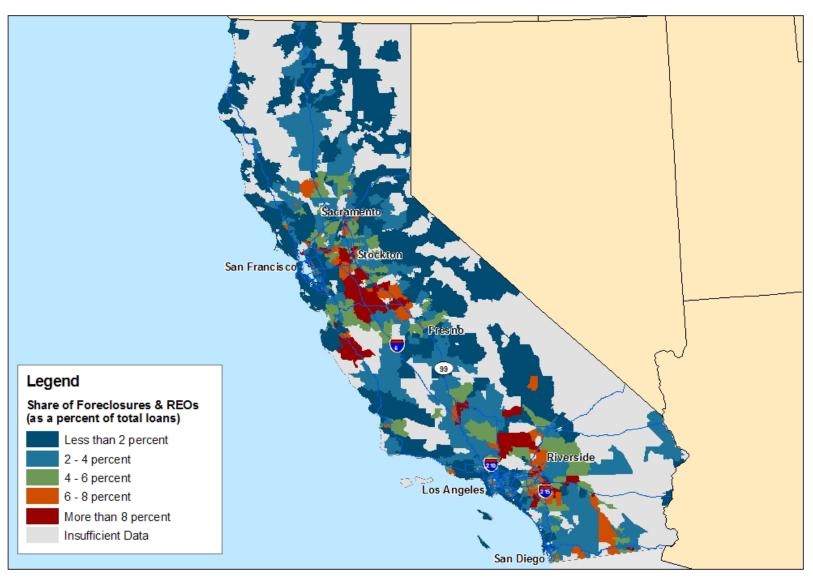


### State & Local Data Maps

#### California Data Maps

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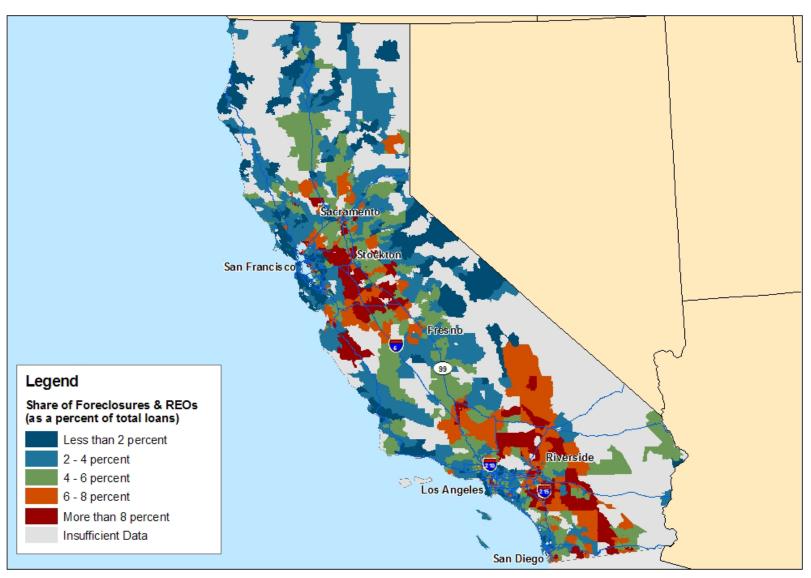
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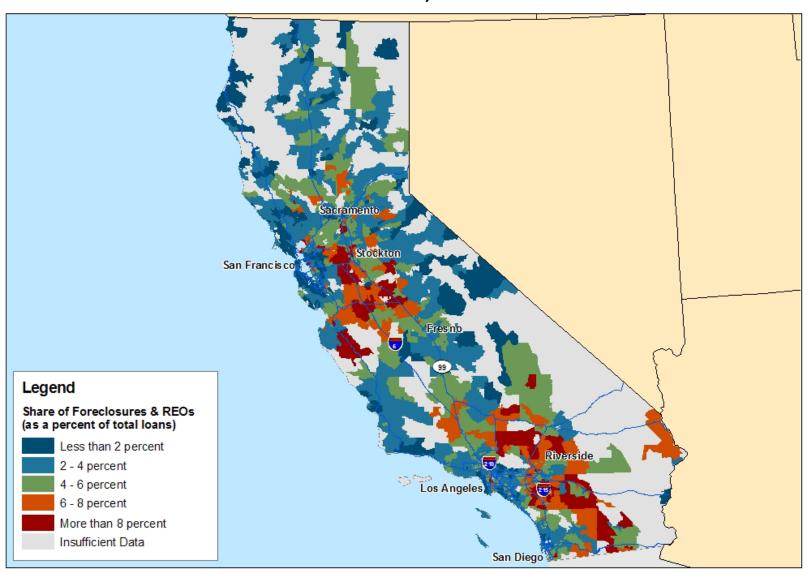
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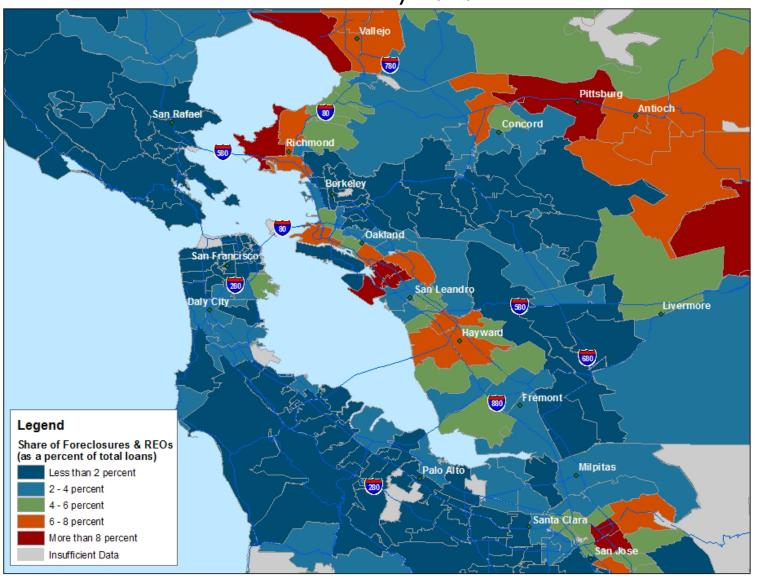
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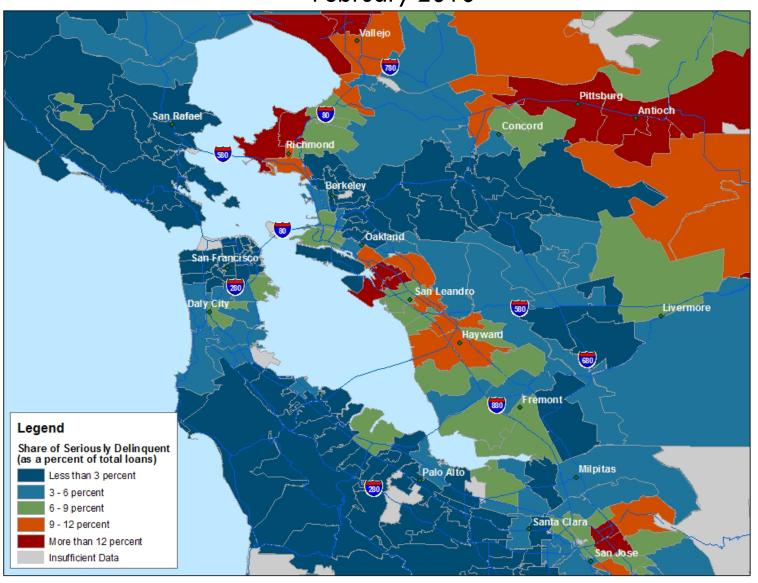
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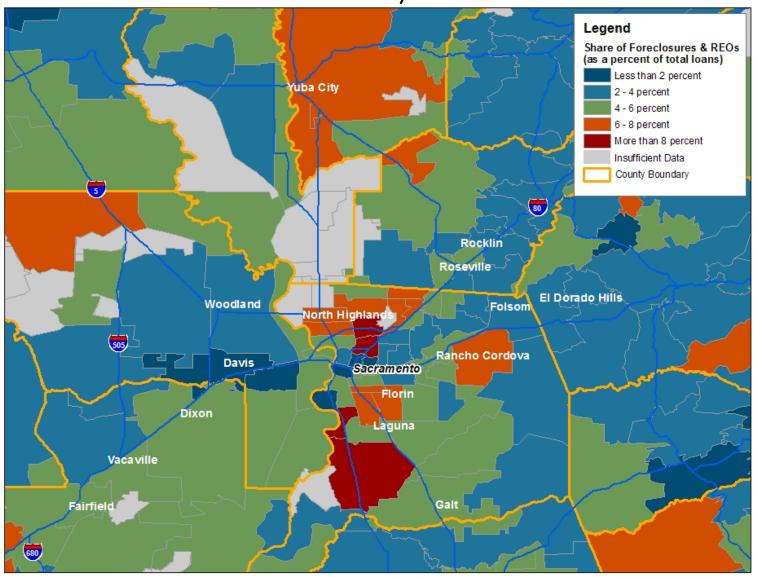
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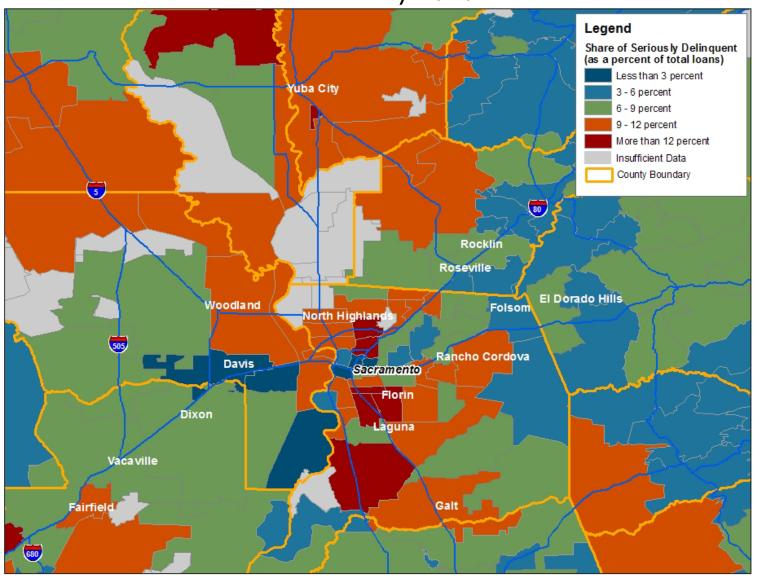
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### Conclusions

### Continued Need for Foreclosure Prevention

- Important to reach borrowers with 'preventable' foreclosures
  - Borrower Outreach Events
    - Create a foreclosure prevention workbook -- for an example see Arizona's:
      - http://www.pima.gov/current/2008 November%20English%20Workbook.pdf
  - Making Homes Affordable
    - Federal program provides both loan modification and refinance options
    - Online form available that allows borrowers to assess if they qualify for the program
      - http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/eligibility.html

### Preventing Foreclosure Scams

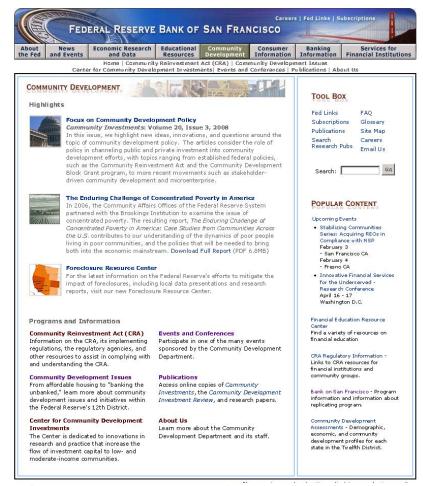
- Foreclosure scams are proliferating, especially in markets with investor interest
  - Some counties are sending notices to all delinquent borrowers to warn them about foreclosure scams
  - Free media kit available from the Federal Reserve which includes a PSA and other resources: <a href="http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/pfed/mediakit.cfm">http://www.federalreserveeducation.org/pfed/mediakit.cfm</a>
  - NeighborWorks PSA: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/nwpad">http://www.youtube.com/nwpad</a>
- Other 5 Tip brochures and resources available from the Federal Reserve
  - http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/fivetips.htm

### Stabilizing Communities and Helping Families After Foreclosure

- Develop service delivery and resources for families who go through foreclosure
  - Rental housing assistance
  - Credit repair
  - Minimizing disruption for children (e.g. allowing them to finish the school year in their old school)
- Minimize negative spillover effects of vacant properties on surrounding neighborhood
  - Ensure servicer maintenance of REOs
  - Work with lenders/servicers to acquire and rehab foreclosures for affordable housing

# For More Information: FRBSF Community Development Website

- Links to other resources and research on foreclosure trends and mitigation strategies
- All publications,
   presentations available on our website
- Conference materials also posted shortly after events



http://www.frbsf.org/community/