



# OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER

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## ACT NOW TO GET \$30,000 TO SAVE YOUR HOME

Dear Friend:

This letter is to inform you of a new program to help pay your delinquent property taxes up to \$30,000 if you have faced a hardship preventing you from paying your property taxes.

The program is called the "Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program," and as of January 15, 2013, it will help some eligible homeowners pay off their delinquent taxes.

### You may be eligible if the following criteria apply to you:

1. **Owner Occupied Homes Only** – You must live in your home, no land contracts.
2. **Delinquent Taxes** – You must owe delinquent taxes, interest, or fees on that home.
3. **Hardship** – You must face a hardship preventing you from paying taxes.
4. **Cash Reserves** – No more than 1.5 times the annual property tax amount on hand.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to apply with the help of a certified housing counselor from our partner agencies, including: Community and Home Improvement, Oakland County, Community Housing Network, JVS, Lighthouse, New Hope, OLHSA, and Southwest Housing Solutions, with legal services by University of Detroit-Mercy Legal Aid Clinic.

With the help of your certified housing counselor, you will apply for the "Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program" online at [www.stepforwardmichigan.org](http://www.stepforwardmichigan.org) or by calling 866-946-7432. Please contact Deputy Treasurer Lauren Bloom in our office at 248-858-0624 to get connected with a certified housing counselor and begin the application process.

**Taxpayers with delinquent taxes from 2010 or prior must still schedule a Taxpayer Assistance Meeting with our office to arrange a payment plan and prevent foreclosure.**

Sincerely,

Andy Meisner  
Oakland County Treasurer

**SEE REVERSE FOR LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES**

OFFICE (248) 858-0623 FAX (248) 858-1810

**CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELORS**

**Community & Home Improvement, Oakland County**

*250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite 1900, Pontiac 48341*  
(248) 858-1891

**Community Housing Network**

*570 Kirts Blvd., Suite 231, Troy 48084*  
Step Forward Michigan Hotline  
(248) 269-1330

**JVS**

*29699 Southfield Rd., Southfield 48076*  
James Pawlak (248) 233-4243  
Clarissa McMillon (248) 233-4482  
Beth Martinez (248) 233-4422

**Lighthouse**

*46156 Woodward Ave., Pontiac 48342*  
Sherman Williams  
(248) 920-6060 Ext. 2409

**New Hope Community Development**

*19487 Evergreen Road, Detroit 48219*  
(313) 255-6275

**OLHSA**

*196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Pontiac 48343*  
Autumn Butler (248) 209-2797  
Elena Steek (248) 209-2644

**Southwest Housing Counseling Solutions**

*3627 W Vernor, Detroit 48216*  
Main Line (313) 841-9641  
Tina Ellis (313) 297-0065

**LEGAL AID**

**University of Detroit-Mercy Law Clinics**

*651 E. Jefferson, Detroit 48226*  
Professor Joon Sung (313) 596-9847