

As I travel through my district I'm alarmed at how many " for sale " signs are in this area alone. Many homes that I dreamed of owning have for sale signs in the yard. I passed by one of my favorite homes to imagine I owned, and surprise, it to had a for sale sign in the yard. I am very worried about the economy. If you are one of these individuals or families going through this crisis please call CCCS(Consumer Credit Council Service). CCCS can work with you on the financial side, by working you a budget and getting your creditors aboard. If you can go on a 5-year plan to pay off all your creditors,they will work out a plan for you that may fit your finances.

If you are caught up in the sub-prime mess or facing a foreclosure please call 1-888-995-HOPE. It is the national foreclose prevention hotline and it receives 4,500 calls per day from people facing foreclosure. HOPE is available for EVERY situation not just for sub- prime borrowers. Please use these resources; they are there to help you. The County Housing market has cooled and we have no idea when this cycle will pick up again. This will have a dramatic effect on the impact fee mandate. As you can already imagine we will feel this in the County's coffers. I'm optimistic that we can get through this. If you have a neighbor who is going through this you can help by offering to share lawn maintenance. This will keep up the curb appeal of the property and contribute to the overall appearance of the neighborhood. Sharing errands on grocery shopping and other activities can also save on gasoline. But let them know you are there for them in this crisis. Wishing you a great Spring.

Commissioner Simmons