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An Open Letter to Governor Deval Patrick

June 22, 2011

Dear Governor Patrick,

First, we want to sincerely thank you for your leadership in support of Springfield's recovery and rebuilding in the wake of the June 1 tornado. Your focused attention and presence in our city over the past three weeks, as well as your commitment of state resources, has been much appreciated.

We wish to draw your urgent attention to the attached resolution, which our City Council passed unanimously on Monday night.

The Springfield No One Leaves/Nadie Se Mude coalition urges you to support an immediate loan forbearance and moratorium on all foreclosures and no-fault evictions in the City of Springfield. After President Obama's federal disaster declaration, HUD announced an immediate 90-day foreclosure moratorium that applies to FHA-backed mortgages. Given the devastation of our city and the massive displacement of Springfield families, we need the forbearance and moratorium to be immediately extended to all banks, as well as an immediate moratorium on no-fault evictions. Please do everything in your power to support this forbearance and moratorium as soon as possible to prevent further displacement of Springfield families as our city attempts to recover from the tornado disaster.

Further, we are concerned that there may be undercounting and underreporting of the displacement of Springfield residents affected by the tornado. If an accurate assessment isn't made quickly and with transparency, it will hamper our city's ability to find housing solutions. We urge you to remain an active partner in addressing our city's housing needs. Please make sure that community-based organizations like ours will have a genuine seat at the table during the recovery and rebuilding process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lara Shepard-Blue
Malcolm Chu

On behalf of the Springfield Nadie Se Mude/No One Leaves Coalition

RESOLUTION PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL AT JUNE 20th, 2011 CC Meeting!

WHEREAS, our City has suffered a great natural disaster that has affected our residents;
and

WHEREAS, the state and federal governments have both declared our City a state and federal disaster area; and

WHEREAS, in the time of this crisis, our City cannot afford any more residents deprived of their homes; and

WHEREAS, in this crisis, foreclosures and no-fault evictions exacerbate a threat to keeping families together and the people of this City working; and

WHEREAS, similar measures were taken in the city of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and other disasters of significant scope; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to give Springfield residents "time to get back on their feet and peace of mind in knowing there's a helping hand ready to work with them through the recovery"
; then

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Springfield encourages mortgage-holding banks and companies to implement a voluntary moratorium on foreclosures and no-fault evictions for the residents of the City.