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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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August 28, 2007 Columbus, Ohio. A first time forum to address predatory lending in central Ohio especially in the Latino community will be convened September 25, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., by the Latino Housing Advocacy Committee. The forum will be held at United Way of Central Ohio, 360 S. Third St., Columbus, Ohio.

The workshop speakers, Joseph V. Maskovyak, Ohio State Legal Services, will address the issue of land contracts and Marian Perozo from Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation (MGIC), presentation on Emerging Markets, ITIN loans and alternative credit. A question and answer session will follow with a panel of professionals from business and the government sectors.

This two hour workshop is invaluable if you are working with funding, dissemination of housing information and or legislation of housing for Latino or the immigrant market.

The Latino Housing Advocacy Committee is a group of concerned realtors, brokers, social service and government agencies seeking to bring attention to the predatory lending crisis in our city and state.

Register today. Seating is limited. Please call 614-241-3071, Sharon L. Ware, United Way of Central Ohio in order to register.

## **The Latino Housing Advocacy Committee**

- Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation
- Century 21 Brookshire and Associates
- Classical Realty
- Columbus Housing Partnership (CHP)
- Columbus Urban League
- Fifth Third Bank
- Franklin County Treasurer Ed Leonard
- Homes on the Hill CDC
- Latino Empowerment Outreach Network
- League of United Latino American Citizens (LULAC), Columbus
- Mayor Michael B. Coleman's New Americans Initiative
- Nancy Acevedo Agency
- National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals of Central Ohio (NAHREP)
- Ohio Treasurer
- Remax, Elite Services
- Revealty
- The Legal Aid Society of Columbus
- United Way of Central Ohio
- Western Credit Union
- The Ohio Hispanic Coalition
- City of Columbus, Community Relations Commission