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## HOME of VA and other Civil Rights Organizations Add Cities and New Evidence to Housing Discrimination Complaint against U.S. Bank

News Conference to Feature New Evidence from Hampton Roads, Washington, D.C. Metro, New Orleans, New Haven, and Dallas

\*\*\*\*News Conference Call Tuesday, March 11 at 12 PM EDT; \*\*\*\*

## Please <u>click here</u> to register for the news conference

On Tuesday, March 11, the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) and four of its member organizations (including Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc.) will hold an online news conference to announce the filing of an amended federal housing discrimination complaint with additional evidence against U.S. Bank. The organizations condemn U.S. Bank's continuing failure to maintain and market foreclosed homes for which it is owner of record, including those to which it holds title as a trustee for securitized mortgage trusts.

The amended complaint, originally filed in April 2012, will be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is the result of a continuing undercover investigation into how major banks doing business in the United States fail to maintain and market foreclosed homes they own in African-American and Latino neighborhoods in **Hampton Roads**, **Washington**, **D.C.**, **New Orleans**, **New Haven**, **and Dallas**.

WHAT: News conference to discuss findings of an investigation into U.S. Bank's discriminatory

treatment of REO properties in Dallas, Hampton Roads, New Haven, New Orleans, and

Washington, D.C.

WHO: Shanna L. Smith, President and CEO, National Fair Housing Alliance (DC)

**Heather Crislip**, President and CEO, Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia

James Perry, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center Erin Kemple, Executive Director, Connecticut Fair Housing Center Frances Espinoza, Executive Director, North Texas Fair Housing Center

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**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 11 at 12 PM EDT

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