

DECEMBER 6 – NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION TO FIGHT FORECLOSURES AND  
EVICTIONS CALLED BY THE OCCUPY WALL STREET MOVEMENT

# **RALLY TO STOP THE EVICTION OF DETROITER KYRA WILLIAMS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011, 5:00 p.m.**

**1140 HIBBARD, DETROIT**

**(just north of E. Jefferson, east of Van Dyke)**

Kyra Williams had a lease agreement on a property located at 1140 Hibbard, Detroit, MI 48214. Ms. Williams and the landlord had an agreement under which she was paying rent with an option to buy the property. Kyra Williams paid a significant amount of money in rent to the landlord. Twenty five percent of the monthly payment was being collected for the purchase of the property.

Kyra Williams received notice of an eviction hearing for Dec. 21, 2009. The reason for the eviction hearing was that unbeknownst to Ms. Williams, the landlord and owner of the home had defaulted on the mortgage for the property with CitiMortgage. Kyra Williams attended the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court hearing and tried to explain she was the tenant in the property and had a lease with option to purchase the property. The lender CitiMortgage finally agreed to sell the property to Ms. Williams. She provided proof of funding and even made repairs to the property in anticipation of purchasing the home in conformance with this agreement.

Ms. Williams waited the final approval of the sale and a closing date. Instead of a closing date, Ms. Williams recently received a message that CitiMortgage changed its mind and was moving forward with the eviction. A writ of eviction has already been signed and Ms. Williams can be evicted at any time.

The City of Detroit has lost 250,000 people to foreclosures and evictions because of the actions of all the major banks, Citi, Bank of America, Chase, Wells Fargo, etc., who have shown utter disregard for the rights of individuals like Ms. Williams and the destruction to our communities that evictions and foreclosures have wrought.

The Moratorium NOW! Coalition and Occupy Detroit are joining together to say enough is enough. We are prepared to do what is necessary to keep Ms. Williams in her home and defend others like her. We are joining with the Occupy Our Homes campaign which is staging actions all over the U.S. on Dec. 6. And we are demanding that the governors and President Obama immediately enact a two-year moratorium on all foreclosures and foreclosure-related evictions, especially in light of the trillion-dollar bailout to the banks which takes place with every foreclosure and eviction through the federal takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

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