



# Senate Urban Affairs & Housing Committee

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**TO:** Senate Urban Affairs Committee Members

**FROM:** Senator Gene Yaw, Chairman

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**SUBJECT:** Urban Affairs Committee Joint House / Senate Meeting on Land Banking

With the forthcoming re-introduction of land bank enabling legislation, the House Urban Affairs Committee and the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee will conduct a joint informational meeting on the subject of land banking on **Tuesday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. in Room G50 of the Irvis Office Building**. Members will hear from and be able to ask questions of Dan Kildee, co-founder and president of the Center for Community Progress.

A land bank focuses on the conversion of vacant, abandoned and tax-delinquent properties into productive use. They can be pivotal in making property redevelopment more efficient and affordable and for reserving land for targeted purposes under local policy and planning goals. Fair and modern real estate tax sales are integral to productive land banking.

Mr. Kildee initiated the use of Michigan's new tax foreclosure law as a tool for community development and neighborhood stabilization. He founded the Genesee Land Bank, and a model for others in the nation – and serves as its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. In 2007, Kildee's land bank program was named winner of the Harvard University/Fannie Mae Foundation Innovations in American Government Award for Affordable Housing. In 2009, he was named one of the "GOOD 100" by the Los Angeles-based GOOD Magazine, recognizing him as one of the "the most important, exciting, and innovative people, ideas, and projects making our world better."

Before founding the Center, Kildee served as Genesee County Treasurer from 1997-2009. Prior to his election as Treasurer, he served for 12 years as a Genesee County Commissioner, including five years as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Dan also has served as president of the Genesee Institute, a research and training institute focusing on Smart Growth, urban land reform, and land banking. Dan was a member of the executive committee of the National Vacant Properties Campaign; the Center for Community Progress is the successor to the Genesee Institute and the National Vacant Properties Campaign.

If your schedule permits, please contact Patti Gilroy, Committee Secretary, at 787-3280.



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