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## Jesse Jackson to speak in Antioch

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson's nonprofit RainbowPUSH Coalition has been fighting across the nation for relief for homeowners drowning in the tidal wave of residential foreclosures.

"We need, right now, a real movement of homeowners who will stand up and not surrender to this economic tyranny," Jackson said in a phone interview Wednesday.

Now, Jackson believes some of those homeowners might be in Antioch.

The legendary social and political activist will visit this East Contra Costa city Sept. 17 as he travels through California lobbying lawmakers for widespread loan restructuring and dramatic reduction of mortgage interest rates. Other stops are planned in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

"If banks are getting zero percent money, the clunkers are getting zero percent money"... then maybe homeowners should fight for the same deal," Jackson said.

Antioch has been among the Bay Area's hardest-hit cities in the foreclosure crisis of the past two years. A search Wednesday of the online real estate site RealtyTrac showed 6,059 bank-owned foreclosures in Contra Costa County and 6,508 borrowers in default on their loans. Antioch had 918 bank-owned foreclosures and 1,045 defaults.

Jackson, who will speak at Antioch Church Family from 5 to 8 p.m., blames predatory lending practices and a lack of governmental oversight for the crisis.

"The robber got paid on both ends and the robbed, they remain hemorrhaging," he said.

East Contra Costa residents Kay Trail and Roger Henry invited Jackson to speak in Antioch after Trail met him in Atlanta this summer. Jackson agreed, he said, because activists here have already organized demonstrations for mortgage relief and proved themselves ready to mobilize.

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In March, 45 people boarded a bus in Antioch bound for Washington, D.C., to join a national demonstration for mortgage relief. That effort was organized locally by the Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization, known as CCISCO.

Trail and Henry have begun working with pastors at Antioch and Pittsburg churches to bring together people for Jackson's appearance, and say they want to extend the invitation throughout the community.

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If you go What: Jesse Jackson speaking on "Save Our Homes: Restructure Loans -- Don't Foreclose"  
When: 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 17 Where: Antioch Church Family, 55 E. 18th St., Antioch DETAILS: Call Roger Henry at 925-978-6642 or Kay Trail at 925-565-5954

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