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## Wells Fargo to Hear Foreclosure Stories from ClearPoint Housing Counselors

**December 14, 2009, Fresno, California** – Executives from Wells Fargo will meet with California housing counselors at the Fresno office of <u>ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions</u>, 4969 East McKinley Avenue, Monday, December 14, 2009 at 2 p.m. to hear what consumers are experiencing.

"ClearPoint counselors are on the front lines of the housing crisis. They are helping consumers fend off foreclosure, but they also help combat predators who are trying to cheat desperate homeowners," said Wells Fargo Central California Regional President David Galasso. "We think it is important to learn from them."

"We hear the horror stories on a daily basis," said Pacific President Martha Lucey. "Our job is to help consumers turn things around. We work with them one on one to find solutions to their housing problems," she said.

ClearPoint has offices in some of the hardest-hit foreclosure markets in the country, including Merced, Riverside-San Bernardino and Modesto. Members of the media are welcome to attend the Fresno meeting between Wells Fargo and ClearPoint housing counselors.

Wells Fargo has committed an additional \$100,000 to support ClearPoint housing education outreach throughout California, including 380 default counseling sessions and 15 first-time homebuyer workshops to help 180 consumers responsibly prepare for homeownership.

"There is tremendous demand for our services, and our partnership with Wells Fargo has helped hundreds of people stay in their homes," said Lucey.

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