Fannie Mae and Minority Lending: Assessment and Action Plan

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Thank you for giving me a chance to join you today. Mike asked me to share with you Fannie Mae’s perspective on the challenges and opportunities of minority lending, as well as a brief overview of the newly finalized regulatory housing goals promulgated by HUD.

The presentation has four distinct segments. I will begin by reviewing the data on the barriers to minority homeownership.

I will then share some facts both about Fannie Mae’s success in tackling the challenge of minority lending, and in looking at recent market trends and our performance when compared to the market.

I want to share with you some specific information about the main initiatives we are taking under our American Dream Commitment to expand minority homeownership and Fannie Mae’s role in expanding it, and close with a brief summary of the new HUD regulations.
The Challenges for Minority Lending
Black and Hispanic Homeownership Rates Lag Far Behind Whites

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Housing Vacancy Survey
• Fannie Mae is committed to working with the entire housing industry to close these gaps. But the challenges are significant.

• Economic circumstances are not evenly distributed among the races, and the differences are shocking.

• Black and Hispanic incomes lag behind white incomes for both homeowners, shown in light blue, and renters, shown in dark blue.

• The mortgage finance system will have to deal successfully with these income issues in the decade ahead in order to close the homeownership gaps.
The differences are even more stark in wealth. For both homeowners (left) and renters (right) White net wealth is significantly higher than Hispanic and Black net wealth.

Obviously, the lack of net worth is a barrier to homeownership, but also, conversely, the lack of homeownership is a barrier to wealth creation. Just look at the differences in net wealth between homeowners and renters.

Most people’s largest asset is the equity in their home. The chart on the left shows that home equity makes up a higher share of total net wealth for Blacks and Hispanics than for Whites.
In our mortgage business, the differences in wealth show up in the amount of down payment the borrower can provide and the amount of reserves that the borrower has. Both are critical elements in assessing a borrower’s credit risk profile.

This slide shows that Hispanics and Blacks tend to have more high LTV loans, indicating that they have less wealth to put into a down payment.
This next slide shows the larger percentage of Hispanic and Black applicants with less than one full month of available cash reserves after closing.

This is another widely recognized factor in assessing a borrower’s credit risk.
Financial Barriers to Homeownership
(Based on NHID analysis of 1993 SIPP)

Each of these individual issues is exacerbated when you realize that the majority of renters face more than one of these barriers at the same time.

Total Minority renter households that face:
1) 1 barrier only = 1.35 Million (12.6% of all minority renter hhlds),
2) 2 barriers only = 1.14 Million (10.7% of all minority renter hhlds),
3) 3 barriers = 7.6 Million (71% of all minority renter hhlds).

Note: Approximately 8.8 Million minority renter hhlds face multiple barriers (82% of all minority renter hhlds). Also, 5.7% of all minority renter hhlds (620,000) can afford a conventional mortgage.

While this Fannie Mae analysis focuses on 1993 SIPP data, census Bureau analyst Howard Savage has published work painting exactly the same picture around the difficulties of turning renters into homeowners.
But wealth and income are not the only barriers to minority homeownership. Based on an analysis of Fannie Mae deliveries, minorities tend to have lower credit scores than non-minorities.

Blacks, represented by the blue line, tend to have a higher percentage of loans that score below 620, which is an indicator of high credit risk.

The purple and green lines, representing Asians and Whites, have a much higher percentage of loans with credit scores above 740, which is an indicator of less credit risk.
Access to information about the homebuying process is another barrier. Fannie Mae has researched this question through our annual National Housing Survey, copies of which you can get through Mike and his staff.

During the Trillion Dollar Commitment, the company and then the Foundation put enormous resources into homebuyer education and consumer outreach. The survey shows that we have made considerable progress in overcoming this barrier.

On the other hand, a majority of Black and Hispanic households still express a level of discomfort with real estate terms.
Discrimination is also another major concern and a lingering barrier despite much progress on this front in American society over the last 4 decades.

Our survey finds that fewer Blacks and Hispanics believe that people like them face discrimination in mortgage lending when responses today are compared with 6 years ago.

But the levels are still unacceptably high.
Fannie Mae’s Commitment to Minority Lending

Mission Statement

At Fannie Mae, we are in the American Dream business. Our mission is to tear down barriers, lower costs, and increase the opportunities for homeownership and affordable rental housing for all Americans. Because having a safe place to call home strengthens families, communities, and our nation as a whole.

• Fannie Mae’s American Dream Commitment is our pledge to invest $2 trillion over 10 years to help 18 million families buy or rent an affordable home and to close homeownership gaps and strengthen communities.

• Understanding these drivers is important to us because we are a mission-driven company. We pride ourselves on our leadership in the mortgage industry on affordable housing lending, and in lending to minorities in particular.

• Our commitment to leadership is manifest in the Company announcing and then achieving the Trillion Dollar Commitment -- a 7-year pledge to invest $1 trillion in housing related investments serving more than 10 million targeted households.

• In March of this year, after celebrating the achievement of the Trillion Dollar goals we announced our American Dream Commitment to close homeownership gaps and strengthen communities and doubled our pledge to $2 trillion.
1999 Achievements

- 68.6 percent of Fannie Mae business served targeted populations
- Increased share of our overall business served targeted borrowers
- $45.6 billion in loans to minority households
- $12.4 billion in multifamily housing investments
- More than $1 billion in investments in the LIHTC

- One of our outstanding achievements under that the Trillion Dollar Commitment is the transformation of our business. When we announced the goal in 1994, 55 percent of our business served targeted populations. This has grown to more than 68 percent today.
- In 1999, we increased the share of our total single family business serving minority borrowers from 14.4 percent to 16.6 percent from 1998.
- We also increased the low-mod and underserved shares of households served by our single-family business from 1998 to 1999.
- We provided more than $45.6 billion in home financing to more than 412,000 minority families -- a level of investment unparalleled by any other single entity in the industry.
- We also continued our leadership as the leading financial institution supporting multifamily housing and remained the nation’s largest single investor in low-income housing tax credits.
2000 Achievements

- Achieved Trillion Dollar Commitment and announced American Dream Commitment
- $23.8 billion YTD serving 219,731 minority households
- On track for strongest targeted lending performance ever -- nearly 50 percent of households low- and moderate income and 19.5 percent of households minority

- We are already near the end of 2000, and we are on track to have a very good year.
  - We achieved the Trillion and announced a redoubling of our commitment under the American Dream Commitment.
  - Our Chairman has committed to lead the market in lending to all racial and ethnic groups. Although we won’t see the data for the primary market until next August, we believe we’re on track to meet this challenge. Year to date, more than 19 percent of the households we’ve served in 2000 are minority.
  - We are also expecting a very strong year in our housing goals performance. Year to date nearly 50 percent of the households we have served have incomes below the area median income in their area.
  - We also have a number of exciting new achievements in 2000.
    - We are advancing our efforts to serve subprime borrowers with our Timely Payment Rewards product and we have rolled out our newest version of Desktop Underwriter, DU 5.0, which will help us to greatly expand the markets we can serve.
    - And most recently we announced our MyCommunity Mortgage, which we hope will give lenders the flexibility they need to meet their individual CRA 1-4 unit product needs and expand even more our service to low-mod borrowers and their communities.

- AA: 47,175; $4.5B. H: 87,032; $8.5B. Asian: 54,658; $7.2B
We believe we have much to be proud about with respect to Fannie Mae’s minority lending performance in 1999 and over the decade.

This slide illustrates the change in the number of households we served, comparing our purchases in 1993 to our purchases in 1999.

As you can see, we have made much progress -- increasing the number of minority households we serve by 16 percent, while the number of White households we served decreased 13 percent.

Even more pronounced is the progress we have made in serving Black and Hispanic borrowers, which have increased by 31 and 26 percent respectively.
Recent Market Trends and Fannie Mae Performance
I would now like to shift to a discussion of the market trends we’ve observed this year and what they tell us about minority participation and the respective accomplishments of the primary and secondary markets.

First, in 1999, the mortgage market remained strong, with high mortgage market volumes. Loan levels last year were second only to 1998, with 13.2 million loans originated or purchased in 1999.

Second, 1999 was down nearly 15 percent from 1998 volume. As you can see from this chart, the overall drop in volume was driven entirely by a decline in refinance loan volume of 31 percent. The number of home purchase money mortgages continued to grow, up 6 percent from 1998.
Market Trends: Relatively Better Minority Market

One of the major stories in the 1999 market data is strong minority volumes.

Again, purchase money mortgage volumes increased from 1998 to 1999.

Moveover, as this chart shows, minority purchase money mortgage growth exceeded that of the market across all market segments when compared with overall volume change from 1998 to 1999.

It is important to note, however, the highest levels of growth were in those market segments where we do not traditionally participate: manufactured, subprime, and jumbo mortgages.

• This leads to another story behind the 1999 market data -- the continued growth of the suprime market.
• 1999 HMDA data suggests that subprime market share has grown more than ten-fold over the past 7 years -- from 1 percent of total originations and purchases to nearly 11 percent of total originations and purchases.
• The subprime market was the only market segment with higher overall volume in 1999 than in 1998.
• *Inside B&C Lending* estimates $160 billion in subprime originations in 1999. 1999 HMDA data, using HUD’s list of subprime lenders, shows only $119 billion in subprime originations -- missing approximately 1/4 of the industry estimated volume for that year. HU also estimates that the total volume of the lenders on their subprime list covers only 80 percent of the total subprime volume. (*Note: Inside B&C Lending $160B estimate and $119B of originations off HUD’s list include manufactured housing volume.*)
• I should also mention that we have seen considerable consolidation in the mortgage market over the past few years. Many banks and thrifts have acquired subprime affiliates and begun to reach further down the credit curve themselves.
Affordable and Minority Lending: Subprime vs. Conventional Conforming Market
(1999 HMDA Percent of Loans)

Source: 1999 HMDA data, originations and purchases, owner-occupied, purchase money mortgages in MSAs.
Subprime defined as loans originated or purchased by 263 HUD-identified subprime lenders and 23 HUD-identified manufactured housing lenders. Conventional Conforming excludes subprime, manufactured, government, and jumbo loans, except those reported as sold to Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

- As you can see, the subprime market has much higher low- and moderate-income, underserved, and minority concentrations than the prime conventional conforming market.
Further, in the subset of the market to which we compare our performance, we observe an increase in volume being sold to primary market affiliate institutions.

1999 HMDA data shows that mortgage companies whose parent companies are banks or thrifts also sold significantly higher shares of their targeted production to their affiliated companies and less to other secondary market entities. This trend is reflected in the significant bulking up in mortgage assets that we observed last year among banks and S&Ls.

In the subset of their business to which we compare our performance, mortgage company subsidiaries of depositories sold 19.5 percent of their loans to affiliates in 1999. This is a 99 percent increase over the 9.8 percent of their business they sold to affiliates in 1998.

Similarly, the share of low-mod loan volume these lenders sold to affiliates jumped from 14.4 percent in 1998 to 19.3 percent in 1999. For loans to borrowers in underserved areas, the share jumped from 13.1 percent to 18.5 percent. For minority loans the share jumped from 16.9 percent in 1998 to 23.1 percent in 1999.
Market Trends: Increases in Affordable Loans Not Sold

- Depositories also held a higher share of their volume in portfolio, especially for minority lending.
- In the subset of their business to which we compare our performance, these lenders increased the share of their production held in portfolio by 17.9 percent from 1998 to 1999.
- This trend holds true across targeted lending groups, as well.
- As you can see from the chart, banks and S&Ls increased the share of their low-mod loans held in portfolio by 13.0 percent; loans to borrowers in underserved areas by 15.2 percent; and loans to minority borrowers by 18.2 percent. Most importantly, we calculate that all of the growth in lending to minorities in the conventional conforming market went into depository portfolios.
- Since banks and S&Ls have the largest share of targeted lending in the primary conventional conforming market, their decision to hold rather than sell affects the mix of business available to Fannie Mae.
- Our own anecdotal evidence suggests that this increase is due in part to below-market CRA loan products.
Market Trends: Portfolio Loans vs. Loans Sold to the Secondary Market

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Source: HMDA Data 1998 and 1999, Originations and Purchases, Conventional Conforming, Owner-Occupied Home Purchase Loans in MSAs, commercial banks and S&Ls, loans reported as "Not Sold" compared to loans reported as sold.

- It is also important to note that the loans that depositories put into portfolio had a much higher presence of underserved area loans and minority loans than the loans that the depositories made available for sale.
Fannie Mae versus the Primary Market: Achieving a Meaningful Comparison

- Conventional Conforming loans only
  - Remove jumbo loans
  - Remove government loans
  - Remove subprime lender volumes
  - Remove manufactured housing lenders and very small loans

- Other considerations
  - Originations and purchases
  - Home purchase loans only
  - Owner-occupied loans only

With these trends in mind, I want to give you a sense of how Fannie Mae has stacked up in its own performance in serving minorities and other targeted borrowers when compared with the progress made in the primary market by originating lenders.

First, let me explain how we use the HMDA information when making comparisons:

- Remove the jumbo, governments, subprime and manufactured housing loans (using HUD’s list). These are not markets in which we operate. We do add back in those jumbo, subprime, and manufactured housing loans reported as sold to Fannie or Freddie, under the assumption that these loans did indeed conform to our market.

- In looking at HMDA, we include loans reported as both originated and purchased by lenders. Purchases make up an important percentage of the overall market and a high percentage of Fannie Mae business is originated by third party originators.

- Limit to purchase money mortgages because refinance loans are more a function of interest rate movements than level of effort.

- Finally, a fair comparison includes only owner-occupied loans, because HMDA data captures the income of the borrower not the resident in an investor-owned, single-family property.

Let me mention here that HUD also performs a similar comparison between our performance and the market. Some of you may have seen their numbers in the Housing Goals rule or in the press last spring. Their methodology differs from ours in that they look at originations only in the HMDA database, and they include investor-owned mortgages in the comparison. In addition, HUD includes all of the manufactured housing loan volume and at least half of the subprime volume. Again, we believe these are not markets in which Fannie Mae has traditionally operated, and therefore should not be included in the market against which our leadership is measured.
It is particularly important to focus on the issue of missing data. Increasingly loans are delivered to Fannie Mae without the race of the borrower identified. Likewise, data in HMDA reveals high levels of loans without race data. In fact, the number of loans without race data -- shown by the red bar on this chart, for the market -- completely swamps the amount of loans with data for any individual racial or ethnic group.

The problem of missing data is much more pronounced in the market than in our data. Borrower race is not reported on nearly 27 percent of the HMDA loans. 14 percent the loans we financed in 1999 did not provide the race of the borrower.

The point is that with so much unknown information, it is difficult to draw clear conclusions when differences in performance are measured in basis points.
This slide shows you how Fannie Mae’s financings in 1999 compared with the distribution of reported originations in the primary market for conforming, conventional loans. Jumbos are excluded from the market profile, for instance.

As you can see, our business is in lock step with the market. Any differences between Fannie Mae’s business and the primary market are quite small.

At the same time, however, we did notice a slight shift to the left for the market relative to the same chart for prior years. In other words, in 1999 our performance tracked a little less closely than in earlier years.
This slide compares Fannie Mae with the primary market, again, using the methodology I outlined, on lending to borrowers at or below Area Median Income.

As you can see, our analysis shows Fannie Mae’s performance slightly below that of the primary market in 1999, a departure from most of the other years since 1995.

Our analysis suggests that this is due to the market trends I discussed earlier:

- depositories held an increased share of their low-mod loans in portfolio in 1999;
- mortgage bank subsidiaries of depositories sold a higher share of their loans to affiliates;
- and increased subprime lending volume -- traditionally a higher percentage low-mod than the overall conventional conforming market -- a significant portion of which is not picked up by HUD’s lender list and therefore is reflected in this subset of the primary market.

It’s important to look at the five-year story. Changes beyond our control in market conditions affect the relationship of our performance to that of the primary market. However, as you can see on this slide and those that follow, we have consistently led or met the market over the longer term.
This slide shows you a comparison between Fannie Mae and the primary market for lending to borrowers in underserved areas (essentially census tracts with lower income and higher minority concentrations).

While you can see that we have historically exceeded or matched the market, data for 1999 suggests that the primary market’s performance in this area surpassed Fannie Mae.

Again, we believe the three broader market trends explain much of the performance gap for 1999.
Fannie Mae versus the Market in Minority Lending
(Percent of loans serving minority borrowers)

Source: Fannie Mae data, owner-occupied purchase money mortgages in MSAs; Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, conventional conforming market, owner-occupied, purchase money mortgages in MSAs -- plus jumbo, subprime, and manufactured loans reported as "sold to" Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

- Similarly, our analysis found that even though the minority share of our business increased from 1998 to 1999, it did not keep pace with the primary market.
- But let’s put this analysis in perspective:
  - In the primary market, there are more loans for which we cannot identify borrower race than there are loans identified as minority.
  - In 1999, Fannie Mae purchased more than 384,000 minority loans serving more than 412,000 minority households. This is more than any other private secondary market entity.
  - Furthermore, our analysis found that had depositories behaved as they had in 1998 -- had they made the same proportion of their loan volume available to the secondary market -- this chart would show Fannie Mae leading the market in minority lending.
  - Likewise, had mortgage company subsidiaries of depositories not increased the share of their business they sold to affiliates in 1999, this chart would show Fannie Mae’s performance exceeding the primary market.
  - Finally, we have learned through anecdotal evidence from our lender partners that subprime loans may be included in the loan purchase data they submit under HMDA. With a disproportionately higher minority concentration, such subprime loan volume would skew this comparison.
Now I’d like to show you some of the analysis we have done to explore the impact that market trends have on our comparison to the primary market.

You remember the earlier chart that showed the boom in subprime lending. I mentioned that we and others identify subprime volume in the HMDA data by using a list of subprime lenders that HUD issues each year, and that while this is the best way to identify subprime volume in the data set, it undercounts the subprime volume in the market by about 25 percent.

So what we’ve done is adjust the primary prime conventional conforming data for this undercount -- “Unidentified Subprime”. This chart illustrates the impact this adjustment has on the market’s performance.

As you can see, when we remove what we estimate to be subprime loans that are not identified by HUD’s subprime lender list, the targeted shares of primary market volumes declines.

With this adjustment, Fannie Mae’s minority and low-mod shares are higher than that of the primary market in 1999.

Background: Methodology is to remove $41 billion (estimated unidentified subprime volume in conventional conforming market) from the conv conf market at the same distribution as the subprime volume identified by HUD’s lender list. For the purposes of the estimated undercount and the adjustment, manufactured housing volume in included in the subprime numbers.
Nevertheless, Fannie Mae is committed to leading in lending to all minorities, and the shift in our performance relative to the market concerns us. I’d like to turn now to give you some details about the steps we are taking as a company to increase our participation in lending to minorities, and to help increase minorities’ participation in the mortgage finance system overall.
The American Dream Commitment is Fannie Mae’s commitment to leadership in affordable housing and to closing persistent homeownership gaps.

Fannie Mae has made a commitment to support an average $200 billion a year in affordable housing activity compared to the previous commitment of $143 billion per year.

The American Dream Commitment puts a more intense focus on tackling the tough challenge of closing homeownership gaps.

Our National Minority Homeownership Initiative and our Opportunity for All Strategy are dedicated to this goal. Over the last several years, America has made extraordinary progress in increasing homeownership rates for all Americans -- more than 40 percent of the new homeowners created have been minority families - but significant gaps still remain. This poses a significant challenge for this country if we are going to close larger gaps in wealth, income, and opportunity.

The American Dream Commitment includes a new intense focus on community development and the role that housing investment plays in building strong neighborhoods and a stronger society.

And, finally, the American Dream Commitment breaks new ground with its unique focus on preeminence of consumer rights and fundamental role of technology.

I want to focus my time on detailing for you our plans and actions under the National Minority Homeownership Initiative.
The National Minority Homeownership Initiative begins with a challenge to both the public and private sectors to create 5 million new minority homeowners over the next 10 years.
Minority Homeownership Rate Projections

This chart shows you the kind of challenge this goal presents.
Fannie Mae will make our contributions. I’ve already shared with you the fact that in recent years we have consistently outpaced the market in terms of our overall financing of loans to minorities.

But we are not content.

Over the next 10 years, we are committed to finance more than $420 billion in loans serving 3 million minority borrowers. This $420 billion is more than twice the $189 billion in minority lending we achieved under the Trillion Dollar Commitment and represents an annual growth in minority lending business 15 percent higher than our overall business.
National Minority Homeownership Initiative

- Extend conventional market practices and cost-savings to borrowers in the subprime market
- Increase deliveries from MWOLs and CDFIs to $3 billion annually
- Strengthen and grow our partnerships with civil rights groups and faith-based organizations
- Invest $350 million to help 4,600 Native American home buyers

To achieve our big goals will require that we continue to make progress in breaking down the barriers that face all renters, but more often minority renters. These barriers include limited savings for down payments, inadequate income to cover monthly mortgage payments, impaired credit, lack of sufficient information about the process, and discrimination. Many renters face all of these barriers at once.

Fannie Mae will need to continue to expand our underwriting experiments -- already more than $10 billion committed -- that are testing new approaches to credit and downpayment and income. The learning from these experiments, coupled with our technology is making innovation and market expansion possible. Our Timely Payment Rewards product, for example, is opening markets and lowering costs for borrowers who otherwise face only the alternative of much higher priced loans in the subprime market.

To reach our big goals, we will also need to expand our partnerships with civil rights groups and faith-based organizations to establish new channels and new connections to communities of color. We will need to increase our deliveries form non-traditional Fannie Mae customers -- such as minority-owned lenders and community development financial institutions who are currently serving these consumers.
National Minority
Homeownership Initiative

• Lender partnerships to increase
  minority homeownership and
  lending volumes
  – $5 billion partnership with
    CTX Mortgage
  – $12 billion partnership with
    CitiMortgage
  – $1 billion partnership with
    Irwin Mortgage
• Welcome Initiative -- A New
  Country, A New Home
• Perspectives on Diversity

Lenders are the key to all of our success, of course, and one of our principal
efforts to build a better book of minority lending starts with our key partners --
lenders.

This region has been a leader, with both CitiMortgage and CTX Mortgage
leading the way in creating innovative, targeted initiatives with Fannie Mae
designed specifically to increase lending to minorities and other underserved
borrowers.

Under these agreements, we have worked with our partners to create or accept
specialized products with very low downpayments and other underwriting
flexibilities.

We have provided our lender partners with specialized market research to help
them identify areas where their efforts are likely to yield the greatest results.

We have worked with them to create and provide specialized marketing
materials, particularly for New Immigrants and others for whom English is not
their first language.

We plan to do more of these in 2001.
National Minority Homeownership Initiative

- Targeted community lending products that expand our lenders’ ability to reach underserved markets
  - $530 billion in CRA-eligible financings through 2009
  - $20 billion in targeted CRA lending through innovative products
    - MyCommunityLoan.com
  - >$7 billion since 1997 launch
  - Increased flexibility through DU, introduction of EA/TPR

We know that our lender partners, particularly depositories, face their own challenges in meeting the full spectrum of their communities’ credit needs.

Fannie Mae is already the leading source of mortgage credit to support CRA-type lending. In 1999, for example, about 30 percent of all our single family financings helped families that met one or both of the CRA lending tests. In addition, since 1997 we’ve had an aggressive initiative to finance CRA lending through both flow and seasoned deals. To date we’ve done more than $7 billion, against a goal of $10 billion by 2002.

The American Dream Commitment commits us to finance at least $530 billion in CRA-eligible loans through 2009, and to undertake at least $20 billion in targeted CRA lending with our lender partners.

We will accomplish this through initiatives like MyCommunityLoan, which was announced last month at the MBA, the ABA and ACB conferences. We will continue to expand our products like EA and TPR, and continue to add flexibilities and products to DU so that it continues to be a fundamental tool in reaching new markets.
National Minority Homeownership Initiative

- Partnerships with new entrants and trusted advisors to assist minorities overcome barriers and bring consumers to the marketplace
  - National Urban League
  - National Council of La Raza
  - Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation
  - NAACP
  - The Enterprise Foundation

Our experience over the last 10 years has taught us that our work is more successful when we are laboring together with non-traditional partners with deep roots in the communities we are seeking to serve. That’s why we’ve created partnerships with these groups, and will continue to expand this list in the next years.

In every case, we are working directly with our lenders to help these groups identify potential homebuyers, provide them with advice and encouragement, and assist them in entering the mortgage process well educated and prepared. Through these alliances we will bring new consumers to the marketplace and help our lenders serve them with innovative products to meet their needs.
National Minority Homeownership Initiative

- Direct investments and deposits in Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to spur mortgage and community development investments in underserved communities
  - $8 million in deposits
  - $29.6 million in equity investments
  - $13.5 million in loans for CDFI investments

We are also providing capital to community-based institutions that are specifically designed to meet the needs of these often underserved communities.
In sum, then, our strategy is simple but challenging: to work with our lender partners to devise and then market the best products to these new markets.

We have an unwavering commitment to serving these new markets, and believe that the American Dream Commitment gives us the blueprint to achieve the bold goals we’ve set for ourselves and to help our lenders meet their own.

I’d like to turn now to a very brief description of the regulatory housing goals recently promulgated by HUD. As most of you know, these goals are mandated in the 1992 statute that established our current regulatory structure. We’ve been operating under them since 1993, and this is the third time they have been changed.

Our mission goals are really like CRA on steroids. They are based on a percentage of our business, every year. We report on our progress 4 times a year, and provide data tapes of our complete book of business for the year twice each year. Large parts of what we do to serve low and moderate income households are not counted in the goals -- like our investments in Low Income Housing Tax Credits, for instance.

The next slide shows you what the goals were from 1995 through this year; how we stacked up against them; and what HUD has decided they should be for the next three years.

The fact is, Fannie Mae has exceeded every one of these goals since 1994.
These new goals represent a real stretch for Fannie Mae, despite our terrific performance over the last 6 years. We estimate, and HUD’s analysis agrees, that we face a stretch of about two full percentage points from our current levels in order to meet these new, aggressive goals.
Major Changes:
More Accurate Counting Rules

- Treatment of missing data
  - Excluded in both numerator and denominator
  - Allows proxy data for multifamily rents
  - Caps missing data on owner-occupied units in low-income tracts at 1 percent
- Specialized government mortgages -- HECMS, RHS, and Native American -- will now count for all three goals.
- Special affordable seasoned loans -- safe harbor based on lender CRA performance and for specialized institutions (HFAs, community credit unions, CDFIs, etc.)

There are some notable features in the new regs. One of the most important is that while raising the goals to a very challenging new level, HUD has also rectified some technical issues in the way our business is counted. These changes will ensure that we can take credit for all the business we do that serves targeted groups. It doesn’t make a huge difference in our actual scores, but it assures consistent treatment.
Major Changes: Bonus Points

- Small multifamily properties receive 2 points for each unit toward all three goals.
  - Freddie Mac also receives 1.2 units’ credit for all multifamily units in properties >50 units through 2003.

- Units in owner-occupied 2-4 unit properties receive two points toward the goals above a baseline equal to 60 percent of historical average.

- Bonus points are appropriate:
  - Difficult markets to serve.
  - Incentives to engage these markets.

HUD also acknowledged that there are specific parts of the market where Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be encouraged to do more. The higher goals levels are predicated, to some degree, on an assumption that we will be able to do so. Thus HUD has provided bonus scoring as an incentive in two specific areas: smaller rental properties, and rental units in owner occupied 2-4 unit properties.
Thank You!

Fannie Mae is committed to exceeding these new goals, as we have in the past. We believe that our American Dream Commitment will insure our success. The real payoff will be increased access to mortgages by minorities and other underserved families; more business for our lenders; and stronger, healthier communities.