

Hardship Letter Guidelines

Remember to state the following items in your **HANDWRITTEN** hardship letter:

1. **Hardships** – What are your hardships (current and past). For example – unemployed, car accident, medical problems (personal or family), etc. Go into a little detail about each hardship. The following are the most important messages to get across to the Lender:
 - a. Why you will not be able to be current again on your loan.
 - b. We do not have enough income to make these payments.
 - c. We are leaving the property.
2. **Your Assets** – Explain that you have no assets with which to continue paying.
3. **Any signed exemptions of documents** – If you do not have bank statements, pay stubs or tax returns, you will need to explain the reason in more detail in your letter as to “why” you can not provide those documents. (i.e. I've been unemployed for 6 months and have not been able to find work) Note- realize that if you don't have tax returns, then the bank will ask for Extension-Fillings. So, if you don't have Extension-Fillings either, explain why in this letter. (i.e. “I haven't worked in over 2 years and so I haven't filed taxes nor extensions”, or “I haven't filed my tax returns for the past 2 years and I failed to file extensions as well).
4. **Bankruptcy** – You could also mention “I don't want to have to file bankruptcy”.

Sample Hardship Letter

[*Remember, YOU must handwrite your own Hardship Letter to the Lender(s)]
To Whom It May Concern:

I have been unable to make my payments on my house, and I am now facing foreclosure. My inability to keep up with the monthly payments is the result of (loss of job, illness, accident, death or disability of a wage earner – describe in detail what your hardship is)

In spite of my current financial difficulties, I expect that it will only get (better / worse). I am not in a position to continue making my mortgage payments. This was not at all what I intended but I have come to the conclusion that this is my only option.

Your help and consideration in this matter are very much appreciated.

{Signature}

{Date}

{Printed Name}

Loan# 3017712328

Re: 1611 La Esplanade Place,
Santa Rosa, Calif. #116

October 18, 2009

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to you in request of your help and assistance to do a Short Sale. I currently am disabled and on disability payments. In the past few months I have found myself in financial trouble, and I am now desperate. With current market conditions so bad, my condominium is worth less each month. I attempted to rent it, and after eleven months incurred additional expenses for repairs. I have no other alternative, but to reside in the condo until it is sold. Please note that I have made all payments on time until this month, and I am now unable to maintain this home financially. I am devastated to be in this position, but I can no longer afford to continue making these payments. I simply do not have the money to make ends meet; my mother continues to reside in a nursing facility and I am her next of kin. This expense has almost forced me into bankruptcy, but I have told an attorney I would prefer to avoid filing, if there is anything else that can be done. I need your help. Please consider my request to do the Short Sale. Sincerely, Hal Smith

HARDSHIP LETTER

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I find ourselves in a very difficult and stressful economic situation. We bought our house approximately five years ago with the hopes of one day raising a family in it. We love our home, but over time due to the type of loan that we qualified for, an option ARM that adjusted to 6.95% the mortgage has reached an amount that our income can't sustain. On top of that due to the economy, my wife's hours at work have been reduced to avoid layoffs. Our current income barely allows us to cover the necessities and sometimes we can't even do that. We are drowning financially and are left with no options. We have looked at filing bankruptcy, however we would prefer the option of a short sale. We respectfully request your help and assistance to do a short sale and we thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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James & Tina Grissinger
Loan # 0149950651 1st
Loan # 170985919 2nd
209 West 7th Street
Santa Rosa Ca 95401

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HARDSHIP LETTER

12-17-2009

To Whom It May Concern

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO YOU IN REQUEST
OF YOUR HELP AND ASSISTANCE TO DO A SHORT
SALE OF 209 WEST SEVENTH ST. SANTA ROSA, CA.

I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING THAT I COULD DO
TO KEEP THIS PROPERTY IN MY POSSESSION FOR THE
LAST 2 1/2 YEARS. I HAVE TAKEN OVERTIME ~~TIME~~
AT WORK TO THE POINT OF EXPERIENCING PHYSICAL
AND HEALTH COMPLICATIONS. MY WIFE HAS HAD
HER PAY CUT SIGNIFICANTLY, RECENTLY AT
HER PART TIME JOB. I HAVE ALSO HAD IN-
CONSISTENT RENTERS ON THE PROPERTY THAT HAVEN'T
ALWAYS PRODUCED MONTHLY RENT. I AM BARELY
LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK. I HAVE EXHAUSTED
ALL OPTIONS AND UNFORTUNATELY NEED ACT QUICKLY.

MY PAYMENTS WERE ON TIME UNTIL I BEGAN
HAVING SEVERE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. I AM DEVASTATED
TO LOSE A HOME THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY PUT
SO MUCH WORK INTO, BUT I CANNOT AFFORD THE
PAYMENTS ANYMORE. I AM NO LONGER MAKING ENDS
MEET. I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER MY REQUEST.

RESPECTFULLY,





HARDSHIP LETTER

To Whom it May Concern:

My Husband and I are writing this letter to you in request for your help and assistance to do a Short Sale. Currently only my husband is working because I was laid off of my job last March of 2009 with Purple Wine Production Co and cannot find new employment. The income that I brought in was over a third of our annual income. Since that time we have had severe financial problems. Even though we did a loan modification on the first the new payments are too much for us to bare. We are devastated to be in this bleak financial condition but as hard working people we have come to the end of our rope. We currently reside in the home but because of no extra money the repairs are stacking up and the home is in state of disrepair. We have no other options available to us at this time, and need your help. Please consider our request for a Short Sale.

sincerely

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