

## Rose McGee wins fight to stay in her home

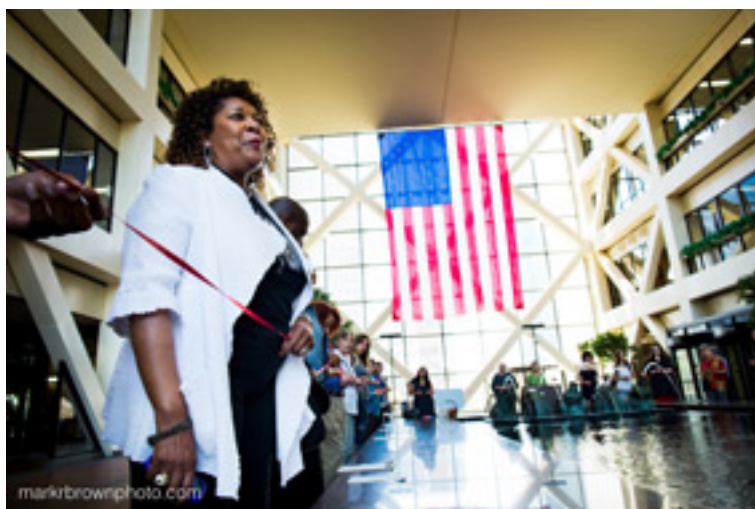
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McGee has been in a well-chronicled, yearlong battle with CitiMortgage to stop the foreclosure of her residence and to remain in the place she has called home for more than 20 years. That battle ended this past week when the two sides reached a settlement that will allow McGee to obtain a new mortgage on her home.

“Yes it's true. I get to say in my home. I'm getting a new mortgage,” said McGee in an email to supporters. “I'm so thankful to God, my children, Northside Community Reinvestment Coalition, Jewish Community Action, Occupy Homes MN, Drewes Law Firm, Congressman Keith Ellison, (the) Minnesota Attorney General's office and the many supporters whose prayers, music, venting chats, weeping sessions, glasses of wine, meals, "cupcakes" and just plain ole love - thank you.”



McGee said they are working on final details for a settlement resolution. Nearly 70 community members gathered to support McGee in a prayer vigil at the Hennepin County Government Center Tuesday afternoon (May 14) before McGee went into settlement court, where she reached a deal with lenders CitiMortgage and Fannie Mae.

McGee fell into foreclosure after losing her job at a nonprofit. She said she immediately contacted CitiMortgage to let them know of her job situation and they assured her they were working on a modification, but then sold her home at a sheriff sale May 18, 2012.

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The widow of William E. McGee, former chief public defender for Hennepin County, Rose McGee said she was a victim of dual tracking. Dual tracking is the practice where a lender continues to pursue foreclosure even though the homeowner is applying for a mortgage modification.

“We must not give up,” said McGee. “I will be staying in my home, but nobody should have to fight this hard for something so simple. The legislature must immediately pass a strong Homeowner Bill of Rights as a small step towards making sure no one else has to go through such an arduous journey.”