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## A Recession is on the Way - Where is Mayor John DeStefano?

### Goldson calls for six month moratorium of foreclosures

Darnell Goldson, a candidate for Mayor, called on Mayor John DeStefano to respond to the Water Pollution Control Authority's (WPCA) recent rash of foreclosures over past due accounts, some as low as \$800. "Aren't taxpayers suffering enough?" asked Goldson. "The Mayor just pushed through an increase in our taxes, rising energy costs have people turning off their heat at night, and folks can barely afford to drive to work, and now this, in the middle of the winter. Taxpayers have had enough", exclaimed Goldson. "This WPCA is John DeStefano's creation, it is time he pulled his head out of the sand and did something about this looming disaster. If the Mayor can not figure out what to do, I have a few suggestions for him."

1. Directly contact the WPCA board and demand an immediate six month moratorium on all foreclosures, including those now in progress.
2. Since the Mayor is so keen on setting up task forces, put one together with the goal to recommend less abrasive, yet successful methods for collecting this debt, including going to small claims court, or placing of liens on properties, without resorting to filing foreclosure suits.

"Like other utilities, the WPCA should find a way to work with local residents in hardship so as to not further strain their precarious situations," stated Goldson. "These foreclosure lawsuits only increase the problem, piling additional debt onto the homeowners, while lining the pockets of lawyers. There certainly should be a moratorium during this next six month period, while the state and federal governments struggle with the possible recession. The Mayor should take some leadership on this issue."