

# **Processing Borrower Consents**

2017 Asset Management & Operations Servicer Workshop



#### **Presenters**





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### **Session Agenda**

- Freddie Mac Borrower Consent volume
- Freddie Mac Servicing Standard
- PLIMs
- Repair extensions
- General reminders
- CRT





### Key Takeaways



By the end of today's session you will better understand the following concepts

- 1. When a PLIM is required as part of a Borrower Consent request
- 2. What constitutes a complete package for repair extensions
- 3. How to handle other Borrower Consent-related issues



### **Borrower Requests at Freddie Mac**



- 2016 volume of Borrower requests increased from 2015
  - » 1,353 total for Portfolio and Warehouse loans
    - 148 (8% of total) were transfers of ownership
  - » 413 total for Securitized as Master Servicer
- 2017 volume YTD as of May 31
  - » 420 total for Portfolio and Warehouse loans
    - 72 (17% of total) were transfers of ownership
  - » 342 total for Securitized as Master Servicer
- Early Indication Assumption reviews
  - » 3Q 2016: 12
  - » 4Q 2016: 56
  - » 2017 YTD as of May 31: 100
- Guidance requests
  - » 2016: 77
  - » 2017 YTD as of May 31: 19



### **Freddie Mac Servicing Standard**



- Freddie Mac Servicing Standard outlined in the Multifamily Seller/Servicer Guide
  - » Ensures transparency and ongoing communication among all postsecuritization transaction parties
- Managing Borrowers' expectations
  - » Timing, fees and potential issues both credit and loan documentation
- Consent Request timeline
  - » Complex requests 30 calendar days
  - » Routine requests 15 days
- Consent Request packages
  - » Comprehensive, accurate, clear, well-supported with relevant documents
- Timely use of CRT!

Receipt of complete package to Servicer's issuance of decision letter to Borrower

## Preliminary Legal Issues Memorandum (PLIM)



- Required for consent requests that raise legal issues
  - » Loan document review, interpretation, or modification
  - » Analysis of applicable laws and regulations
- Full form versus new short form ("PLIM Lite")
  - » PLIM Lite for easements, covenants, etc. not involving loan doc modifications
- Property changes no clear rule
  - » General Guideline
    - Unit configuration changes (demolition, construction requiring permit or zoning approval) YES
    - Exterior amenity changes NO
  - » Freddie Mac can request a PLIM if we determine needed for our review
- Review sample PLIMs
  - » Best Practice
    - Thoughtful description, analysis and recommendations with all required exhibits and proposed language
  - » Not OK
    - Incomplete, inadequate, or inaccurate analysis/recommendations; deletions or modifications of form, careless use of PLIMs from prior transactions

### **Repair Extension Reminders**



- Current occupancy rate (within 90 days)
- Explain current status for items to be extended, especially if partially complete (provide percent complete if possible)
- Provide status of upcoming repair items not yet due
- Provide Partial Completion Certification for completed Schedule of Work items
- Accurate calculation of proposed new due dates

### **General Reminders**



- Request forms should be complete and signed
  - » Loan priority, servicing parties, Guide, or PSA sections
- Preapproved transfers (sometimes require Lender discretion) versus permitted transfers (no Lender discretion, no Transfer Processing Fee)
- REMIC Opinions
  - » Significant modifications to loan or collateral (not Transfers of Ownership)
- Wiring transaction fees to Freddie Mac as Lender versus Master Servicer
  - » Freddie Mac Master Servicer use wire instructions in the Sub-Servicing Agreement
- Intercreditor Agreements
  - » Borrower Transactions mailbox (mf\_borrower\_transactions@freddiemac.com) for Freddie Mac to sign as Master Servicer

### **General Reminders (Cont'd)**



- Document Delivery
  - » Loan assumptions
    - Be mindful of delivery due dates in Approval Letter
      - Certain documents are due within 2 days or 5 days after closing
    - Purchase Structure team validates documents and may contact you
      - Tracking in Document Custody and will provide report of missing items
  - » Pending securitization, need wet signatures ASAP for legal documents
  - » If certified copies are provided, follow up to obtain and deliver recorded copies when available
  - » UCC Filings: deliver appropriate amendments, new filings and terminations as detailed on the Document Inventory list required by the Approval Letter, Guide and PSA (if applicable)
  - » First liens and supplemental loans: deliver documents to the correct parties

### **Consent Request Tracker (CRT)**



- CRT gives all Servicers greater visibility into the Consent Request process, improving Borrower experience
- Recent enhancements
  - » "Early Indication" review process for assumptions
  - » Search function by Primary Servicer or Master Servicer loan number, or request ID
  - » Automatic cancellation of aged records (no update in 90 days)
  - » Property Management Company changes: fields for incoming and outgoing firms
  - » Bulk request creation
  - » Automatic record conversion from warehouse to securitized