

Desperate House Situation

Question:

Dear Dave,

I'm 46 years old. My boyfriend, who was helping me with my house payments, moved out leaving me \$1,000 in the hole every month when bills are combined with the house payment.

I'm in the process of a short sale but my parents keep telling me to let the house go into foreclosure. Also, with all this debt and the price of gas, I have been using my credit card to help make ends meet.

What should I do?

Carla in Salt Lake City

Answer:

Carla,

I only recommend foreclosure after you run out of all other options. Once you enter the process of foreclosure, you lose control of the property – this includes the price for which the home sells. As long as you make your payments, you're still in the driver's seat.

I suggest you continue working on the short sale and get a great realtor to help you. Bring all offers to the bank until they either accept one.