

Name of agency/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

1. In your experience, how prevalent is the issue of squatting and adverse possession?

squatting - very  
a p - near zero

2. In what communities and districts do squatting and adverse possession appear most prominent?

rural puna, kona, kau

3. When you receive notice or a complaint about these situations, what is your normal course of action?

try to find the owner

4. What kinds of complications have arisen in the past that have prevented a successful resolution of the situation?

Banks often will not put their info on tax records to show ownership. One can find out which bank has foreclosed by calling the civil court and giving the defendants (owner on tax records) name. Banks generally won't do anything except turn off utilities and hope for the best. What the winning bidder does with the squatters after the auction is anyone's guess.

5. For those situations that have been successfully resolved, please describe what happened.

There have been no successes in my neighborhood. Only overgrown properties, loose starving dogs, thefts of property (water pumps etc.) from the homes.

6. What happens when you contact or try to contact the owner of record?

The owner of record doesn't own it anymore. See comment above.

7. What solutions would you recommend?

Some banks seem to try to keep up the property and some don't. Require a minimum upkeep rule addressing: brush control for fire/vermin, once a month inspection at least to be sure there are no squatters. Enlist neighbors help to deter criminal activity in subject properties.

8. Are there any other comments you would like to make?

And if the banks don't do it, fine them and pay someone who will.