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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?

I live in Waialua on the North Shore of Oahu. I have squatters living next door for 3 years now. I hear stories about other squatter occupied properties but don't think anyone is out there recording and counting these events. I hope this may be a good start for a State wide study. These individual homes that house squatters become islands of lawlessness and disruptive to their respective neighborhoods.

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

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

As a block we have started a Neighborhood Watch. Police have been called many times. An attorney has been hired. No progress after 3 years.

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

No contact from lender, foreclosure agency. Police can take no action unless there is complaint from owner. Lenders do not want to take possession because it will cost them more money?

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

Have not had that experience yet.

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

Our attorney is attempting to do this.

7. What solutions would you recommend?

More legislators need to pay attention. It would be a nice investigative journalism project for some newspaper.

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

California is a Trust Deed state. Foreclosure can still be a problem, but this helps. These areas often become areas of drug use, drug sales and centers for theft and other unlawful activities.

Leaders would be wise to look at this problem and seek solutions that benefit the

community. The police know there are problems in these homes but they have no authority to learn if occupants are occupying illegally.