

Disclosure to the borrower of credit scores and appraisals

A. Lenders should be required to disclose to borrowers their credit scores and the appraised value of the property so that borrowers can make informed decisions about their loans. (*Curbing Predatory Home Mortgage Lending*, p. 69.)

B. Richard Pittman, Director of Counseling and Housing, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Los Angeles, CCCS-LA, testified that mandatory disclosure of credit scores and appraisals is critical. Many people don't understand the credit scoring systems, credit bureaus in general, and the ability to bump themselves up to a higher level, a more preferential level of loan. (H&CD Hearing, 9/12/02, p. 20, lines 1-5.)

C. An encouraging new development from the private marketplace is the voluntary release of credit scores. This gives potential borrowers the ability to compare mortgage terms before they assume their debt. (*A Prudent Approach to Predatory Lending*, p. 2.)