## **Characteristics of a HELOC (Home Equity Line Of Credit)**

Required for the Advanced Line of Credit: Paying Off Your Mortgage

When shopping for your home equity line of credit to be used as your "ALOC", make sure the equity line has the following characteristics. If no, shop another lender: must be an open ended home equity line of credit with 5-10 year draw period the longer the draw period, the better must have an interest only payment option must be attached to the primary residence in a second lien position ☐ must be a variable rate home equity credit line do not have your monthly equity line payment automatically withdrawn from a designated checking account (your income deposits will be your payment, which will force the bank to adjust your daily minimum balance) ☐ do not lock-in your equity line rate (this will remove the interest-only rate option) What You Need for Check Writing ☐ lowest dollar amount minimum per check from the HELOC □ no fee per check from the HELOC □ no limit to the number of checks written from the HELOC each month ☐ shortest amount of time to clear and process checks from the HELOC What You Need for Online Banking (if your HELOC is with your current bank) online transfer capabilities from bank checking to the HELOC and HELOC to checking no limit on the number of transfer □ no fees for online transfers no dollar amount limitation on transfers □ online bill pay

shop your ALOC at: <a href="http://www.YourEquity.com">http://www.YourEquity.com</a>

☐ no fees for online bill pay

## **HOME EQUITY CREDIT LINES**

Lender Comparison

Use this form to compare rates and product terms among lenders. Ask the lender to provide the following information. If a particular lender you would like to work with does not offer the better deal, use this form to negotiate a better offer.

Interest Rate Features:	LENDER 1	LENDER 2	LENDER 3	LENDER 4
Initial Interest Rate				
• Points				
Other Bank Fees				
Variable Annual Percentage Rate				
Fixed Annual Percentage Rate				
Index Used / Current Value				
Amount of Margin				
Current Rate				
Frequency of Rate adjustments				
Interest Rate Caps				
Length of Plan:				
Draw Period				
Repayment Period				
Initial Fees:				
Appraisal Fee				
Closing Costs				
Application Fee				
Repayment Terms:				
During the Draw Period				
Interest and Principal Payments				
Interest-Only Payments				
Fully Amortizing Payments				
When Draw Period Ends:				
Balloon Payment				
Renewal Available				
Refinancing of Balance by Lender				

## **HOME EQUITY LOANS**

**Lender Comparison** 

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## **PLACES OF INTEREST**

Home Remodeling Center: http://www.LetsRenovate.com
Home Improvement Gallery: http://www.SayImprove.com
Home Buying / Building / Selling: http://www.SayHomeBuy.com

College Search and Planning: http://www.OfftoCollege.com
Finding Money for College: http://www.SayCollegeMoney.com

Other Life Events: http://www.SayPlanning.com