## 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:
$\square$ must be an open ended home equity line of credit with 5-10 year draw period the longer the draw period, the bettermust have an interest only payment optionmust be attached to the primary residence in a second lien positionmust be a variable rate home equity credit linedo not have your monthly equity line payment automatically withdrawn from a designated checking account (your income deposits will be your payment, which will force the bank to adjust your daily minimum balance)do not lock-in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 HELOCno fee per check from the HELOCno limit to the number of checks written from the HELOC each monthshortest 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)

$\square$ online transfer capabilities from bank checking to the HELOC and HELOC to checkingno limit on the number of transferno fees for online transfersno dollar amount limitation on transfersonline bill payno fees for online bill pay
shop your ALOC at: http://www.YourEquity.com

## 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.


## HOME EQUITY LOANS

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## PLACES OF INTEREST

| Home Remodeling Center: | http://www.LetsRenovate.com |
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| 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 |

