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Has your house trapped you in Sacramento's unemployment?

Richard Florida, who wrote a widely-quoted book about revitalizing cities by attracting "the creative class," has penned a new book about changes wrought by this financial crisis - especially in housing. It's titled "The Great Reset."

One of the really interesting points is how home ownership isn't necessarily good, especially for people who live in hard-hit economies and want to move to places with jobs. He says mobility is the key to the new economy. People trapped in houses, as many are here in Sacramento, are held back and so is the larger economy, he argues.

I am hoping to talk with Florida by phone about this phenomenon and write a Friday Home Front column on it. I'd love to get a couple of examples from people here, too. Are you seeing jobs in Texas or New York that you'd love to apply for? But can't because you're upside down? Trapped professionally and financially in Sacramento's unemployment by a routine home buying decision made in 2004? I have until about 10 a.m. Thursday for this if you'd like to get in touch. Thanks.

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