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**FOOTHILL PLAZA APARTMENTS SET FOR  
MAJOR REHABILITATION**

(Oakland, CA - May 16, 2006) Residents in the Eastmont community will soon bear witness to a significant scenic change on Foothill Blvd across from Frick Middle School. Close to \$10.2 million has been slated to renovate the Foothill Plaza Apartments, located at 6311 Foothill Blvd, which were originally built in 1982.

Councilperson Brooks worked with city staff to direct monies to support this project. The project is being spearheaded by Oakland Community Housing Inc. (OCHI). OCHI's plans for the new facade, landscaping and interior unit modifications are sure to instill a renewed sense of pride for the complex residents and community," states Brooks.

Gradual improvements to the property will begin within the next 12 months. Initial improvements will spruce-up the building's overall outer appearance. Specific renovations planned include giving a face-lift to the building's exterior, remodeling the entry area, upgrading the courtyard, and improving exterior landscaping and lighting.

"We are very hopeful that this project will build up the local community," said Dwight Dickerson, Executive Director of OCHI. "Our goal in acquiring Foothill Plaza is to make needed improvements to the property, and contribute to a positive environment for residents and neighbors, while still preserving affordability. We're delighted to have Councilwoman Brooks' support in this process."

The final rehabilitation phrase, expected for completion in spring 2008, will involve structural and interior design changes adding a new roof, balconies, walkways, and other upgrades throughout the building,.

Additionally, comprehensive social services will be offered to residents, along with access to community facilities at the adjacent OCHI Kenneth Henry Court property.

For more information on OCHI, visit [www.ochi.org](http://www.ochi.org). To reach Councilperson Brooks, call 510.238.7006.