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Mayor and Nid-Housing Hosts Foreclosure Clinic

Oakland - Mayor Ron Dellums, the Community Economic Development Agency, and NID-Housing Counseling Agency (NID-HCA) sponsored a free *Making Your Home Affordable* Clinic to help Oakland homeowners having difficulty maintaining their mortgage payments due to foreclosure, Saturday, November 7th at Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Lenders were on-site to approve loan modifications.

Jacqueline Carlisle, Executive Director of NID-HCA, said: "The foreclosure crisis has hit California especially hard and Oakland residents are feeling the economic strain and hardship. We want people to know that there is help, free help available to them, and that they should act now, before it's too late."

Participating in the clinic were Donnell Spivey, Vice president of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers from Baltimore,

MD, Donnell Williams, Regional Vice President of NAREB for New Jersey and New York, and Diane Boyd, Assistant to Mayor

Dellums.

Carlisle said the free clinic was a call to action by Mayor Dellums and the City of Oakland to help

families vulnerable to foreclosure. Dellums had said, "We must continue to address this issue as a

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L-R: Donnell Spivey, Jacqueline Carlisle, Executive Director of NID Housing Counseling Agency, Diane Boyd, Assistant to Mayor Dellums, Ray Carlisle and Donnell Williams. Photo by Bernadine Evans

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city family."

The *Making Your Home Affordable* Clinic featured Oakland based NID-HCA, which is one of 23 HUD-approved National Intermediary Housing from the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program. The clinic will provide free foreclosure prevention counseling and legal assistance to distressed homeowners.

Homeowners that participated got free on-site help from housing counselors, home mortgage lender

modification experts, and legal services. Outside of this clinic in the private market, these services are valued at between \$3,500 and \$12,500, depending on the needs of each homeowner.

NID-HCA works with consumers, non-profits, public agencies, and faith-based organizations in providing a broad range of housing-related services, of which most of the consumer related services are free of charge.

For more information visit: www.MakingYourHomeAffordable.org