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## Chávez Urges Energy Efficiency

Mayor Martin Chávez and the Sierra Club teamed up Tuesday to urge people to help stop global warming by doing simple home improvements.

Installing double-pane windows, improving insulation and tightening seals around doors can help save energy, they said.

As an example, Chávez toured an older home near Constitution and Carlisle NE. An audit conducted by Building Energy Solutions, a local company, showed the home could cut its annual energy costs from \$2,269 to \$1,244 with a better thermostat, insulation and other improvements.

Public Service Company of New Mexico offers rebates to help, officials said.

They also urged people to carpool, use mass transit and buy energy-efficient vehicles — all of which can reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.