



With a commanding height, the El Cortez stands as majestic as it did 50 years ago.

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### Cortez Hill:

Heading north, the bus brought reporters into Cortez Hill, an elevated neighborhood overlooking downtown. Several housing projects are beginning to take root in downtown's "best kept secret."

The Mills at Cortez Hill is a 130 apartment unit, with 32,000 square feet of retail space on the bottom. The historic Mills house has been restored and incorporated into the project.

One of the neighborhood's success stories is the towering high-rise apartments at El Cortez. A total of \$23 million was spent on rehabilitation of this 1920 historic building and dance hall.