

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Executive Summary Conditional Use HEARING DATE: JUNE 6, 2013

Date: May 30, 2013 Case No .: 2013.0020<u>C</u>E 6333 GEARY BOULEVARD Project Address: NC-3 (Moderate-Scale Neighborhood Commercial) District and Zoning: RH-2 (Residential, House, Two-Family) District 40-X Height and Bulk District 1517/001A and 037 Block/Lots: Project Sponsor: Grocery Outlet c/o Bill Coyle VP Real Estate 2000 Fifth Street Berkeley, CA 94710 Staff Contact: Mary Woods - (415) 558-6315 mary.woods@sfgov.org Recommendation: **Approval with Conditions**

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is to convert the existing vacant retail space to a retail grocery store (d.b.a. Grocery Outlet), which is a "formula retail use" as defined in Planning Code Section 703.3. The proposed project will consist of approximately 13,500 square feet of retail space. The proposal involves interior remodeling work as well as exterior improvements including entry door replacement, new signage, new metal canopies, and new murals at the west building facade. The project will remove two parking spaces from its surface parking lot in order to provide handicapped access and the clearance needed for the metal entrance canopy. The existing parking lot has 30 parking spaces and a small receiving area at the southeast corner of the building. There are several metered loading zones at the corner of Geary Boulevard and 28th Avenue. The project will provide landscaping and perimeter fencing to screen the parking area where none existed currently. The pedestrian entrance to the project is provided on Geary Boulevard while vehicular accesses are provided on 27th Avenue.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE

The project site occupies the entire frontage between 27th and 28th Avenues, on the south side of Geary Boulevard, in Assessor's Block 1517, Lots 001A and 037. The property is located in an NC-3 (Moderate-Scale Neighborhood Commercial) District and an RH-2 (Residential, House, Two-Family) District, and a 40-X Height and Bulk District. The property is developed with a one-story building, containing approximately 13,500 square feet, on the western half of the site, and a 30-car surface parking lot on the

eastern half of the site. A small portion of the parking lot situated in Lot 001A is zoned RH-2 with the remaining lot zoned NC-3. The existing vacant building was formerly occupied by Cala Foods.

SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD

The project site is situated at the western edge of the NC-3 District along the three-mile Geary Boulevard commercial corridor that stretches from the Western Addition to the Outer Richmond, through four neighborhoods. This corridor is bounded by Divisadero Street to the east and 28th Avenue to the west. The MUNI line "38-Geary" runs in front of the project site linking the Richmond area to Downtown and the Financial District. Other transit lines are also nearby and are within walking distance of the site. Except for the commercial and institutional uses located on Geary Boulevard, the project site is surrounded by predominantly residential dwellings and residentially zoned districts. The Clement Street commercial corridor is one block north of the project site. Buildings facing the subject block range from two to three stories tall with several taller buildings interspersed. Commercial uses on the facing blocks include restaurants, dental office, hair salons, and other professional offices.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Department determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as a Class One for existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing uses/facilities.

ТҮРЕ	REQUIRED PERIOD	REQUIRED NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL NOTICE DATE	ACTUAL PERIOD
Classified News Ad	20 days	April 19, 2013	April 19, 2013	20 days
Posted Notice	20 days	April 19, 2013	April 19, 2013	48 days
Mailed Notice	20 days	April 19, 2013	April 19, 2013	20 days

HEARING NOTIFICATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

To date, the Department has received two letters with regard to the proposed project, primarily concerned about delivery hours and the reduction in parking spaces. The project sponsor held a community meeting (belated Pre-Application meeting) on March 6, 2013 regarding the proposed project. Staff has received three letters in support of the proposed project.

ISSUES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The General Plan encourages the provision and retention of neighborhood-serving goods and services in the City's neighborhood commercial districts in order to enhance a diverse economic base.
- The proposal requires Section 312/neighborhood notification, which was conducted in conjunction with the Conditional Use authorization process.

REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

In order for the project to proceed, the Commission must grant a Conditional Use authorization to allow a formula retail use (d.b.a. Grocery Outlet) in an NC-3 (Moderate-Scale Neighborhood Commercial) District and an RH-2 District.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department believes that this project is necessary and/or desirable for the following reasons:

- The project site has had continuous commercial/retail activities. The proposed project would not be expected to impact existing traffic patterns since the project proposes to replace one formula retail use with another.
- The project will modernize the existing facilities to meet current code standards. Exterior
 improvements and façade treatments are also proposed to improve visual interest and activate
 pedestrian interest to the site, such as new canopies, and murals on sidewalls.
- The proposal includes screening and greening treatments to the parking area in order to minimize the presence of cars at the sidewalk and to protect pedestrian safety.
- The project site is well-served by public transit lines. Metered and non-metered parking spaces are provided on the streets.
- The project will preserve and enhance the economic viability of the neighborhood commercial district.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval with Conditions

Attachments: Draft Motion (includes EXHIBIT A) Environmental Determination Zoning/Parcel Map Sanborn Map Aerial Photo Zoning Map Project Sponsor Submittal, including:

- Reduced Plans (EXHIBIT B)
- Site Photographs
- Formula Retail Survey Map
- Existing Markets/Grocers and Vacancies Survey List
- Support Letters

Attachment Checklist

Executive Summary |X|Project sponsor submittal - EXHIBIT B Draft Motion (includes EXHIBIT A) Drawings: Existing Conditions Check for legibility **Environmental Determination** Zoning District Map Drawings: Proposed Project Check for legibility \bowtie Height & Bulk Map Parcel Map |X|Formula Retail Survey Map Existing Markets/Grocers & Vacancies Sanborn Map Survey List Streetview Photo Support letters **Context Photos** Site Photos

Exhibits above marked with an "X" are included in this packet

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Subject to: (Select only if applicable)

- □ Inclusionary Housing (Sec. 315)
- □ Jobs Housing Linkage Program (Sec. 313)
- Downtown Park Fee (Sec. 139)
- □ First Source Hiring (Admin. Code)
- □ Child Care Requirement (Sec. 314) □ Other

Planning Commission Draft Motion HEARING DATE: JUNE 6, 2013

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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 303(C), 303(I) AND 703.4 OF THE PLANNING CODE TO ALLOW A "FORMULA RETAIL USE" (D.B.A. GROCERY OUTLET), IN AN NC-3 (MODERATE-SCALE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT, AND AN **RH-2** (RESIDENTIAL, HOUSE, TWO-FAMILY) DISTRICT, AND A 40-X HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICT.

PREAMBLE

On January 29, 2013, Grocery Outlet Bargain Market (hereinafter "Project Sponsor") filed an application with the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") for Conditional Use authorization under Planning Code Sections 303(c), 303(i) and 703.4 to allow a Formula Retail Use (d.b.a. Grocery Outlet), in an NC-3 (Moderate-Scale Neighborhood Commercial) District and an RH-2 (Residential, House, Two-Family) District, and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

On June 6, 2013, the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Conditional Use Application No. 2013.0020<u>C</u>E.

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The Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of the Project Sponsor, Department staff, and other interested parties.

MOVED, that the Commission hereby authorizes the Conditional Use requested in Application No. 2013.0020<u>C</u>E, subject to the conditions contained in "EXHIBIT A" of this motion, based on the following findings:

FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

- 1. The above recitals are accurate and constitute findings of this Commission.
- 2. Site Description and Present Use. The Project Site occupies the entire frontage between 27th and 28th Avenues, on the south side of Geary Boulevard, in Assessor's Block 1517, Lots 001A and 037. The property is located in an NC-3 (Moderate-Scale Neighborhood Commercial) District and an RH-2 (Residential, House, Two-Family) District, and a 40-X Height and Bulk District. The property is developed with a one-story building, containing approximately 13,500 square feet, on the western half of the site, and a 30-car surface parking lot on the eastern half of the site. A small portion of the parking lot situated in Lot 001A is zoned RH-2 with the remaining lot zoned NC-3. The existing vacant building was formerly occupied by Cala Foods.
- 3. Surrounding Properties and Neighborhood. The Project Site is situated at the western edge of the NC-3 District along the three-mile Geary Boulevard commercial corridor that stretches from the Western Addition to the Outer Richmond, through four neighborhoods. This corridor is bounded by Divisadero Street to the east and 28th Avenue to the west. The MUNI line "38-Geary" runs in front of the Project Site linking the Richmond area to Downtown and the Financial District. Other transit lines are also nearby and are within walking distance of the Site. Except for the commercial and institutional uses located on Geary Boulevard, the Project Site is surrounded by predominantly residential dwellings and residentially zoned districts. The Clement Street commercial corridor is one block north of the Project Site. Buildings facing the subject block range from two to three stories tall with several taller buildings interspersed. Commercial uses on the facing blocks include restaurants, dental office, hair salons, and other professional offices.
- 4. **Project Description.** The proposed Project is to convert the existing vacant retail space to a retail grocery store (d.b.a. Grocery Outlet), which is a "formula retail use" as defined in Planning Code Section 703.3. The proposed Project will consist of approximately 13,500 square feet of retail space. The proposal involves interior remodeling work as well as exterior improvements including entry door replacement, new signage, new metal canopies, and new murals at the west

building facade. The Project will remove two parking spaces from its surface parking lot in order to provide handicapped access and the clearance needed for the metal entrance canopy. The existing parking lot has 30 parking spaces and a small receiving area at the southeast corner of the building. There are several metered loading zones at the corner of Geary Boulevard and 28th Avenue. The Project will provide landscaping and perimeter fencing to screen the parking area where none existed currently. The pedestrian entrance to the Project is provided on Geary Boulevard while vehicular accesses are provided on 27th Avenue.

Section 312 - neighborhood notification was conducted in conjunction with the Conditional Use authorization process.

- 5. Public Comment. To date, the Department has received two letters with regard to the proposed Project, primarily concerned about delivery hours and the reduction in parking spaces. The Project Sponsor held a community meeting (belated Pre-Application meeting) on March 6, 2013 regarding the proposed Project. Staff has received three letters in support of the proposed Project.
- 6. **Planning Code Compliance:** The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Planning Code in the following manner:
 - A. Formula Retail Use. Planning Code Section 703.4 states that a Conditional Use authorization is required for a formula retail use, as defined by Planning Code Section 703.3, in any of the City's Neighborhood Commercial Districts.

Grocery Outlet is a formula retail use as defined in Planning Code Section 703.3. The Project Sponsor intends to occupy existing vacant retail space, formerly occupied by Cala Foods.

B. General Merchandise Retail Store. Planning Code Section 712.40 allows general retail stores offering general groceries, household goods, toys, and gifts under "Other Retail Sales and Services" as defined by Planning Code Section 790.102 in NC-3 Districts.

The proposed Project will occupy the entire one-story building, containing approximately 13,500 square feet. The Project is a discount market offering general groceries, deli, produce, fresh meats, flowers, beer and wine, housewares, toys, and other seasonal products.

C. **Parking**. Planning Code Section 151 requires one off-street parking for every 500 square feet of occupied floor area up to 20,000 square feet where the occupied floor area exceeds 5,000 square feet. Section 152 requires one off-street freight loading space for retail stores where the gross floor area of structure or use is over 10,000 square feet but less than 60,000 square feet in newly constructed structures. Section 155(i) requires one handicapped parking space for each 25 off-street parking spaces provided. Section 155(j) requires 1 bicycle space for every 20 off-street parking spaces provided. Section 155.4(f) requires that new and existing commercial buildings must provide adequate signs or notices to advertise the availability of bicycle parking.

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The proposed Project contains approximately 13,500 square feet, which would require 27 off-street parking spaces. The existing 30-car surface parking lot will be reconfigured to 28 off-street parking spaces. The existing loading/receiving area is situated at the southeastern end of the building, with a secondary loading area at the northwest corner of Geary Boulevard and 28th Avenue. Metered loading zones are currently provided at the corner of Geary Boulevard and 28th Avenue.

The Project will remove two parking spaces in order to provide two handicapped accessible spaces.

The Project is required to provide two bicycle parking spaces. The existing Site does not contain any bicycle parking spaces. The Project proposes to add six bicycle parking spaces in the parking lot. Adequate signs or notices of the availability of bicycle parking will also be provided at the Project Site.

D. Street Frontage in Neighborhood Commercial Districts. Planning Code Section 145.1 requires in NC Districts containing specific uses, including retail stores, that the ground floor street frontage be at least 60% transparent in order to allow visibility to the inside of the building. The use of dark or mirrored glass shall not count towards the required transparent area. Such windows shall use clear, un-tinted glass, except for decorative or architectural accent. Any decorative railings or grillwork, other than wire mesh, which is placed in front of or behind ground floor windows, shall be at least 75% open to perpendicular view. Rolling or sliding security gates shall consist of open grillwork rather than solid material, so as to provide visual interest to pedestrians when the gates are closed, and to permit light to pass through mostly unobstructed. Gates, when both open and folded or rolled, as well as the gate mechanism, shall be recessed within, or laid flush with, the building façade.

The proposed Project will occupy an existing one-story building that was previously occupied by Cala Foods. No expansion or major alteration is proposed for the existing building. The existing building is non-conforming with respect to this Code section, and the Project does not trigger application of the requirement. Currently, approximately 37% of the front façade facing Geary Boulevard is transparent or consists of glazing

E. **Parking Screening and Greening.** Planning Code Section 142 requires off-street parking and vehicle use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet adjacent to the public right-of-way to provide a screening feature around the perimeter of the lot adjacent to the public right-of-way. The screening shall add to the visual diversity of the use and need not be an opaque barrier, such as an ornamental fencing or a solid wall that is four-feet in height, and a 5-foot deep permeable surface with landscaping along the perimeter of the lot that is adjacent to a public right-of-way.

The proposed Project will occupy an existing vacant building and a surface parking lot. No major repaving or alteration is proposed, other than to reconfigure the 30-car parking lot to 28 spaces to accommodate two handicapped accessible spaces. The existing parking lot is therefore non-conforming with respect to this Code section. However, the Project Sponsor proposes to install a 30-inch high green screen fencing linked by 32-inch high masonry pylons accompanied by planting strips along the perimeter of the parking lot. The masonry pylons would be strategically placed to define the entries,

strengthen the street-wall, and protect the fencing elements. As part of the perimeter treatments, the green screen materials would be enhanced with new planting strips, shrubs, and trees. In addition, a total of eight (8) new street trees would be planted along the sidewalks on 27th Avenue, Geary Boulevard, and 28th Avenue.

- F. **Signage**. Any proposed signage will be subject to the review and approval of the Planning Department and must comply with Article 6 of the Planning Code.
- 7. **Planning Code Section 303(c)** establishes criteria for the Planning Commission to consider when reviewing applications for Conditional Use approval. On balance, the project does comply with said criteria in that:
 - A. The proposed new uses and building, at the size and intensity contemplated and at the proposed location, will provide a development that is necessary or desirable, and compatible with, the neighborhood or the community.

The proposed Project is consistent with past general grocery store use of the Site and is compatible with the neighborhood. The existing one-story building was constructed in 1957 for the purpose of housing a grocery store. Its original tenant was the Littleman Markets. In 1965, Littleman Markets merged with Cala Foods. Cala Foods occupied the Site beginning in 1965. In 1994, Cala Foods was acquired by Ralphs Grocery Company; however, Cala Foods continued to operate as a separate legal entity until it vacated the premises in 2007. DeLano Retail Partners occupied the Site from 2008 until December 10, 2010. Ralphs Grocery Company's lease expired on December 31, 2010, and the Site has been vacant since then. Grocery Outlet offers brand name products at up to 50% off conventional retail prices.

Over the years, the existing building has not been significantly altered. City records show that major alterations and upgrades, such as awning, signage, hood and exhaust fan, fire alarm system and fire sprinkler system, were added in the 1990s.

The current Project will modernize the existing facilities to meet current code standards. Exterior improvements and façade treatments are also proposed to improve visual interest and activate pedestrian interest to the Site. The improvements include new canopies, glazing, murals, and landscaping enhancements to the parking area in order to minimize the presence of cars at the sidewalk and to protect pedestrians on Geary Boulevard.

The proposal would maintain the existing building envelope and height. The existing 30-car surface parking lot will be reconfigured to a 28-car parking lot. No additional parking or loading spaces are proposed. The Site currently does not have any bicycle parking; the Project will add six bicycle parking spaces.

The Project is necessary and desirable because it will serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods by providing affordable groceries, and helping to ensure the economic viability of the Geary Boulevard commercial corridor. The Project will employ approximately 40 people.

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- B. The proposed project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity. There are no features of the project that could be detrimental to the health, safety or convenience of those residing or working the area, in that:
 - i. Nature of proposed site, including its size and shape, and the proposed size, shape and arrangement of structures;

The height and bulk of the existing structure will remain the same. The Project proposes to occupy existing retail space vacated by Cala Foods, containing approximately 13,500 square feet. The proposed work will not affect the building envelope or height.

ii. The accessibility and traffic patterns for persons and vehicles, the type and volume of such traffic, and the adequacy of proposed off-street parking and loading;

The Project Site is well-served by public transit. Several MUNI transit lines run directly in front of or near the Site. The Project will maintain the existing surface parking lot for customer parking. The Project Sponsor intends to implement an internal traffic and transportation management plan, in which employees will be encouraged to car pool, to use public transit, and other modes of transportation to and from work. The Project Sponsor has also indicated the potential for utilizing shuttle buses, free of charge, to transport customers from the Site to their residences.

iii. The safeguards afforded to prevent noxious or offensive emissions such as noise, glare, dust and odor;

No noxious or offensive emissions will be associated with the Project.

iv. Treatment given, as appropriate, to such aspects as landscaping, screening, open spaces, parking and loading areas, service areas, lighting and signs;

Deliveries of merchandise to the Project Site will occur at the designated receiving area at the northwest corner and the southeastern corner of the building. Minimal interference with pedestrian or vehicular traffic circulation is expected. Deliveries will occur two to three times per week, on weekdays only, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

With regard to landscaping, it is an important element in softening the existing environment. The overall design will include enhancements to the parking area, such as perimeter fencing and landscaping treatments to screen the parking area. Existing blank walls at the parking area and elsewhere will be refurbished with artwork/murals. Other exterior improvements, such as new awnings and glazing, are also proposed to enhance visual interest at the Site.

C. That the use as proposed will comply with the applicable provisions of the Planning Code and will not adversely affect the General Plan.

The Project complies with relevant requirements and standards of the Planning Code, and is consistent with objectives and policies of the General Plan as detailed below.

D. That the use as proposed would provide development that is in conformity with the purpose of the applicable Neighborhood Commercial District.

The proposed Project is consistent with the stated purpose of the NC-3 (Moderate-Scale Neighborhood Commercial) District in that the intended use is to occupy existing vacant retail space for a grocery store. It will continue to provide a compatible range of goods and services for the immediately surrounding neighborhoods and the City at large.

- 8. **Planning Code Sections 303(i) and 703.4** require Conditional Use authorization for the establishment of a formula retail use in Neighborhood Commercial Districts. The Planning Commission shall consider the following criteria set forth in **Section 303(i)** in addition to the criteria set forth in Section 303(c):
 - A. The existing concentrations of formula retail uses within the Neighborhood Commercial District.

There are many formula retail uses within the NC-3 District along the Geary Boulevard commercial corridor. Within a half-mile radius of the Project Site, there are close to three dozen formula retail uses (see attached Formula Retail Survey map). Formula retail uses currently located in the immediate area include Ace Hardware, Citi Bank, Jiffy Lube, First Republic Bank, and Chevron gas station.

B. The availability of other similar retail uses within the Neighborhood Commercial District.

The existing one-story building was constructed in 1957 for the purpose of housing a grocery store. The proposed Grocery Outlet store is consistent with past, single tenant general grocery store use. The Project will occupy retail space that was vacated by Cala Foods. In the vicinity of the subject property, it would appear that most other similar retail uses are small, independently-owned markets (see attached Existing Markets/Grocers and Vacancies survey list). They include the Hollywood Market at 6142 Geary Boulevard, Thom's Natural Foods at 5843 Geary Boulevard, the New World Market at 5641 Geary Boulevard, and the Evergreen Market at 5601 Geary Boulevard. However, there does not appear to be another low-cost grocery store that offers up to 50% off conventional retail prices.

C. The compatibility of the proposed formula retail use with the existing architectural and aesthetic character of the Neighborhood Commercial District.

The height and bulk of the existing building will remain the same. The Project primarily involves interior remodeling work with exterior aesthetic improvements, while maintaining the existing building envelope and height. The proposed work will enhance the architectural and aesthetic character of the District.

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D. The existing retail vacancy rates within the Neighborhood Commercial District.

The existing building proposed to be occupied by Grocery Outlet has been vacant for over two years. According to the Project Sponsor, the existing retail vacancy rate in the Outer Richmond neighborhood is relatively high for San Francisco, at approximately 10%. There are approximately eight vacant storefronts within a half-mile of the Project Site. The establishment of the proposed Project will increase the City's workforce by approximately 40 employees. The revitalization and reuse of the Project Site by Grocery Outlet will generate pedestrian traffic that will benefit businesses located near the Project Site and surrounding areas.

E. The existing mix of Citywide-serving retail uses and neighborhood-serving retail uses within the Neighborhood Commercial District.

The Project Site is located on Geary Boulevard, along a three-mile long commercial corridor that stretches from the Western Addition to the Outer Richmond neighborhood. The corridor is comprised of a mix of neighborhood-serving and Citywide-serving retail uses. Commercial uses include beauty shops, print shops, pet stores, coffee shops, restaurants, bars, dry cleaners, liquor stores, office supply stores, post offices, dental offices, and other professional offices. It is surrounded by residential dwellings and residentially-zoned districts on the subject block and in adjacent blocks.

9. **General Plan Compliance.** The Project is, on balance, consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCE

Objectives and Policies

OBJECTIVE 1:

MANAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CHANGE TO ENSURE ENHANCEMENT OF THE TOTAL CITY LIVING AND WORKINIG ENVIRONMENT.

Policy 1.1:

Encourage development which provides substantial net benefits and minimizes undesirable consequences. Discourage development that has substantial undesirable consequences that cannot be mitigated.

Policy 1.3:

Locate commercial and industrial activities according to a generalized commercial and industrial land use plan.

The proposed Project will provide desirable goods and services to the neighborhood and will provide resident employment opportunities to those in the community. Further, the Project Site is located within a Neighborhood Commercial District and is thus consistent with activities in the commercial land use plan. The existing building has in the past continuously housed a formula retail grocery store.

OBJECTIVE 2:

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A SOUND AND DIVERSE ECONOMIC BASE AND FISCAL STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY.

Policy 2.1:

Seek to retain existing commercial and industrial activity and to attract new such activity to the City.

The Project will retain and continue a formula retail store offering affordable groceries, toys, gifts, and seasonal products.

OBJECTIVE 6:

MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN VIABLE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AREAS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO CITY RESIDENTS.

Policy 6.1:

Ensure and encourage the retention and provision of neighborhood-serving goods and services in the city's neighborhood commercial districts, while recognizing and encouraging diversity among the districts.

No commercial tenant would be displaced and the Project would not prevent the District from achieving optimal diversity in the types of goods and services available in the neighborhood.

- 10. **Planning Code Section 101.1(b)** establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires review of permits for consistency with said policies. On balance, the project does comply with said policies in that:
 - A. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership pf such businesses be enhanced.

The proposed Project seeks to re-use existing retail space that has historically been occupied by retail grocery stores that served a neighborhood and citywide clientele. The Project will occupy a retail space that has been vacant for over two years. The Project will employ approximately 40 people as well as dozens of construction jobs during the construction period.

B. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.

The proposed Project is a retail store; therefore, existing housing units in the surrounding neighborhood would not be affected.

C. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced,

No housing is removed for this Project.

D. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

The Project Site is well-served by public transit and existing on-site parking and loading spaces. Several MUNI transit lines run directly in front or near the Site. Six bicycle parking spaces will be added to the Site.

E. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

The Project will not displace any service or industry establishment. The Project will not affect industrial or service sector uses or related employment opportunities. Ownership of industrial or service sector businesses will not be affected by this Project.

F. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The Project will conform to the structural and seismic requirements of the City Building Code.

G. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

A landmark or historic building does not occupy the Project Site.

H. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

The proposed Project will maintain the existing building's envelope and height, and will not affect existing parks and open spaces.

- 11. The Project is consistent with and would promote the general and specific purposes of the Code provided under Section 101.1(b) in that, as designed, the Project would contribute to the character and stability of the neighborhood and would constitute a beneficial development.
- 12. The Commission hereby finds that approval of the Conditional Use authorization would promote the health, safety and welfare of the City.

DECISION

That based upon the Record, the submissions by the Project Sponsor, the staff of the Department and other interested parties, the oral testimony presented to this Commission at the public hearings, and all other written materials submitted by all parties, the Commission hereby **APPROVES Conditional Use Application No. 2013.0020**<u>C</u>E subject to the following conditions attached hereto as "EXHIBIT A" in general conformance with plans filed with the Application, dated May 24, 2013 and labeled "EXHIBIT B", which is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

APPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF MOTION: Any aggrieved person may appeal this Conditional Use Authorization to the Board of Supervisors within thirty (30) days after the date of this Motion No. ________. The effective date of this Motion shall be the date of this Motion if not appealed (After the 30-day period has expired) OR the date of the decision of the Board of Supervisors if appealed to the Board of Supervisors. For further information, please contact the Board of Supervisors at (415) 554-5184, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on June 6, 2013.

Jonas P. Ionin Acting Commission Secretary

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: June 6, 2013

Exhibit A Conditions of Approval

AUTHORIZATION

This authorization is for a Conditional Use Authorization to allow a Formula Retail Use (d.b.a. Grocery Outlet) located at 6333 Geary Boulevard, Assessor's Block 1517, Lots 001A and 037, pursuant to Planning Code Sections 303(c), 303(i) and 703.4 in an NC-3 (Moderate-Scale Neighborhood Commercial) District and an RH-2 (Residential, House, Two-Family) District, and a 40-X Height and Bulk District; in general conformance with plans, dated May 24, 2013, and labeled "EXHIBIT B" included in the docket for **Case No. 2013.0020**<u>C</u>E and subject to conditions of approval reviewed and approved by the Commission on June 6, 2013 under **Motion No.** ______. This authorization and the conditions contained herein run with the property and not with a particular Project Sponsor, business, or operator.

RECORDATION OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Prior to the issuance of the Building Permit or commencement of use for the Project, the Zoning Administrator shall approve and order the recordation of a Notice in the Official Records of the Recorder of the City and County of San Francisco for the subject property. This Notice shall state that the Project is subject to the conditions of approval contained herein and reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission on June 6, 2013 under **Motion No.**

PRINTING OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ON PLANS

SEVERABILITY

The Project shall comply with all applicable City codes and requirements. If any clause, sentence, section, or any part of these conditions of approval is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair other remaining clauses, sentences, or sections of these conditions. This decision conveys no right to construct, or to receive a Building Permit. The Project Sponsor shall include any subsequent responsible party.

CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS

Changes to the approved plans may be approved administratively by the Zoning Administrator. Significant changes and modifications of conditions shall require Planning Commission approval of a new Conditional Use authorization.

Conditions of Approval, Compliance, Monitoring, and Reporting PERFORMANCE

1. Validity. The authorization and right vested by virtue of this action is valid for three (3) years from the effective date of the Motion. The Department of Building Inspection shall have issued a Building Permit or Site Permit to construct the Project and/or commence the approved use within this three-year period.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>.

2. Expiration and Renewal. Should a Building or Site Permit be sought after the three (3) year period has lapsed, the Project Sponsor must seek a renewal of this Authorization by filing an application for an amendment to the original Authorization or a new application for Authorization. Should the Project Sponsor decline to so file, and decline to withdraw the permit application, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing in order to consider the revocation of the Authorization. Should the Commission not revoke the Authorization following the closure of the public hearing, the Commission shall determine the extension of time for the continued validity of the Authorization.

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3. Diligent pursuit. Once a site or Building Permit has been issued, construction must commence within the timeframe required by the Department of Building Inspection and be continued diligently to completion. Failure to do so shall be grounds for the Commission to consider revoking the approval if more than three (3) years have passed since this Authorization was approved.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>

4. Extension. All time limits in the preceding three paragraphs may be extended at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator where implementation of the Project is delayed by a public agency, an appeal or a legal challenge and only by the length of time for which such public agency, appeal or challenge has caused delay.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>

5. Conformity with Current Law. No application for Building Permit, Site Permit, or other entitlement shall be approved unless it complies with all applicable provisions of City Codes in effect at the time of such approval.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>

6. Extension. This Authorization may be extended at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator only where failure to issue a permit by the Department of Building Inspection to perform said tenant improvements is caused by a delay by a local, State or Federal agency or by any appeal of the issuance of such permit(s).

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>.

DESIGN

7. Final Materials. The Project Sponsor shall continue to work with the Planning Department on the building design. Final materials, glazing, color, texture, landscaping, and detailing shall be subject to Planning Department staff review and approval. The Building/Site Permit Application and/or the Architectural Addenda shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department prior to issuance.

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>.

8. Landscaping, Screening of Parking and Vehicular Use Areas. The Project Sponsor shall submit a site plan to the Planning Department prior to Planning approval of the Building/Site Permit Application indicating the screening of parking and vehicle use areas not within a building. The design and location of the screening and design of any fencing shall be as approved by the Planning Department. The size and specie of plant materials shall be as approved by the Department of Public Works.

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>

9. Street Trees. The Project Sponsor shall submit a site plan to the Planning Department prior to Planning approval of the Building/Site Permit Application indicating that street trees, at a ratio of one street tree of an approved species for every 20 feet of street frontage along public or private streets bounding the Project, with any remaining fraction of 10 feet or more of frontage requiring an extra tree, shall be provided. The street trees shall be evenly spaced along the street frontage except where proposed driveways or other street obstructions do not permit. The exact location, size and species of tree shall be as approved by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>

10. Garbage, composting and recycling storage. Space for the collection and storage of garbage, composting, and recycling shall be provided within enclosed areas on the property and clearly labeled and illustrated on the Building/Site Permit plans. Space for the collection and storage of recyclable and compostable materials that meets the size, location, accessibility and other standards specified by the San Francisco Recycling Program shall be provided at the ground level of the building.

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>

11. Rooftop Mechanical Equipment. Pursuant to Planning Code Section 141, the Project Sponsor shall submit a roof plan to the Planning Department prior to Planning approval of the Building/Site Permit Application. Rooftop mechanical equipment, if any is proposed as part of the Project, is required to be screened so as not to be visible from any point at or below the roof level of the subject building.

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>.

- **12.** Noise. Plans submitted with the building permit application for the approved Project shall incorporate acoustical insulation and other sound proofing measures to control noise. *For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at* 415-558-6378, *www.sf-planning.org*
- **13.** Odor Control Unit. In order to ensure any significant noxious or offensive odors are prevented from escaping the premises once the Project is operational, the Building/Site Permit Application to implement the Project shall include air cleaning or odor control equipment details and manufacturer specifications on the plans. Odor control ducting shall not be applied to the primary façade of the building.

For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>

- 14. Lighting Plan. The Project Sponsor shall submit an exterior lighting plan to the Planning Department prior to Planning approval of the Building/Site Permit Application. *For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at* 415-558-6378, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>.
- **15. Signage.** Any proposed signage shall be subject to the review and approval of the Planning Department and must comply with Article 6 of the Planning Code. *For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at* 415-558-6378, *www.sf-planning.org*.

PARKING, LOADING AND TRAFFIC

16. Bicycle Parking. The Project shall provide six (6) on-site Class 2 bicycle parking spaces. Adequate signs or notices of the availability of bicycle parking shall also be provided at the Project Site.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>.

17. Delivery Hours. The Project shall not have regular night deliveries. All deliveries shall be restricted to the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. No double-parking on streets fronting the Project Site shall be allowed.

For information about compliance, contact Cold Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>

18. Managing Traffic During Construction. The Project Sponsor and construction contractor(s) shall coordinate with the Traffic Engineering and Transit Divisions of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Planning Department, and other construction contractor(s) for any concurrent nearby Projects to manage traffic congestion and pedestrian circulation impacts during construction of the Project. *For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at* 415-575-6863, *www.sf-planning.org*.

MONITORING - AFTER ENTITLEMENT

- **19.** Enforcement. Violation of any of the Planning Department conditions of approval contained in this Motion or of any other provisions of Planning Code applicable to this Project shall be subject to the enforcement procedures and administrative penalties set forth under Planning Code Section 176 or Section 176.1. The Planning Department may also refer the violation complaints to other City departments and agencies for appropriate enforcement action under their jurisdiction. *For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at* 415-575-6863, *www.sf-planning.org*
- **20. Revocation due to Violation of Conditions.** Should implementation of this Project result in complaints from interested property owners, residents, or commercial lessees which are not resolved by the Project Sponsor and found to be in violation of the Planning Code and/or the specific conditions of approval for the Project as set forth in Exhibit A of this Motion, the Zoning Administrator shall refer such complaints to the Commission, after which it may hold a public hearing on the matter to consider revocation of this Authorization.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>.

OPERATION

21. Garbage, Recycling, and Composting Receptacles. Garbage, recycling, and compost containers shall be kept within trash enclosures on the premises and hidden from public view, and placed outside only when being serviced by the disposal company. Trash shall be contained and disposed of pursuant to garbage and recycling receptacles guidelines set forth by the Department of Public Works.

For information about compliance, contact Bureau of Street Use and Mapping, Department of Public Works at 415-554-.5810, <u>http://sfdpw.org/</u>.

22. Sidewalk Maintenance. The Project Sponsor shall maintain the main entrance to the building and all sidewalks abutting the subject property in a clean and sanitary condition in compliance with the Department of Public Works' Streets and Sidewalk Maintenance Standards.

For information about compliance, contact Bureau of Street Use and Mapping, Department of Public Works, 415-695-2017, <u>http://sfdpw.org/</u>

23. Noise Control. The premises shall be adequately soundproofed or insulated for noise and operated so that incidental noise shall not be audible beyond the premises or in other sections of the building and fixed-source equipment noise shall not exceed the decibel levels specified in the San Francisco Noise Control Ordinance.

For information about compliance with the fixed mechanical objects such as rooftop air conditioning, restaurant ventilation systems, and motors and compressors with acceptable noise levels, contact the Environmental Health Section, Department of Public Health at (415) 252-3800, <u>www.sfdph.org</u>.

For information about compliance with the construction noise, contact the Department of Building Inspection, 415-558-6570, <u>www.sfdbi.org</u>.

For information about compliance with the amplified sound including music and television contact the Police Department at 415-553-1012 or 415-5530123, <u>www.sf-police.org</u>

24. Odor Control. While it is inevitable that some low level of odor may be detectible to nearby residents and passersby, appropriate odor control equipment shall be installed and maintained to prevent any significant noxious or offensive odors from escaping the premises. The Building/Site Permit Application to implement the Project shall include air cleaning or odor control equipment details and manufacturer specifications on the plans.

For information about compliance with odor or other chemical air pollutants emission standards and air quality regulations contact the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), 1-800-334-ODOR (6367), <u>www.baaqmd.gov</u> and Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>.

25. Community Liaison. Prior to issuance of a Building/Site Permit Application to construct the Project and implement the approved use, the Project Sponsor shall appoint a community liaison officer to deal with the issues of concern to owners and occupants of nearby properties. The Project Sponsor shall provide the Zoning Administrator with written notice of the name, business address, and telephone number of the community liaison. Should the contact information change, the Zoning Administrator shall be made aware of such change. The community liaison shall report to the Zoning Administrator what issues, if any, are of concern to the community and what issues have not been resolved by the Project Sponsor.

For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, <u>www.sf-planning.org</u>.



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPART

Returned Environmental Evaluation Application

1650 Mission St. Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

Reception: 415.558.6378

Fax: 415.558.6409

Planning Information: 415.558.6377

Date:	02/06/13
Case No.:	2013.0020E
Project Title:	6333 Geary Blvd.
Block/Lot:	1517/037
Lot Size:	NA
Project Contact:	Abbye Atkinson, Gibson and Dun - (415) 393-8367
	aatkinson@gibsondunn.com
Staff Contact:	Monica Pereira – (415) 575-9107
	Monica.pereira@sfgov.org

Subject: Notice to rescind CatEx issued on 01/07/2013 but dated 01/07/2012 and replaces it with a CatEx with a revised date of 02/06/13

Dear Ms. Atkinson:

On January 07, 2013 the San Francisco Planning Department issued a Categorical Exemption (CatEx) issued for 6333 Geary Boulevard, under Case No. 2013.0020E. Please note that the CatEx clearance was issued under the wrong date: 01/07/2012 instead of 01/07/2013.

For the above reason, please be advised that the CatEx dated 01/07/2012 is rescinded and replaced by the attached CatEx, dated 02/06/2013.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Monica Cristina Pereira

cc. Distribution list; David Lindsay & Many Gran

to correct **CEQA** Categorical Exemption Determination SAN FRANCISCO Property Information/Project Description PLANNING DEPARTMENT PROJECT ADDRESS BLOCK/LOT(S) 33 CASE NO PLANS DATED 3. ODJOE Addition/ Alteration (detailed below) Demolition (requires HRER if over 50 New Construction years old) STEP1 EXEMPTION CLASS **Class 1: Existing Facilities** Interior and exterior alterations; additions under 10,000 sq.ft.; change of use if principally permitted or with a CU. NOTE: If neither class applies, **Class 3: New Construction** an Environmental Up to three (3) single family residences; six (6) dwelling units in one building; Evaluation Application is commercial/office structures under 10,000 sq.ft.; accessory structures; utility extensions. required. STEP 2 CEQA IMPACTS (To be completed by Project Planner) If ANY box is initialed below an Environmental Evaluation Application is required. Transportation: Does the project create six (6) or more net new parking spaces or residential units? Does the project have the potential to adversely affect transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle safety (hazards) or the adequacy of nearby transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities? Air Quality: Would the project add new sensitive receptors (specifically, schools, colleges, universities, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings [subject to Article 38 of the Health Code], and senior-care facilities)? Hazardous Materials: Would the project involve 1) change of use (including tenant improvements) and/or 2) soil disturbance; on a site with a former gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing use, or on a site with underground storage tanks? NOTE: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment required for CEQA clearance (E.P. initials required) Project Planner must initial box below before Soil Disturbance/Modification: Would the project result in the soil proceeding to Step 3. disturbance/modification greater than two (2) feet below grade in an archeological sensitive area or eight (8) feet in non-archeological sensitive Project Can Proceed areas? With Categorical Refer to: EP ArcMap > CEQA CatEx Determination Layers > Archeological Sensitive Areas Exemption Review. Noise: Does the project include new noise-sensitive receptors (schools, The project does not colleges, universities, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings, and trigger any of the CEQA senior-care facilities) fronting roadways located in the noise mitigation area? Impacts and can proceed Refer to: EPArcMap > CEQA CatEx Determination Layers > Noise Mitigation Area with categorical exemption review. Subdivision/Lot-Line Adjustment: Does the project site involve a subdivision or lot-line adjustment on a lot with a slope of 20% or more? GOTOSTE Refer to: EP ArcMap > CEQA CatEx Determination Lavers >Topography

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STEP3 PROPERTY STATUS - HISTORICAL RESOURCE

Property is one of the following: (Refer to: San Francisco Property Information Map)

Category A: Known Historical Resource

Category B: Potential Historical Resource (over 50 years of age)

Category C: Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible (under 50 years of age) corrections

STEP4 PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST (To be completed by Project Planner)

If condition applies, please initial.

- 1. Change of Use and New Construction (tenant improvements not included).
- 2. Interior alterations/interior tenant improvements. Note: Publicly-accessible spaces (i.e. lobby, auditorium, or sanctuary) require preservation planner review.
- 3. Regular maintenance and repair to correct or repair deterioration, decay, or damage to the building.
- 4. Window replacement that meets the Department's Window Replacement Standards (does not includ storefront window alterations).
- 5. Garage work, specifically, a new opening that meets the *Guidelines for Adding Garages and Curb Cuts*, and/or replacement of garage door in an existing opening.
- 6. Deck, terrace construction, or fences that are not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
- 7. Mechanical equipment installation not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
- 8. Dormer installation that meets the requirements for exemption from public notification under *Zoning Administrator Bulletin: Dormer Windows*.
- 9. Additions that are not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-ofway for 150° in each direction; does not extend vertically beyond the floor level of the top story of the structure or is only a single story in height; does not have a footprint that is more than 50% larger than that of the original building; and does not cause the removal of architectural significant roofing features.

STEP 5 CEQA IMPACTS - ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW (To be completed by Preservation Planner)

If condition applies, please initial.

- 1. Project involves a Known Historical Resource (CEQA Category A) as determined by Step 3 and conforms entirely to Scope of Work Descriptions listed in Step 4. (Please initial scopes of work in STEP 4 that apply.)
- 2. Interior alterations to publicly-accessible spaces.

NOTE:

Project Planner must

Project is not listed:

RECEIPTOR

Project does not conform to the

scopes of work:

CO TO STEPS)

Project involves 4 or more work

GO TO STEP 5

Project involves

GO TO STEP 6

descriptions:

less than 4 work

descriptions:

check box below before proceeding.

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+6+	3.	Window replacement of original/historic windows that are not "in-kind" but are is consistent with existing historic character. Entrance to store upgrades	NOTE: If ANY box is initialed in STEP 5,
tot	4.	Façade/storefront alterations that do not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.	Preservation Planner MUST review & initial below.
	~	change out existing awning for	the store -
	5.	Raising the building in a manner that does not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.	Further Environmental Review Required.
	6.	Restoration based upon documented evidence of a building's historic condition, such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.	Based on the information provided, the project requires an <i>Environmental Evaluation</i> Application to be submitted.
	7.	Addition(s), including mechanical equipment that are minimally visible from a public right of way and meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.	EGUICESTED E Preservation Planner Initials
	8.	Other work consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties	
		Specify:	Project Can Proceed With Categorical Exemption Review.
*	9.	Reclassification of property status to Category C	The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and can proceed with categorical exemption review.
		a. Per Environmental Evaluation Evaluation, dated:	÷-
		* Attach Historic Resource Evaluation Report	GO TO STEPS
		b. Other, please specify:	Preservation Planner Initials
		* Requires initial by Senior Preservation Planner Preservation Coordinator	
STEP 6	C,	ATEGORICAL EXEMPTION DETERMINATION (To be	completed by Project Planner)
F	urt	her Environmental Review Required.	
		posed Project does not meet scopes of work in either:.	
(c	heck	s all that apply)	STOP
		Step 2 (CEQA Impacts) or	Must file Environmental
		Step 5 (Advanced Historical Review)	Evaluation Application.
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	_	Environmental Planner	
Print Name	9		

Once signed and dated, this document constitutes a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Environmental Evaluation Application

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Date received:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies to review the environmental impacts of proposed projects. In San Francisco, environmental review under CEQA is administered by the Major Environmental Analysis (MEA) division of the Planning Department. The environmental review process begins with the submittal of a completed Environmental Evaluation (EE) Application to the Planning Department. Only the current EE Application form will be accepted. No appointment is required but staff is available to meet with applicants upon request.

The EE Application will not be processed unless it is completely filled out and the appropriate fees are paid in full. Checks should be made payable to the San Francisco Planning Department. See the current *Schedule of Application Fees* and contact the staff person listed below for verification of the appropriate fees. Fees are generally non-refundable. Documents in italics are available online at sfgov.org/planning.

The EE Application is comprised of four parts. Part 1 is a checklist to ensure that the EE Application is complete; Part 2 requests basic information about the site and the project; Part 3 is a series of questions to help determine if additional information is needed for the EE Application; and Part 4 is a project summary table.

The complete EE Application should be submitted to the Planning Department staff as follows: For projects greater than 10,000 square feet in size and where Part 3 Questions #3, #8, #10, or #11 are answered in the affirmative, or for projects that require mitigation measures, please send the application materials to the attention of Ms. Fordham or Ms. Poling. For all other projects, please send the application materials to the attention of Ms. Pereira.

Monica Pereira 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 575-9107, monica.pereira@sfgov.org Chelsea Fordham or Jeanie Poling 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 575-9071, chelsea.fordham @sfgov.org (415) 575-9072, jeanie.poling@sfgov.org

PART 1 – EE APPLICATION CHECKLIST	Provided	Not Applicable
Two copies of this application with all blanks filled in		
Two sets of project drawings in 11x17 format (see "Additional Information" on page 4)		
Photos of the project site and its immediate vicinity, with viewpoints labeled		
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Supplemental Information Form for Historical Resource Evaluation and/or Historic Resource Evaluation Report, as indicated in Part 3 Questions 1 and 2		
Geotechnical Report, as indicated in Part 3 Questions 3a and 3b		
Tree Disclosure Statement, as indicated in Part 3 Question 4		
Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, as indicated in Part 3 Question 8		
Additional studies (list)		

Applicant's Affidavit. I certify the accuracy of the following declarations:

a. The undersigned is the owner or authorized agent of the owner(s) of this property.

b. The information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

c. I understand that other applications and information may be required.

Signed (owner or agent) (For Staff Use Only) Case No. v.7.24.2012

Date: 12-10-Address: Block/Lot

PART 2 – PROJECT	r Info	RMATION					
-Owner/Agent Inf	ormat	ion					
Property Owner	Arth	Arthur S. Becker Trust			ephone No.	408-264-	-3172
Address	P.O.	Box 18456			Fax. No.	408-264-	-3791
	San	lose, California 95	158-84	156	Email	scbecker	r@beckersfo.com
Project Contact	Abb	ye Atkinson		Tel	ephone No.	415-393-	-8367
Company	Gibs	on Dunn			Fax No.	415-374-	-8479
Address	555 1	Mission Street, Su	ite 300	0	Email	aatkinso	m@gibsondunn.com
	San	Francisco, CA 941	05				
Site Information	-6- - 6-					ур. 1	
Site Address(es):		6333 Geary Bou	levard	, San Francis	co, CA 94121	1-1823	
Nearest Cross Stre	eet(s)	27th Avenue					
Block(s)/Lot(s)		1517/037			Zoning Dis	trict(s)	NC-3
Site Square Footag	ge	13, 536 sq. ft.			Height/Bull		40-X
Present or previou	ıs site			ce, Other Re	tail, General	Groceries ((Planning Code Section
Community Plan . any)		if	was pr	eviously use	d as a Cala F	oods groce	ery store which closed in 2010.
Project Description	on - pl	ease check all tha	rapply				
Addition		Change of use		Zoning chan	ge		New construction
Alteration		Demolition		Lot split/sub	division or le	ot line adju	stment
📋 Other (descril	be)				Estimated (Cost	\$1,100,000
Describe proposed use The proposed use is as a groce			as a grocer	y store.			

Narrative project description. Please summarize and describe the purpose of the project. The purpose of the project is to continue the existing use, which is Sales and Service, Other Retail, General Groceries. The retailer is Grocery Outlet, which operates more than 11 other retail sales establishments located in the United States.

The proposed project involves minor alterations to the building including removal of existing fabric awning on the north, east, and west elevations, installation of a metal canopy on the east elevation entrance, removal of existing metal storefront doors and replacement with new entrance doors with a similar metal finish color, removal of two parking stalls to provide ADA access and the clearance needed for the metal enreance canopy, and repainting of the exterior walls and installation of Grocery Outlet signage.

PA	RT 3 – Additional Project Information	Yes	No
1.	Would the project involve a major alteration of a structure constructed 50 or more years ago or a structure in an historic district?		
	If yes, submit a <i>Supplemental Information Form for Historical Resource Evaluation</i> . Instructions on how to fill out the form are outlined in the <i>San Francisco Preservation Bulletin No. 16</i> (see pages 28-34 in Appendix B).		
2.	Would the project involve demolition of a structure constructed 50 or more years ago or a structure located in an historic district?		
	If yes, a Historic Resource Evaluation Report (HRER)* will be required. The scope of the HRER will be determined in consultation with the Department's Preservation Coordinator.		
3a.	Would the project result in excavation or soil disturbance/modification greater than 8 feet below grade?		
	If yes, how many feet below grade would be excavated?		ļ.
	What type of foundation would be used (if known)?		
3b.	Is the project site located in an area of potential geotechnical hazard as identified in the San Francisco General Plan or on a steep slope or would the project be located on a site with an average slope of 20% or more?		
	If yes to either Question 3a or 3b, please submit a Geotechnical Report.*		
4.	Would the project involve expansion of an existing building envelope, or new construction, or grading, or new curb cuts, or demolition?		
	If yes, please submit a Tree Disclosure Statement.		
5.	Would the project result in ground disturbance of 5,000 gross square feet or more?		
6.	Would the project result in any construction over 40 feet in height?		
	If yes, apply for a Section 295 (Proposition K) Shadow Study. This application is available on the Planning Department's website and should be submitted at the Planning Information Center , 1660 Mission Street, First Floor.		
7.	Would the project result in a construction of a structure 80 feet or higher?		
	If yes, an initial review by a wind expert, including a recommendation as to whether a wind analysis* is needed, may be required, as determined by Department staff.		
8.	Would the project involve work on a site with an existing or former gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing use, or a site with underground storage tanks?		
	If yes, please submit a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA).* A Phase II ESA (for example, soil testing) may be required, as determined by Department staff.		
9.	Would the project require any variances, special authorizations, or changes to the Planning Code or Zoning Maps?		
	If yes, please describe. Conditional Use Authorization for formula retail per Planning Code Section 703.3.		
10.	Is the project related to a larger project, series of projects, or program?		
	If yes, please describe.		
11.	Is the project in Eastern Neighborhoods or Market & Octavia Community Plan Area?		
	If yes, and the project would be over 55 feet tall or 10 feet taller than an adjacent building built before 1963, please submit an elevation or renderings showing the project with the adjacent buildings.		

* Report or study to be prepared by a qualified consultant who is contracted directly by the project sponsor.

Gross Square Footage (GSF)	Existing Uses	Existing Uses to be Retained	Net New Construction and/or Addition	Project Totals
Residential	13,536	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retail	13,536	13,536		13,536
Office	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parking	30 stalls	28 stalls	0	-2 stalls
Other (specify use)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total GSF	13,536	13,536	0	13,536
Dwelling units	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hotel rooms	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parking spaces	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Loading spaces	0	0	0	0
Number of buildings	1	1	0	1
Height of building(s)	23'3"	23'3"	0	23'3"
Number of stories	1	1	1	1

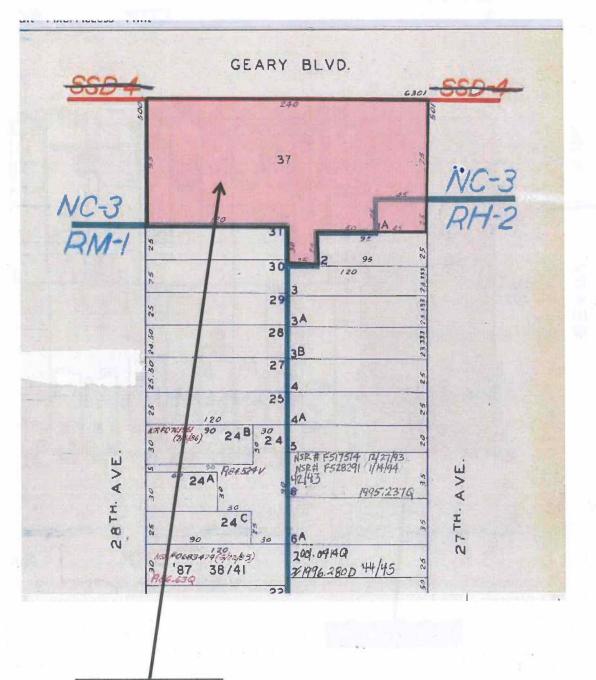
Please describe any additional project features that are not included in this table:

Additional Information: Project drawings in 11x17 format should include existing and proposed site plans, floor plans, elevations, and sections, as well as all applicable dimensions and calculations for existing and proposed floor area and height. The plans should clearly show existing and proposed off-street parking and loading spaces; driveways and trash loading areas; vehicular and pedestrian access to the site, including access to off-street parking and parking configuration; and bus stops and curbside loading zones within 150 feet of the site. A transportation study may be required, depending on existing traffic conditions in the project area and the potential traffic generation of the proposed project, as determined by the Department's transportation planners. Neighborhood notification may also be required as part of the environmental review processes.

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Zoning / Parcel Map

Assessor's Block 1517



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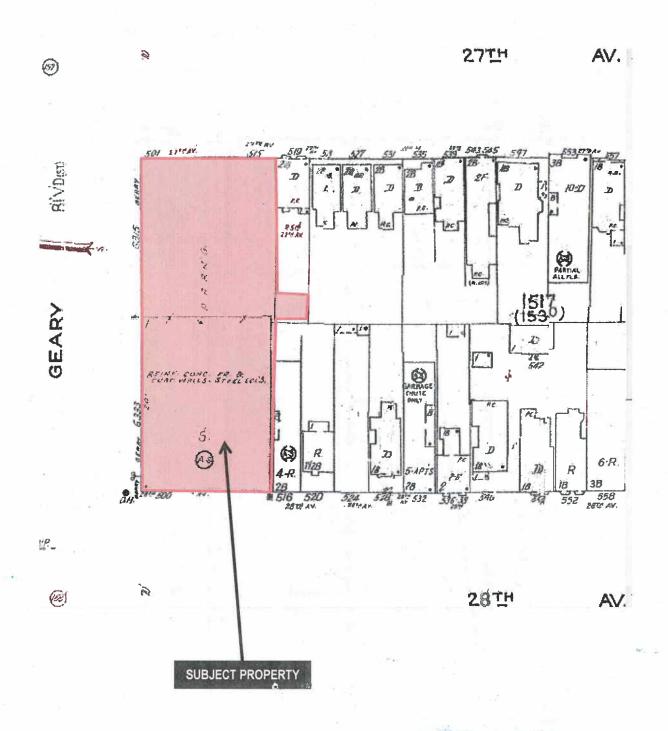
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Sanborn Map*

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Aerial Photo

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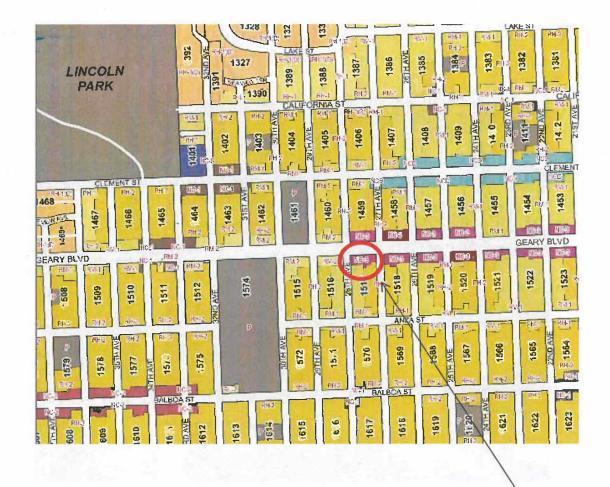
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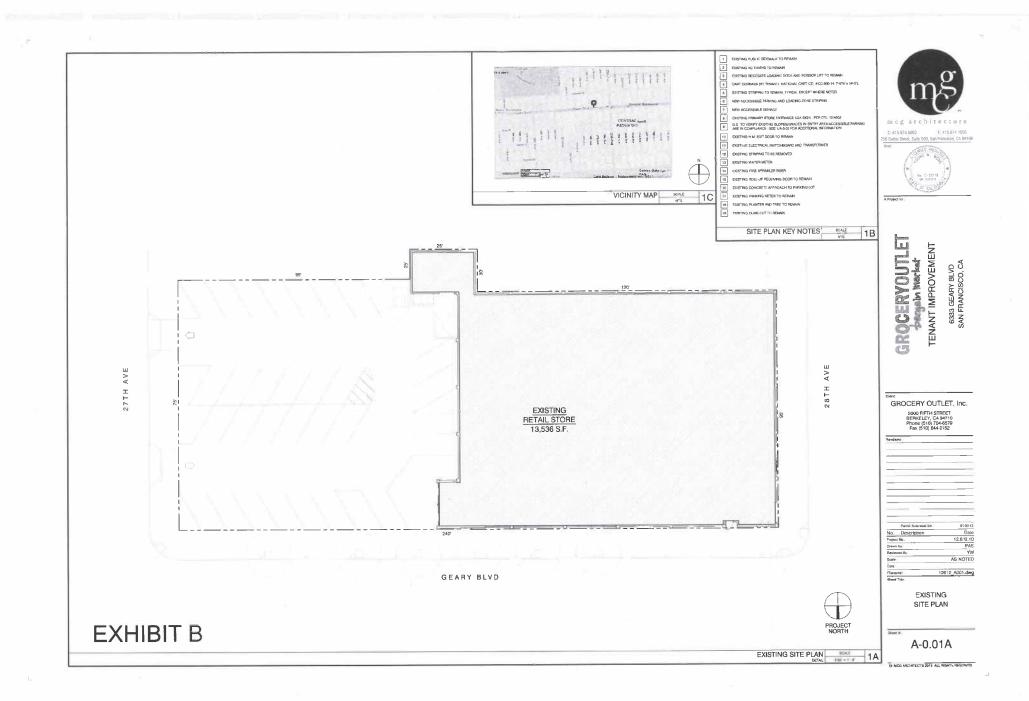
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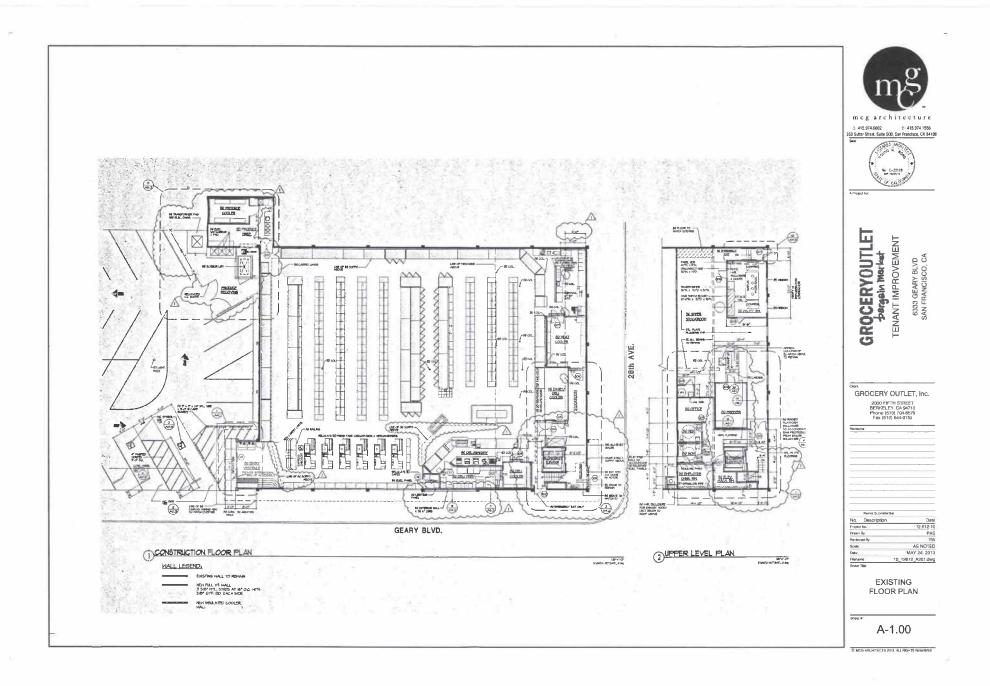
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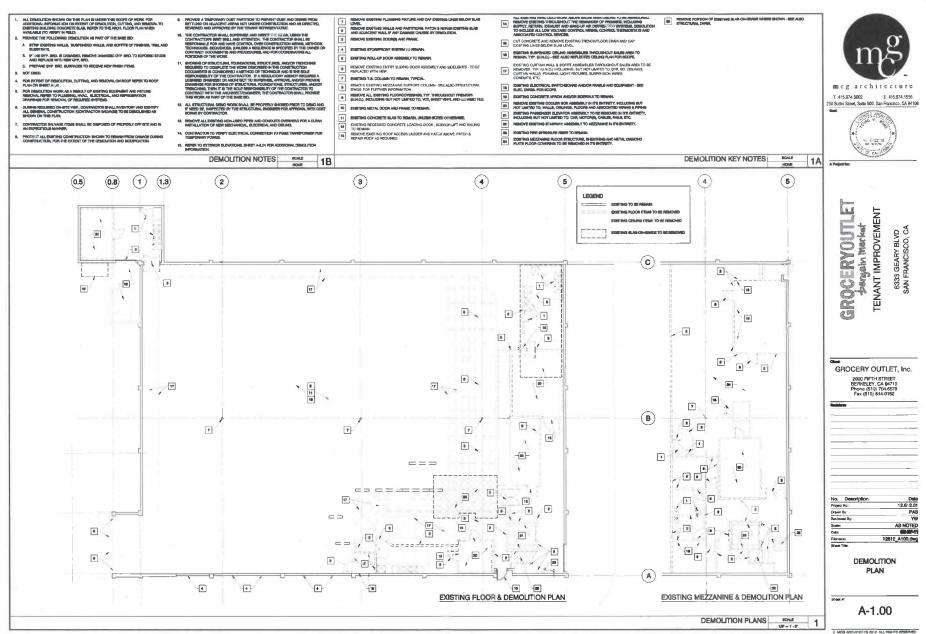
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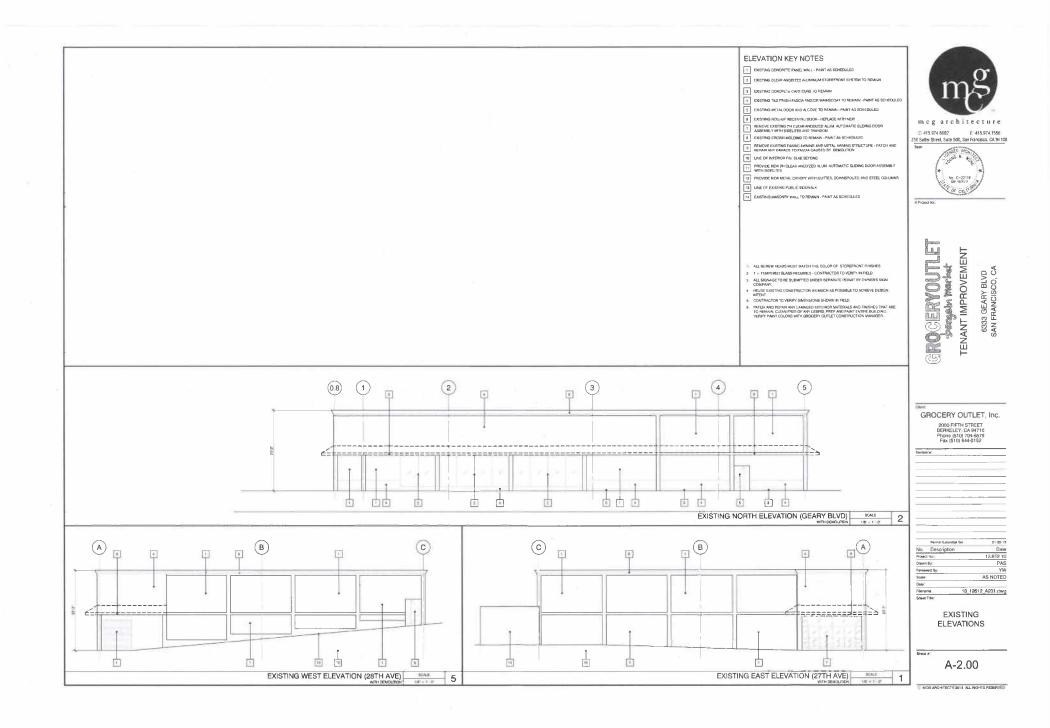
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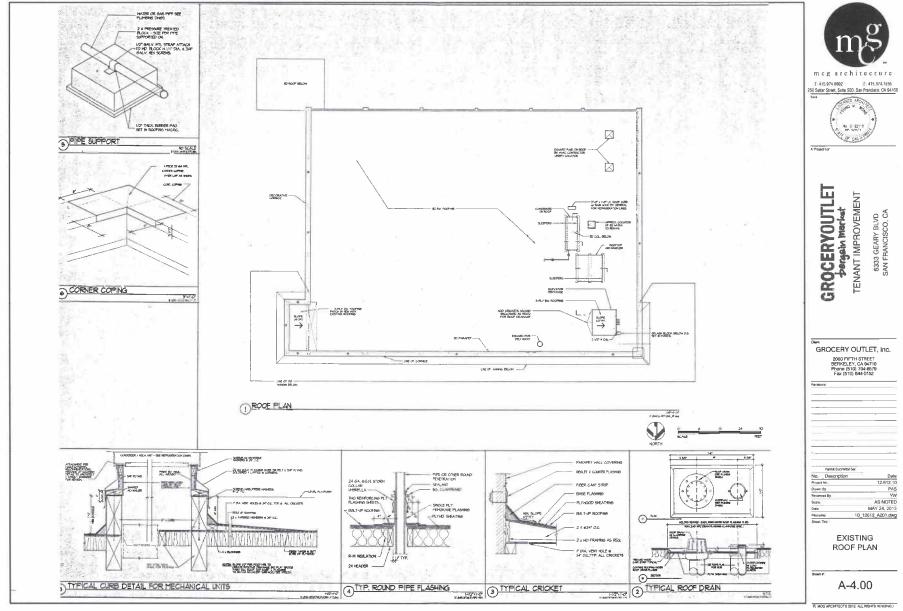
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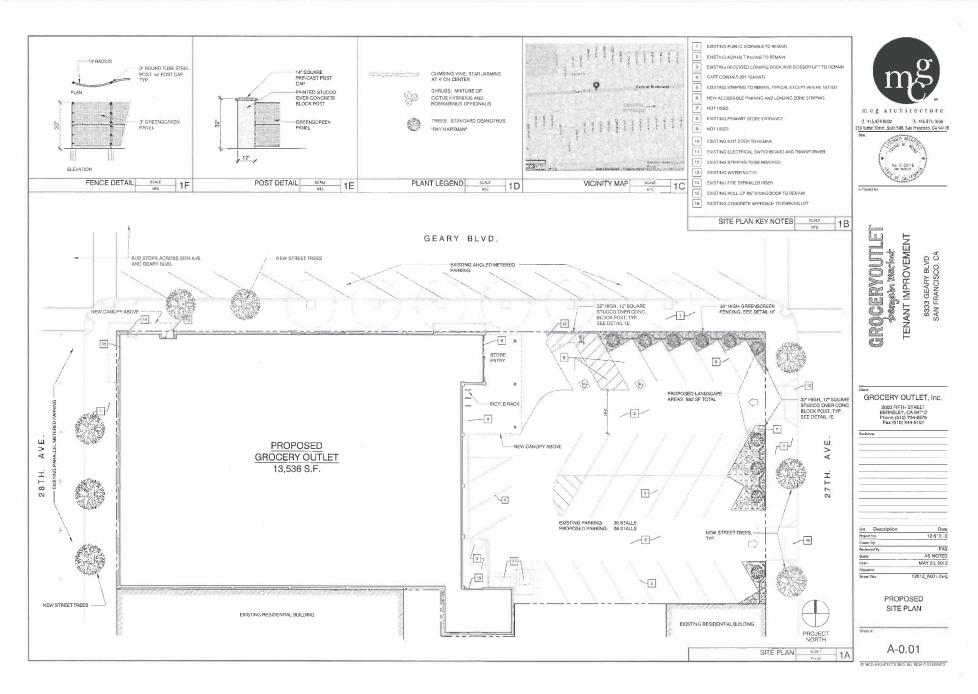






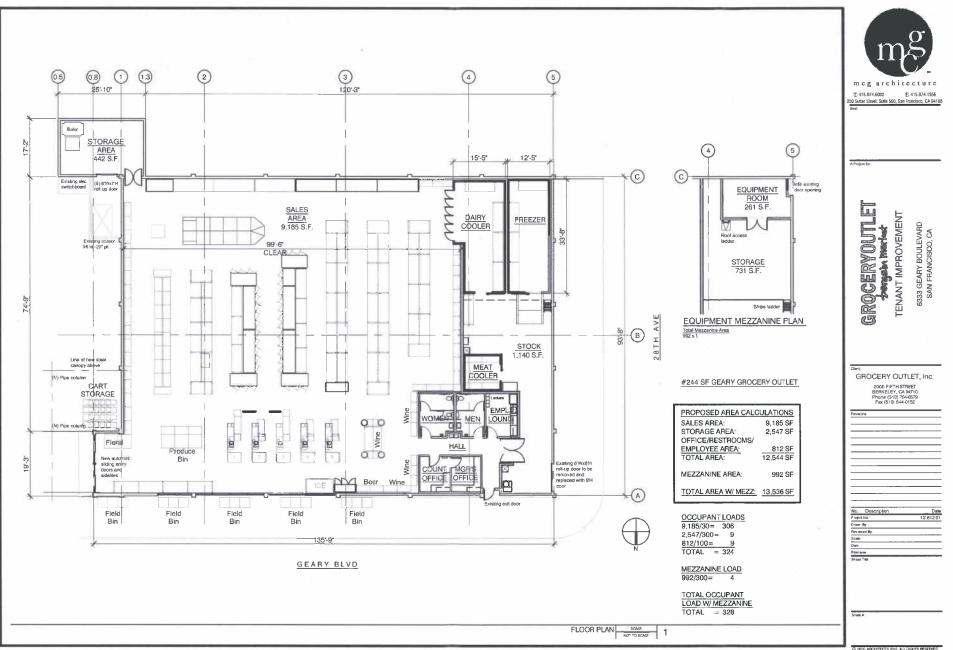






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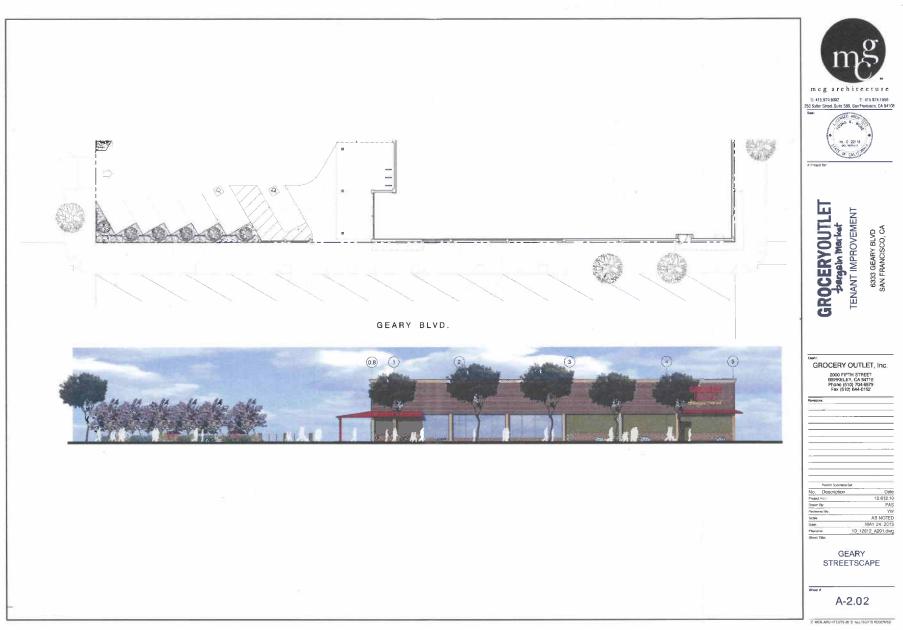
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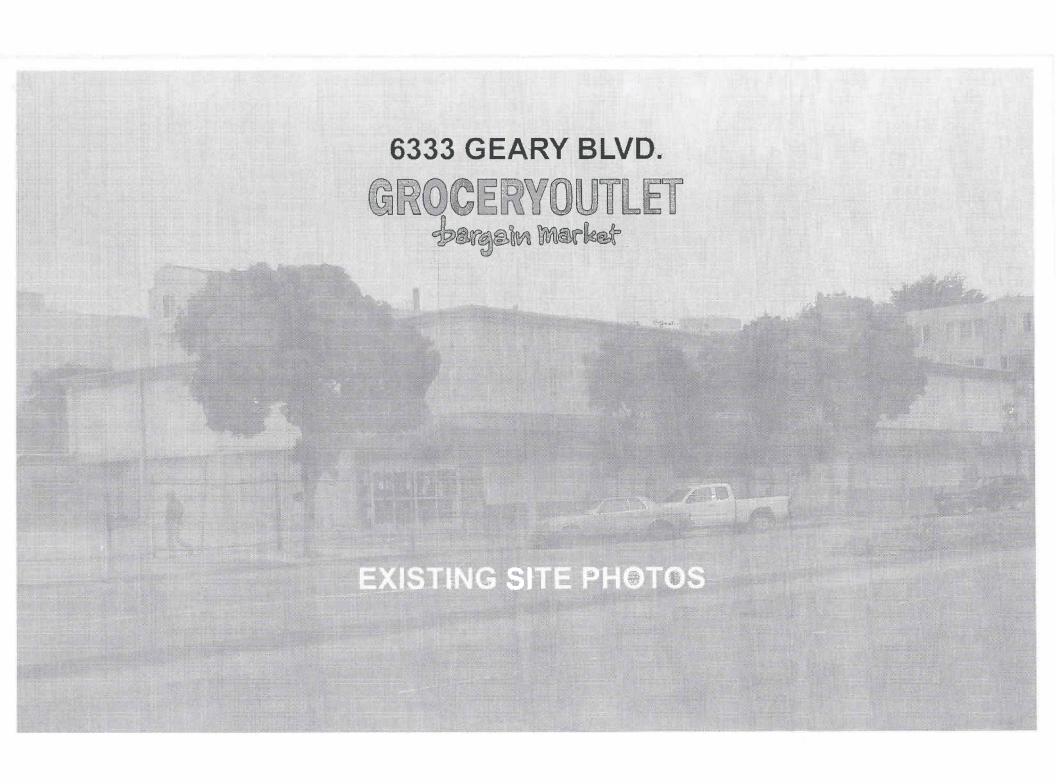


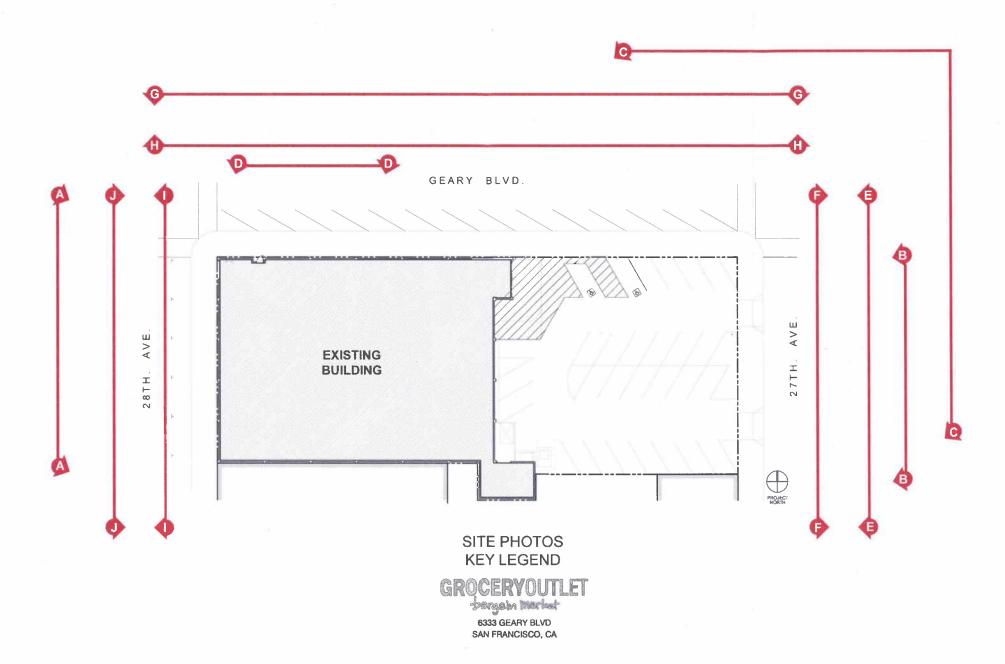
Geary Street - San Francisco, CA A serpentine crimp-to-curve greenscreen³ fence and post installation is used to create a median divider to discourage pedestrian crossing on a busy city street.

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VIEW E LOOKING WEST ALONG 27TH AVE.



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27TH AVE.

PROPOSED BUILDING

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VIEW G LOOKING SOUTH ALONG GEARY BLVD.



27TH AVE.

VIEW H LOOKING NORTH ALONG GEARY BLVD.

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Formula Retail Survey—Richmond District

February 2013

Overview:

The subject site is located at 6333 Geary Boulevard (on the south side of Geary, between 27th and 28th), formerly and most recently occupied by DeLano's Market. The survey was conducted to identify all of the "Formula" retailers in the general area of the building situated in the Richmond District of San Francisco.

The geographic boundaries include:

- Park Presidio to the East
- Great Highway to the West
- Fulton Street to the South
- California Street to the North

The dominant retail corridor is "Geary Blvd." which contains the greatest concentration of Formula/Chain retail tenants. These retailers and their respective locations can be found on the corresponding map provided. Along with these retailers, the corridor can best be described as having a large amount of local "Mom and Pop" retail storefronts, a large portion of which have predominantly Asian influence. Vacancy rates are unusually high for San Francisco, approximating 10%. Again, most of these vacancies are small storefronts that are leased by the property owners.

Local brokers contacted for input include:

- Blatteis Realty (former First Republic Bank space at 5628 Geary)
- Anchor Realty, Mark Campana as Agent (former Walgreens between 18th and 19th)
- Owner/Agent for 5812 Geary



1	7-Eleven	12	Bank of America	23	Ace Hardware
2	ReMax Realty	13	H&R Block	24	Unocal 76 Gas
3	Peets Coffee	14	Aaron Brothers	25	Walgreens
4	Ross Dress for Less	15	Radio Shack	26	Safeway
5	Walgreens	16	Subway	27	Burger King
6	Domino's Pizza	17	Chase Bank	28	Bank of America
7	Cigarettes Cheaper	18	UPS Store	29	East West Bank
8	Benjamin Moore Paints	19	Chevron	30	Kumon
9	Wells Fargo	20	First Republic Bank	31	CVS Drugstore
10	Starbucks	21	Jiffy Lube	32	Fresh & Easy
11	East West Bank	22	Citi Bank	33	Unocal 76 Gas

Grocery Outlet: 6333 Geary Blvd Conditional Use Application

Existing Markets/Grocers and Vacancies

Summary

On Geary Boulevard between Park Presidio and 28th Avenue, there are 12 independent markets/grocers/convenience stores, 1 formula retail convenience store, and 8 vacant storefronts. None of the existing independent markets/grocers/convenience stores is a comparable full service market, offering both fresh meats and vegetables along with other general grocery items, similar to Grocery Outlet.

Independent Markets:

G & G Produce — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5015 Geary Blvd (between 14th Ave & 15th Ave)

Royal Market & Bakery — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5335 Geary Blvd (between 17th Ave & 18th Ave)

Richmond Produce Market — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5527 Geary Blvd (between 19th Ave & 20th Ave)

Evergreen Market — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5601 Geary Blvd (between 20th Ave & 21st Ave)

Martell's Liquor and Grocery — Convenience Store 5615 Geary Blvd (between 20th Ave & 21st Ave)

Israel's Strictly Kosher Market — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5621 Geary Blvd (between 20th Ave & 21st Ave)

New World Market — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5641 Geary Blvd (between 20th Ave & 21st Ave)

Gastronom Russian Deli — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5801 Geary Blvd (corner of 22nd Ave)

Thom's Natural Foods — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5843 Geary Blvd (between 22nd Ave & 23rd Ave)

Liberty Market — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5851 Geary Blvd (between 22nd Ave & 23rd Ave)

Seakor European Delicatessen — Not a Full Service Grocer/Market 5957 Geary Blvd (between 23rd Ave & 24th Ave) Hollywood Market, Liquor & Deli — Convenience Store 6142 Geary Blvd (between 25th Ave & 26th Ave)

Formula Retail Markets:

7 Eleven — Convenience Store 5100 Geary Blvd (between 15th and 16th Ave)

Vacant Storefronts:

5050 Geary Blvd 5138 Geary Blvd 5211 Geary Blvd 5411 Geary Blvd 5438 Geary Blvd 5628 Geary Blvd 5715 Geary Blvd 5812 Geary Blvd

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23 May 2013

Richard Peterson, Jr. Goodyear-Peterson 100 Pine St., Suite 1525 San Francisco, CA 94111

RE: Grocery Outlet - Geary Blvd.

Dear Mr. Peterson:

It was a pleasure speaking with you again this morning. I'm pleased that the Grocery Outlet project proposed for Geary Blvd. near 27th Ave. is moving along and will be on the Planning Commission calendar shortly. My wife and I were both raised in the Richmond District; our business was within a couple blocks of this site; and during my 16-year tenure as President of the Planning Association for the Richmond [PAR] I joined with the Gear Blvd. Merchants Assn. in promoting businesses in our district which increased the quality of life for this residential neighborhood. Grocery stores are essential to the health of this major Neighborhood Commercial District.

As we discussed, the first grocery market on this site was occupied by Littleman Markets and followed by Cala. Both of these purveyors were greatly appreciated by the neighborhood and the now vacant store has been of great concern. Although there are a number of small grocers and fruit-and-vegetable establishments in the area, the only full-service grocer left from Arguello Blvd. west is Safeway – a small one at 7th Ave. near Fulton St. and one at Ocean Beach. Considering the size of the Richmond District, this is totally unacceptable. I haven't noted Fresh & Easy at 34th Ave. & Clement St. as it is my understanding that the chain's future is very much in doubt.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to the project as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

Ron Miguel





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COMMITTEE TO SAVE GEARY BOULEVARD P.O. BOX 210747 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94121 www.savegearyblvd.com May 23, 2013

San Francisco Planning Commission 1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Proposed Grocery Outlet - 6333 Geary Boulevard

Honorable Commissioners:

The Geary Boulevard Merchants Association writes to express its enthusiasm for the proposed Grocery Outlet location in the former Cala / Delano site at 6333 Geary Boulevard. Over the course of the last few months the GGBMA has been consulted about this exciting, important local business opportunity and we wholeheartedly support it and hope that you will approve. The economic activity will bring much needed life to this stretch of Geary Boulevard which we are confident will also benefit all local businesses.

In advance, thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

David Heller

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SHOP GEARY BOULEVARD

Andy Thornley 806 24th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94121

May 15, 2013

Commission President Rodney Fong Members of the Commission San Francisco Planning Commission 1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Proposed Grocery Outlet - 6333 Geary Boulevard

Dear President Fong & Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the proposed Grocery Outlet on Geary Boulevard which is seeking a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Commission.

Although I was aware of the Project generally, I became familiar with it after a recent Planning Association for the Richmond community meeting at which a representative of the retailer made a presentation and took questions and comments from the community. As you are aware, with the recent closing of Fresh & Easy in the neighborhood and the long-shuttered Delano/Cala market, the Richmond district is in need of more grocery options, especially those offering affordable products suitable for working-class families. Based on their success elsewhere, I am confident that Grocery Outlet will be a successful business, as well as a good corporate citizen.

On this last point, I want you to know that at the community meeting referenced above I pointed out that there should be ample and appropriate bicycle parking at the site, to which the representative expressed agreement, after which he asked me for my contact information. The next day I received a call from a senior official of the company and I shared with him my hopes in this regard. Subsequently, I provided specifications for ideal bicycle parking racks, spacing, placement, manufacturers, etc. which I am confident will be included in their final design, providing a significant benefit to the neighborhood and the growing number of my neighbors who shop by bicycle.

I was very impressed with Grocery Outlet's outreach, initiative and follow-up, as well as their commitment to San Francisco values and to being a good neighbor. As such, I encourage your approval of this permit.

Sincerely,

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Andy Thornley