



City of Albany

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Hearing by the City of Albany Planning & Zoning Commission

Applicant: Bob LaLanne with The LaLanne Group for University of California
Planning Application: Planning Application 07-100. Rezoning. Planned Unit Development. Design Review. Parking Exception. A request for rezone to San Pablo Commercial, planned unit development, design review, and parking exception for a new grocery store and mixed-use development at a site owned by the University of California.

Project Description

The 5.2-acre project site consists of two lots located to the northwest and southwest of the Monroe Street/San Pablo Avenue intersection. The applicant would like to construct a new 55,000 square foot grocery store at the north end of the property and a mixed-use development at the south end of the lot, which includes approximately 30,000 square foot of retail space and approximately 175 independent/ assisted living senior housing units. Because the uses are not related to the educational function of the University, city land use policies apply to the proposed project. The properties currently have two zonings, San Pablo Commercial for the first 100' along the eastern side of San Pablo Avenue and Medium Density Residential for the rest of the property. A rezone to San Pablo Commercial for the entire area would be required to consider a project with commercial uses. A planned unit development is requested to allow an increase in height and a parking exception is requested to allow a reduced number of required parking spaces.

Notice of Availability

The draft Environmental Impact Report is available for public review. The comment period will be held from Friday, July 3, 2009 until Thursday, August 20, 2009. The document will be available for review at Albany Community Development Department (979 San Pablo Avenue), Albany Library (1247 Marin Avenue), City of Albany Website (<http://www.albanyca.org>).

Public Hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission

Date & Time: July 28, 2009, 7:30pm
Location of Meeting: 1249 Marin Avenue (Albany Community Center) at the corner of Masonic Avenue

A public hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be held on the July 28, 2009, as listed above. The meeting is an opportunity for community members to provide feedback to staff on the draft Environmental Impact Report.

Comments can be mailed to Amber Curl, Associate Planner at 979 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706 or emailed to acurl@albanyca.org. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department at 979 San Pablo Ave, 2nd Floor.

Date of Notice: July 2, 2009

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