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**Subject:** Whole Foods Application to occupy the long vacant Best Buy building in City Center

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Hello SF Supervisors,

I am a homeowner at 975 Baker Street in San Francisco and a Vice-President of the Anza Vista Homeowners Association and I want to strongly support the Whole Foods application to locate a store in my neighborhood. Whole Foods is planning on occupying a vacant building in the City Center Shopping Center which would be a real plus for our area and the City of SF. Vacant retail buildings are a problem for the local area as they are for the whole of SF. SF voters recently approved a measure that taxes landlords that fail to fill their vacant storefronts. Here we have a vacant building left by Best Buy that Whole Foods wants to occupy. I can't believe there would be any opposition to this plan. In fact, I believe the City of SF should be giving Whole Foods a tax incentive to fill this empty building. The City gets increased tax income, 200 new jobs for its residents, and a responsible and much needed tenant supplying food for residents. In fact, this application has already been approved by the SF Planning Commissioners so I and the homeowners I represent in the immediate neighborhood are not sure why a CEQA appeal is even applicable.

There is a Whole Foods Market at Franklin and California Streets but its parking is terrible as there are few slots and on Sundays, its almost impossible to park . As I understand it, a Church owns this lands and leases the property to Whole Foods and required Whole Foods to reserve a number of their parking spaces for church members on Sundays. This location does not work well for the residents of our neighborhood Also their is a Trader Joe's at Masonic and Geary but parking here is also terrible. Trader Joe's tells me this particular store is their busiest store in the country.

Our neighborhood strongly recommends your speedy approval for Whole Foods to occupy the vacant building at City Center Shopping Center as soon as possible. This building has sat vacant too long. (I believe its been two years now ) I just hope the shopping center owners do not go

under during these Covid 19 times. Grocery stores are essential businesses.

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