

Anne Hersch

From: Eileen Harrington
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 12:02 PM
To: Anne Hersch; Anne Hsu; Jeff Bond; Beth Pollard; Craig Labadie; Nicole Almaguer; Councilmember Joanne Wile (jwile46@gmail.com); fjavandel@ci.berkeley.ca.us; marge.atkinson@mac.com; peggy.thomsen@gmail.com; peggy_thomsen@heald.edu; Robert Lieber (Hon.Lieber@comcast.net)
Subject: FW: Safeway on Solano -- it's overdue!

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Hi,

Just a word to let you know that it's time for the Safeway project on Solano to *get going*. Safeway did not start out with a sensible design that would keep the trucks off the residential streets. Much time that should not have elapsed, has. But they've finally arrived at the right thing.

Albany is going to lose more revenue that it badly needs for every week that the project does not get started, finished and opened. The temporary revenue respite brought about by the store closure on Rose St. will not last.

The discussion at the recent meeting (at Northbrae Church) had devolved to the level of "but what will my shopping experience be like *inside* the store." When that's what people are focusing on, there is no focus that is worthy of the planning commission's or neighbors or anyone else holding up this project any further.

Thanks!

~Debra
Santa Fe Ave.

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From: Dan Rubenstein [drubenstein@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 3:30 PM
To: Anne Hersch; barbara@ajepartners.com
Cc: Jeff Bond; City General Email Box; Becky Gimbel
Subject: Safeway on Solano

Dear Anne,

We are receipt of the notice of public hearing by the city of Albany for the proposed Safeway expansion on Solano. We own 1503 Solano Ave, Albany - a retail & office building directly across the street from the subject property. **We are very enthusiastic and in complete support of the development.** We believe it will transform the block and the street making Solano an even better place to shop while simultaneously driving traffic to all the small retailers on Solano. Unfortunately we can't attend the hearing but we would like you to note the file and the public that we are in complete support.

Thanks

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Subject: I SUPPORT THE NEW SAFEWAY ON SOLANO AVE

I do not support the new design. This over-the-top concept glorifies a design and does nothing for the consumer. Imagine having to go up an escalator, elevator or staircase to buy a quart of milk! I'm glad the trucks will not be entering from Neilson (I live across the street and next to the bank lot), but Safeway seems to have gotten lost in its zeal to create an architectural wonder.

I still feel the existing Safeway is perfectly adequate, and the parking is fine where it is. The facade could be up-dated and made more attractive, and the interior could be upgraded as well as the merchandise. But let's face it, Safeway is a store. People need to buy groceries. They don't want to have to go through a movie-theater concept to shop.

Finally, this whole structure is terribly out of keeping with the character of Albany and Solano Ave.

Carolyn Sanders

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From: Barrett, Byron F. [BBarrett@ReedSmith.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 4:45 PM
To: Barbara Ellis
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Subject: RE: I DO NOT SUPPORT THE NEW SAFEWAY ON SOLANO AVE

Not convinced, those jobs and revenue are coming from somewhere, they are just moving to Albany. Our win is some one else lose. As for being green, if Safeway did not have isles and isles of frozen food, They might be green, If they sourced there food locally they might be green.
But they don't, so they are not.

As for keeping delivery trucks off Curtis and Neilson street, a bigger store means more trucks, and more diesel fumes our kids have to breath.

-byron

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Ellis [mailto:barbara@ajepartners.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 3:43 PM
To: Barrett, Byron F.
Subject: RE: I DO NOT SUPPORT THE NEW SAFEWAY ON SOLANO AVE

Dear Bryan,

I'm sorry you were unable to attend last Wednesday's presentation of the new design for Safeway on Solano. If you'd been there, you would have received the "Economic Benefit to City of Albany" fact sheet that was distributed. I am attaching one now and hope that the fact that parking will be provided for Solano Avenue merchants will please you. It was one of those things many people and all merchants desired.

Safeway went to great lengths to keep delivery trucks off Curtis and Neilson Streets. I hope you appreciate the creativity that went into satisfying that aspect of the new store.

Regards,

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I guess it is going to be built anyway, regardless of what I have to say. I live on the 800 block of Curtis. I have a couple of suggestions.

First: The 800 block of Curtis should be made one way. Alternatively, you could put a street light at that intersection, Lets not wait till someone gets hit.

Second: There seems to me that there are way too many parking spaces.

Many people walk to that Safeway. Since that parking lot is so big, you should open it up for people that are not just going to be shopping at Safeway, use it as a parking lot for people shopping on Solano.

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From: Eileen Harrington
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To whom it may concern,

So thrilled to see the new plans for the Albany Safeway. My husband and I are eagerly awaiting the completion of the project. I urge you to approve the Safeway redevelopment plans so we can get to work on this wonderful store that will so revitalize the existing site.

And kudos to the team that's been working to put this project together. The community input has been much-appreciated and has changed the way I think about Safeway stores. The result of all of their hard work promises to be beautiful – we just need the approval to move forward on your end!

Consider us two Albany homeowners very pleased with the Safeway on Solano project!

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Survey answers

Your Information:

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Subject safeway remodel

What can we do for you? I am writing IN OPPOSITION to the proposed remodel of the Safeway on Solano.

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Hi Guys and Gals,

I live in Albany, am an Architect and support Safeway. Lots of good people at the Solano store. We shop there all the time. I have always disliked the parking in the front, as it disrupts the storefront/ business flow of Solano. So kudos on pulling the building up to the sidewalk. Not sure I like the larger store, but thats your call.

The building is okay, and the massing though bigger will settle down. The frontage however looks too high along Solano. The big red mass above the entry plaza could drop a bit and also the second floor windows/roof at the front of the store. The corner deck on Curtis is pretty cool I do think its possible though to drop the front edge of the building above the sidewalk 2, 3 or even 4 feet, and that would help tremendously in maintaining the existing two story aspect line of the surrounding businesses.

Thanks for the inquiry.

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