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Court of Appeals Rules in Favor of University Village Project

Sprouts Farmers Market and Senior Housing Development Moves Forward in Albany

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On June 16, 2015 the California Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the University Village Mixed Use Development. The litigation involved concerns regarding the environmental review for the project, with the Court finding that the environmental analysis of the senior housing and retail project was conducted appropriately.

The University Village Mixed Use Project was unanimously approved by the City Council in March 2014. The project includes revitalizing vacant property on San Pablo Avenue with a Sprouts Farmers Market, and new housing for seniors.

Prior to the Council's approval of the project, a community planning process was conducted to design a project that supports the community's needs and helps further economic vitality. The project serves as a southern gateway to Albany, providing much needed housing and local services within walking distance for the Albany community.

City of Albany Mayor Peter Maass expressed strong support for the project and the Court ruling, "after a very extensive planning and vetting process, I was happy to hear that the last of the legal hurdles has been cleared and UC's retail / Senior housing will be able to begin construction. With its attention to walking and cycling access, creek restoration, green building standards and more this project will set a high standard for urban development and will have enduring benefits for the Albany Community".

Next Steps

The City will now work with the project design team to review project construction plans and ensure compliance with the City's development requirements. It is anticipated that construction of the senior housing and Sprouts Farmers Market will begin later in 2015.

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